

The Christian Family

Church Planters in Belarus



May 2021

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

It is with a grateful heart that I write this report. God has been so good to us. God has done so much in getting us back to Belarus. There has been so much uncertainty here that we did not know what to expect. God has met every need and overcome every obstacle.

Residency and Legal documents

We received our temporary residence permits at the end of April. We had a small surprise when we went to pick them up but were able to solve that problem quickly. We have one-year permits for which we are very thankful.

We have had multiple problems with our vehicle registrations. Initially we could not update our registration due to not having the proper residency status. We worked that out only to find out that there was an outstanding traffic fine incurred while we were in the states. We allowed our neighbors to use the vehicle, and they incurred the fine. We spent a couple of hours at the police station paying the fine and transferring the points to our neighbor's record. That allowed us to purchase insurance and have the safety inspection done. Now, finally, we have everything up to date and we can legally use our vehicle. Thank you for praying for us.

Unrest and uncertainty

The political situation here remains difficult. The protests of last fall have stopped, but the crackdown has left people fearful and bitter. Relations between the United States and Belarus have deteriorated. Diplomats have been refused visas and the US embassy has minimal staff. Last week a government organized protest took place in front of the embassy and lasted several hours. All of this makes it difficult to continue ministry. Please pray for us as we work through all of this.

Ministry Opportunities

Jeffrey is teaching in junior church and I translate for him. There are between three and six students in the class. It is a blessing to watch Jeffrey grow into his teaching role.

The Friday night Bible study attendance is steady with ten to twelve people attending. Most of the people coming are unsaved with a few saved folks also. We are studying the Gospel of John verse by verse. Please pray for souls to be saved. We are currently planning for a Sunday afternoon English Bible club. Our goal is to find new people we have not had contact with before. Please pray for this as we hope to start this ministry soon.

For Souls in Belarus,

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