

# *The Christian Family*

## *Church Planters in Belarus*



May 2022

Dear Pastor and Congregation,

We are continuing to watch the situation in Ukraine and how it is affecting Belarus. The southern third of Belarus is being used as a staging area for the Russian military. War planes are bombing Ukraine from Belarusian airfields, the wounded are being treated in Belarusian hospitals, and dead soldiers are being returned to Russia through Belarus. Belarus' participation in the war is causing great pain to the Belarusian people.

There are only three banks in the country that can still do business. People who want sums of money over \$1000 must order it in advance, and then it will be two weeks before they can receive it. All foreign bank cards are now charged a 20% surcharge on withdrawals. Inflation is extremely high, and bare shelves are appearing in stores throughout the country.

### What is next?

We, like the rest of the world, continue to wait to and see when the war will end. In the meantime, we are scheduling visits to update our supporting churches about the situation in Belarus. If you would like to schedule with us, please let us know and we will do our best to schedule with you.

### Emmanuel Baptist Church and the Bible study

We are fortunate to have a national pastor who can continue to move the church forward. We just had a successful vacation Bible school and there were visitors that heard the gospel during the Easter services. Please pray for God to continue to bless Pastor Vladimir and Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The Bible study is currently on hold. Now that we are settled and have an idea of the situation in Belarus, we want to organize virtual meetings and continue our studies.

### Evangelism in Ukraine

Our friend and fellow missionary, Mark Priem, has remained in Odessa, Ukraine, to help with defense, humanitarian aid, and more importantly, evangelization. Mark is helping those who have lost their homes and jobs with meals on wheels. He is printing thousands of tracts and scriptures to hand give to those he is helping. People are very receptive; and Mark has already handed out tens of thousands of tracts. We have already forwarded funds to help with evangelism. If you would like to be a part of this, you can designate for Ukraine, and we will forward it to Brother Mark to continue to print tracts and other materials.

For Belarus and beyond,

The Jeff Christian Family

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