

THE MCDOUGLES



Ivan about to baptize Sveta.

Sveta, Sveta (baptized), & Katya.



Our family in Rome, for our visa renewal trip



It's Been Busy!



Moscow Conference

At the end of August, Mike made a trip to Moscow to attend a church planting conference in Moscow. In addition to being able to fellowship with some brothers and sisters with whom we knew from our time living in Moscow, Mike was also able to spend a good amount of quality time with Vlad. (We took a 14 hour overnight train together!) Vlad is a young man who attends university here in Kharkov and is also a

brother in Christ. He and Mike have developed a deepening relationship over the past few months, meeting every week to encourage each other and explore more in depth God's Word. So, the Moscow trip was just another great time to talk more about his involvement in the work here in Kharkov, as well as life in general.

Sveta's Baptism

One family we are involved with is Ivan and Sveta, along with Sveta's

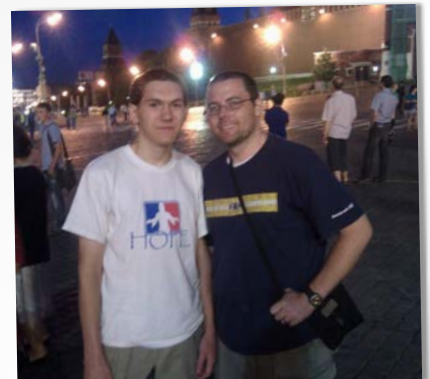
sister Katya. They moved here at the beginning of the year and have been worshipping with us. (In fact, Sveta is pregnant and due at the beginning of November!) In August, Sveta and Katya went to the sea with a friend of theirs, also named Sveta! While spending time together at the sea and on the train, Sveta and her sister continued to impress upon their friend her need for Christ and his salvation. On the train ride home, they called with exciting news that their friend Sveta



TEACHING AT UBI



FELLOWSHIP AT THE PARK



MIKE AND VLAD IN MOSCOW

wanted to be baptized! We gathered as many as we could and Sveta was baptized in the Nelson's tub shortly after their arrival back to Kharkov. Our new sister, Sveta, lives a few hours outside of Moscow, and is not in contact with a church nearby now. Please pray for her continued growth in her relationship with the Lord.

Teaching at UBI

After returning from Moscow, Mike had a week before he headed to Donetsk for two weeks. This was Mike's third time to teach a course at the Ukrainian Bible Institute. This group of students was Mike's largest, with 14 students from all over Ukraine and Russia.

Visa Renewal Time!

The day after returning from Donetsk our whole family boarded an airplane for Rome, Italy. Each year we are required to leave the country in order to renew our year-long Ukrainian visas. Since the Hindmans had a successful and easy renewal in Rome last year, we decided to try the same. This year our family decided to do this in Rome.

Thanks be to God, that we too had no problems receiving our visas in Rome. We will be free to do religious work in this country for another year now! As a family, we had a great time together seeing the sites of Rome. At the same time, we are also grateful to be back home- especially Mike, who has been away so much the past 6 weeks!

A New Family Member

As most (if not all) of you know, Lucy's sister is on our team and has been pregnant. Well, on September 8th, at 10:35 am, Caleb James Nelson was born. He is healthy and Olivia is recuperating well. We are so excited to finally have our new nephew here in Kharkov with us!

Other Works

All our daily and weekly activities continue. Please continue praying for our weekly studies, especially for: Natasha-who has showed renewed interest to start studying again, thanks to God!

Valeria- who we are working with in dealing with some sin issues in her life.

Also this past month, we have been privileged to host two Ukrainian young ladies in our home. Polina, who recently moved here to attend University, is staying with us until her place is ready. Victoria, with whom Olivia has been studying with, also needed a place to stay for a few weeks.

Upcoming

- October 30 - Canaan's 4th birthday!
- At the end of October, Mike will be traveling to Lubbock to recruit an AIM team. As you might know, both Mike and Lucy (and almost our whole team) began our involvement in mission through AIM. Please be praying for the presentation and his travels.
- November 5th: Sveta (mentioned earlier) is due with a baby girl!

CALEB



MIKE AND CALEB



THE NELSONS



CALEB



- In November, Mike is doing a mini-campaign to help people improve their English by using the Bible as a text. This month, Mike will be busy with preparations for the campaign: advertising, finding a location to rent, and getting the whole congregation involved in the process and follow-up. Please pray for this endeavor, and that we will find more seekers of the Lord!
- December 15th- January 31st: Furlough

Thank you all for your prayers and support. We look forward to seeing many of you in just a few months when we head back to the States for our furlough.

~The McDouglies