

# *The Christian Family*

## *Church Planters in Belarus*



August 2021

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

The summer is winding down and soon the school year will begin. The new school year represents new opportunities. For the past year and a half, we have not had English classes because of Covid 19 restrictions. The universities in Minsk announced that they would begin in person classes this fall. Since we have been following the lead of the university system, we now have the green light to start our classes again. We are excited to get back to teaching and seeing our students again. Please pray for souls to be saved through the English school.

### **Health Matters**

We are thankful for the good health that the Lord has given our family. We trust that the Lord will continue to give us the health and strength to do his work in Belarus. Recently Helen had a routine checkup that included an ultrasound of her thyroid gland. The test showed a small nodal on the thyroid gland. The doctor doing the test said it is nothing to be concerned about, but she referred Helen to the endocrinologist for further evaluation. We ask that you pray for Helen and that there will be no further treatments needed.

### **Isolation and More Isolation**

Relations with Western Europe and the West in general continue to be strained over the disputed election and subsequent crackdowns on the opposition. To force a dialogue of change in Belarus, Europe and the US have forbidden air travel to Belarus. The only flights available are through Russia. This is causing uncertainty and is damaging the Belarusian economy. Please pray for the Lord to work in the hearts of people here and that we will see souls saved.

### **Vacation Bible School**

Emmanuel Baptist Church has four mini VBS classes a year. They last for three days and take place during the school breaks. The end of summer VBS is coming up at the end of August when most of the kids return from their summer home vacations. Please pray with us for a good group of kids and for souls to be saved.

For Souls in Belarus,

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