

The Christian Family

Church Planters in Belarus



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Dear Pastor and Congregation,

We thank God for his faithfulness and perfect timing in all things. Recent events in Belarus have made it increasingly more difficult to minister to the people. God is faithful in providing us ministry opportunities.

English lessons

The English school is still not meeting due to Covid 19. We have been following the lead of the universities here. The Department of Education recently announced that universities would resume live classes this fall. This means we will also be able to resume our classes in the fall. We are excited at the prospect of classes resuming. Please pray for this to happen as it has been a year and a half since our English classes have met.

A New Crisis

The demonstrations and violence that ensued last fall have stopped. We never feel unsafe or threatened. The government, however, continues to round up the leaders of the opposition. This month a commercial airliner flying from Greece was diverted to Minsk and forced to land because of a bomb threat. Once the plane landed it was clear that there was no bomb threat. One of the main opposition leaders was on the plane and was immediately arrested. The plane was then allowed to continue to its destination in Lithuania.

This action has caused all commercial air traffic to avoid Belarusian air space. European countries have suspended air service to Belarus and have forbidden the Belarusian airline to use their airports. Land routes were already closed due to Covid 19, and now with air service shut down Belarus is becoming increasingly isolated. There are very few options for coming into or leaving Belarus. This uncertainty has everyone here on edge. I want to reiterate that we are not in any danger. Please pray for God to use this situation to bring people to Christ.

New Opportunities

Helen and I have been praying for opportunities to meet new contacts. Helen recently received a call from a lady who is a friend of one of Helen's friends. She wanted to study English for an upcoming trip abroad. This opened the door for English lessons and an invitation to our Bible study. She is now attending the Bible study regularly.

Our Bible study group has been smaller since we returned, but lately we have seen some of our students return to the group. This is a blessing as we have been praying for folks to come who want to know about the Bible. The group we have now seems to be genuinely interested in the Bible. Please pray for them.

For Souls in Belarus,

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