

# *The Christian Family*

## *Church Planters in Belarus*



June 2020

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

I pray that you are all well and healthy. This has been a trying time with unprecedented circumstances. The Covid19 pandemic has caused loss of life, chaos, and even persecution of churches. Belarus is no exception as the pandemic knows no bounds.

### The Situation in Belarus

Belarus is experiencing major outbreak of Covid19. The department of health in Belarus is reporting 800 to 900 new cases of Covid19 every day. As of June 1, 240 individuals have died. The number of deaths is likely much higher though. All of this reminds us of the shortness of life and the need to be busy witnessing and preaching the Gospel.

The government has not implemented any stay at home orders. People are working from home and social distancing, but this is up to the individual. Our church in Belarus is not meeting in person but is streaming the services online. They fear being blamed for the spread of the virus and being closed permanently.

The English courses were cancelled in April and unless something changes the fall semester will be cancelled as well. Please pray for Oleg. He is the director of our English school. Oleg has corona virus and is struggling to regain his health. Most of the missionaries for the school are on furlough and cannot get back to Belarus at this time.

### Furlough Plans

Our furlough was interrupted by Covid19 as we had two and half months of meetings cancelled. We are scheduled to return to Belarus on July 3, but it is looking like our flight will be cancelled. The airline we use has already cancelled all flights through June 30. Please pray with us for God's will to be done.

We have many other things to consider besides the availability of our flight. We are obviously concerned about our health as well as viability of teaching English and conducting ministry amid the pandemic. If we are unable to return as scheduled, we will extend our furlough and schedule meetings until we can return. Please pray for God to give us wisdom and clear direction as to what is best.

For Souls in Belarus,

The Jeff Christian Family

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