

# *The Christian Family*

## *Church Planters in Belarus*



July 2021

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

It is summer in Belarus. That means long days and short nights. This time of the year it typically gets dark around 11:00 PM and dawn is around 3:30 AM. We love the white nights in Minsk, but it takes some getting used to. This is also the time that people go to their summer homes to live for the summer. They come to the city for work and then back to their summer home in the evening. This presents challenges for both church and Bible lesson attendance. The Lord is faithful, and we have had a good group each week with some coming one week and then others coming the next week. Please pray for these folks.

### **English Lessons**

We are giving lessons to a group of six people. We divide into two groups. Helen teaches one group and I teach the other. Helen is also teaching another lady who has started coming to our Bible study. We are also praying about offering children in our apartment complex help with their English homework when school resumes. Our prayer is to establish relationships and provide opportunities to witness to our neighbors.

### **Covid 19**

Belarus is like most places around the world. Cases fluctuate up and down, but the big difference is that there are no stay-at-home measures in effect. People are encouraged to wear masks and most stores require them, but we see fewer and fewer people wearing them. Covid has affected our attendance in all areas, but not in a real dramatic way. Most are not overly concerned and are willing to come.

### **Life in Belarus**

It seems that each week something else unexpected happens here. The international community is attempting to isolate the government more and more. The US Department of Transportation is now forbidding the sale of airfare to and from Belarus as part of an economic sanctions package. Please pray for the situation here and for God to use this to cause people to turn to him.

For Souls in Belarus,

The Jeff Christian Family

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