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# MCDOUGLE FAMILY

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## FIRST FURLOUGH

After 15 months of living in Eastern Europe, our family was able to take our first furlough during the month of May. While many people (wrongly) view furlough as a vacation, it was certainly not restful. We visited with four different congregations, in four different cities and spent time in two different states. Mike was also able to speak at each of these congregations.

While in the States we were able to get a lot accomplished. One of the best things we were able to do, and most time consuming, during this trip was to spend time with our family, supporters, and friends. We were also able to buy various things, such as clothing, to last us for the next couple of years. Another one of our goals for our furlough was to establish a prayer team at our sponsoring congregation. We were blessed with a great group of people who committed to gathering on a monthly basis to pray for our family.

Thank you to those who helped to make this a wonderful furlough.

*"We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me."*

~Col. 1:28-29



Kharkov Mission Team



Soccer Team

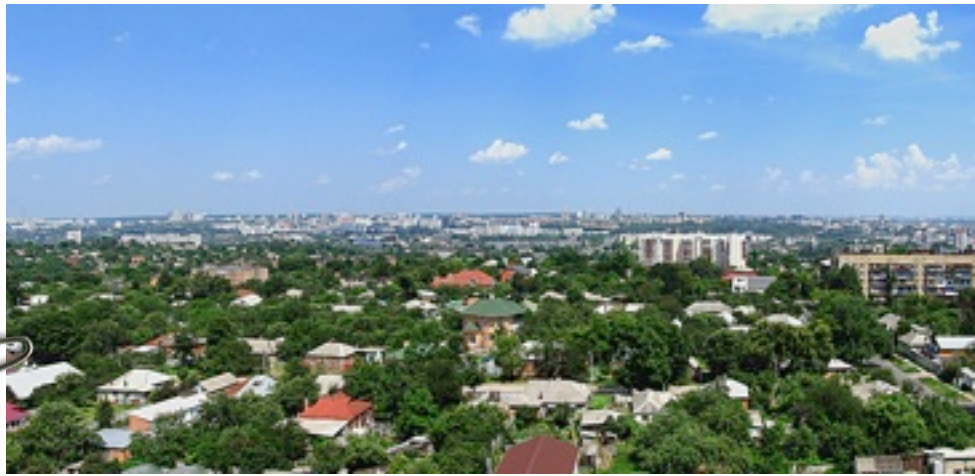


Bible Class

Freedom Square in Kharkov is the 3rd largest square in Europe and the 7th largest in the world.

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Kharkov, Ukraine



WWII Memorial

## BACK IN KHARKOV

### VISIT FROM THE PRICES

Our teammates, Brandon and Katie Price, were able to come to Kharkov to spend the month of June with the team. It was great spending time with them and being able to host them in our apartment. We look forward to them arriving in Kharkov next year. Please be praying for them as they continue to seek out support.

### TRIP TO MARIUPOL

Mariupol is a smaller city south of Kharkov where Brandon and Katie have worked in the past. We took the opportunity, while the Prices were here, to visit the city and the congregation where they worked. The congregation was extremely hospitable and lovingly shared with us much encouragement and advice for our future work here in Kharkov. We were blessed by the time with our brothers and sisters there and look forward to a great relationship with them in the future.

### PLAYING SOCCER

Recently my neighbor Alexander invited me to play soccer with him on Wednesday night. Alexander is a

really nice guy and is probably 70 years old. He has been playing soccer every week at the same place for the past 40 years. While I wasn't looking forward to playing (since I don't know how to play soccer), it was really great to get out and meet some new people. Through my neighbor Alexander I have been able to meet 6 other guys that I might not have ever met if I didn't go play with him. I plan on continuing to go out each week and develop relationships with these guys.

### LANGUAGE CONTINUES

Sometimes it seems that we will never reach fluency in this language, yet we still press on in the hopes that one day we will get there. Lucy and I are both continuing our language studies with Vladimir and Yelena.

Another thing that I will be doing to help improve my language is to enroll in a three week intensive program in Kiev at the end of July. Half of the program will focus on correct grammar in spoken Russian, while the second half will focus on Biblical Russian for disciple making. We hope that this will benefit our future ministry here in Kharkov.

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