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MCDUGLE FAMILY

NEWS FROM KHARKOV

THANKSGIVING

Just after moving into our new apartment, our family had the privilege of hosting everyone in our place for Thanksgiving. Eric, Lilia and Maya joined us for the day. Nikita and a friend of his came for a few hours of games in the afternoon. We spent the day eating all the traditional Thanksgiving dishes and pies, followed by games and great conversation. This year, since we know a bit more about Ukraine and what it has to offer, we were able to find and buy a whole turkey at the open market, as well as all the spices we needed. We were able to enjoy all our favorite holiday dishes, with the exception of sweet potatoes. Instead, Lilia made a yummy pumpkin substitute dish! It was good eating, great fun and fellowship, and a wonderful reminder of all we have to be thankful for!



A TASTE OF THANKSGIVING

Though Thanksgiving is an American holiday, many of our friends are curious about our traditions. So, our team decided it would be a great opportunity to invite all of our friends to our apartment on Saturday for Thanksgiving pies and fellowship. We had seven visitors come for the fun. Denyce, Olivia and Lucy cooked 3 pies each, plus most of

our guests brought something as well. (I think it is considered impolite not to bring something to your host's home.) We enjoyed a lot of fellowship, as well as were able to engage in some Bible discussion with Nadia, who then decided to set up weekly Bible studies with Denyce. We praise God for opportunities like that!



Thanksgiving Lunch



Lucy, Denyce, Nadya,
& Vlada



Mike, David, and
Misha

MOVING

One of the events that took extra time this month has been moving into another apartment. The last apartment we were in was in just too bad of shape and would have cost us an unreasonable amount of money to make it comfortable for us to stay in long term. Instead, we set out in search of another place. After looking at just two apartments, we found the one we wanted. It is still in the center of town, near many friends and the rest of the team. It has a large, open living/dining/kitchen area, perfect for hosting large groups. It also has 3 bedrooms, which means we have a guest room for all of you who come and visit us (*hint, hint*)! We are thankful to God for providing a place that fits our needs and desires.

LIFE CONTINUES

We are now a month and a half into our official ministry! We continue to meet people and seek opportunities to share God's love with others. Our relationships and Bible studies with Andrei and Vlada continue well. Mike is still having language classes once a week. Though Lucy has taken a

YELENA

Yelena teaches half of our team Russian. She has not only been a great teacher, but also a great help to us as we learn more about the city and learn how to live here. She has taken the time to show us markets and who she buys from. She instructs us on where to best buy things and lets us know about cultural events. We have all grown fond of her and are very

thankful for her. Last month we were able to give her a small surprise party amongst our team. We all desire our relationship with her to grow so that she will want to know more about God's work in our lives. Though she is reluctant to discuss the Bible in depth with us, we were able to present her with a Bible, which she asked for. Pray that we can be lights in her life and that she will desire to know more about the God we serve!



few weeks sabbatical from her studies, our friend Anna has come over the apartment twice a week to talk with her and the boys in Russian. Next week, Mike will begin going to the gym with Misha, Vlada's husband. Pray that their relationship will grow, and that Misha will be open to learning more about God and His Word. Upcoming events include

the arrival of Lucy's parents for the holidays. While they are here, Kirt will be doing a seminar on Creation (with a translator). This will be our first, big evangelistic event, and a lot of time has been spent preparing for this. We are praying for a large turnout of those who are seeking the Truth.

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Prayer Requests

Kirt and Nancy's safe travel to Kharkov.

The Creation Seminar

Our Bible Studies with Andrei and Vlada

Russian Language Progress

That God will bless us with even more relationships

Pray for more Kingdom workers for Kharkov