

The Christian Family

Church Planters in Belarus



October-November 2020

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

We are thankful for each of you who have prayed for us during these uncertain times. It is certainly like nothing else any of us have experienced in the past. Although there is still a lot of moving parts, we are planning to return to Belarus next year. Here are the details.

Current Situation in Belarus

The allegations of election fraud during Belarus' August presidential elections has plunged the country into chaos. Since the initial peaceful protests and the violent actions of the riot police things have calmed down some. There are still many spontaneous protests throughout the capital. These are generally broken up quickly by special forces that patrol the city looking for these hot spots.

It is common for someone to innocently end up in the wrong place at the wrong time causing the police to violently beat them, take their car, and take them away for questioning. It is for this reason that many people are wary of driving or walking in certain areas.

The opposition has organized national labor strikes to force the President to free all political prisoners and call for new elections. It is unclear how much traction the strikes have gained, but the people are determined to see this through to the end. Please pray for freedom in Belarus.

Our Plans to return

You may remember that our return to Belarus was delayed by the Covid-19 outbreak. We are planning to return to our work in January of 2021. There are several things that must happen before we can return. We are currently waiting to receive our new passports. Our renewal applications were also delayed by Covid-19. We expect to receive them some time in the next four weeks. Once we receive our passports we will apply for visas and plan our travel itinerary.

Air travel in and through Europe is still difficult and the Covid-19 resurgence in Europe and Belarus continues to complicate things. We received a full refund of our original tickets, so we will not be limited to one airline when we are ready to purchase tickets. We are confident in the Lord and are waiting on His timing. We ask that you pray with us for a speedy return to Belarus.

For souls in Russia,

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