



# NEWSLETTER

## Goodbye to Kevin



We have written before about our friend Yang Ping Jian, or simply Kevin. We first met him in December at a local coffee shop and quickly joined him in swimming in freezing water. After meeting with him a couple of times I asked if he would be interested in studying the Bible with me and he agreed. Since then I was able to buy him a Chinese bible and have had several conversations with him about God and my faith.

Kevin even recently began to join us in our Sunday morning English assembly. Afterwards we usually got an opportunity to talk about about what we did and why we did it. Kevin always had very good questions.

Now that Kevin has finished his education here in Kharkov, he is moving back to China. He is hoping to get a job in Hong Kong, but may be living in Chengdu for a while since that is his hometown.

On our last Sunday together he told everybody how he appreciated them and their friendship. Then he told me that he was really grateful that I told him about God. While outside the bus station about to say goodbye, he told David and me that God has been teaching him many things and that he wants to continue to learn. He said that he wants to learn more so that he can teach others too about God. This was really encouraging for me.

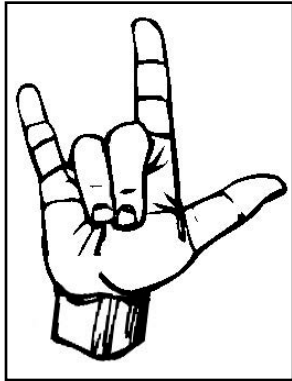
Please be praying for Kevin as he makes his transition to living in China. But even more, please pray that Kevin will continue to draw closer to God and that he can find a group of Christians in China to meet with.

### Visit from the U.S.

In May, we were blessed with Lucy's mom, Nancy, coming over and helping us out during her summer break. After postponing her return a couple of times, Lucy's dad Kirt also came over for a little over a week.

We are grateful for Sunset helping to make this trip possible. It was a much needed visit for our whole family!





**Nina and Ira**

Recently Lucy met a lady at the playground named Nina. Nina has a four year old daughter who is deaf and Nina knows only a few words in sign language.

As many of you know, Lucy is fluent in American Sign Language and also knows Mexican Sign Language. I studied a little, but have never become very good at communicating or understanding. After meeting Ira, Lucy and I have sat down to begin learning some Russian signs so that we can communicate with Ira.

**Coffee Life**

Mike has been using a local coffee shop as his 'office' for a while now. Just recently he has met several of the employees, including the manager. They have asked for help with their English language. Mike is trying to set up a convenient time to meet with these people. Please pray that for Mike as he seeks to strengthen this relationship.

**Robert and Vlad**

Recently I began meeting with two Christian brothers here in Kharkov, Robert and Vlad. We meet and discuss life, the Bible, and our faith. This has been a very encouraging time, being able to meet with two faithful brothers

for a time of encouragement and Christian fellowship. In addition, this time has also proven to help my Russian language!

**Vusal and Polina**

Vusal is a brother from Azerbaijan who is moving to Kharkov next month to attend aerospace university. Paulina is a sister from a small town in Ukraine moving here to attend the Pharmacy University. We thank God for the opportunity to know these people and pray that we can help them to be active in the Kingdom here in Kharkov.

**Moscow Seminar**

Next month the Moscow church is hosting a "Church Planting Movements" seminar. After hearing about this, I immediately wanted to go and also wanted to see if any of the Christians here in Kharkov would be able to attend. It looks like there may be five Ukrainians who join us at the seminar. We pray that this time will be a benefit to the Christians here and will help to pass on some of the principles of church planting that we are trying to utilize here in Kharkov

**Team Retreat**

In an effort to get our team to relax and refocus, we try to have semi-regular team retreats. We just returned from a retreat and it was great! We had time to look at the past year and evaluate what we've been doing, see what God has been doing, to plan and dream for this upcoming year, and to just have fun together swimming, playing putt-putt, and relaxing together. Times like this are refreshing for our family and team.

**Calendar**

**August 19-23**

Church Planting Seminar - Moscow

**September (beginning)**

Caleb Jacob Nelson is Due

**September (end)**

Visa Renewal Trip

**October**

AIM Presentation in Lubbock, TX

**Mid December - January**

Furlough

**Retreat Pictures**



MAX TAKING A BREAK



PLAYING PUTT-PUTT



RETREAT LOCATION