

M A R C H 2 0 1 0 N E W S

the McDOUGLE family

FROM KHARKOV, UKRAINE

✧ Our Mission ✧

“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 (NIV)

CELEBRATING MAXIMUS



Max's Milestones

Walking - No

Talking - No

Potty trained - No

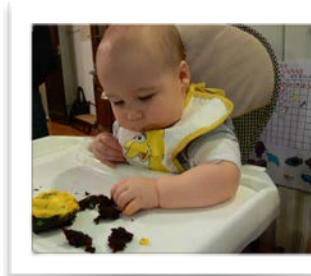
Teeth - A few

Hair - Some

Cute - 100%



On February 2 we were blessed with the opportunity to celebrate one year of life with Maximus Craig! It is hard to believe that just a year ago we were sitting in a Ukrainian birthing hospital with our newborn. God has really blessed our family with the addition of Max. We pray that God will grant us many years to enjoy life together with him.



We took the opportunity of Max's birthday to invite some friends over as well. In addition to our team, attending the party were: Valeria (the doctor who delivered him), Andrei, Valery and Juile, Misha, Vlada, and Platon, Ura, Katya, Simyon and Tanya. It is always great to use opportunities like this to share part of our life with our Ukrainian friends.

English Bible Group

This past month has been good for our English Bible Study Group. We have anywhere from 1 to 5 show up. We have been studying through the Gospel of

Mark, looking at the life of Jesus. Since our group has those who are very beginners with the language, it gives us plenty of opportunities to speak in Russian.

Please be praying that God's Word will increase the faith of all in attendance. Also please pray that God will bring more people to the group who are seeking Him out.



Our work continues. We continue studying and meeting with a few Christians here in Kharkov, as well as reach out to others we know with the Message of Salvation. Though many people we know now are not currently interested in studying the Bible, some are. As we continue to meet new people and develop relationships, continue praying that we meet those who are seeking God. Because our work revolves so much around people and the culture, we wanted to share some cultural experiences we've been blessed with this past month.

Cultural Fun

Russian Banya

Recently David and I were invited to go to a Russian banya with my friend Misha and several of his friends. At a banya, you go into a super hot steam room for several minutes and let somebody hit you on the back with dried branches with leaves on them. After this process, you then go outside (freezing temps) and jump into a swimming pool to cool off. After eating some snacks and talking for a while, you get to repeat the whole process. We did this 4 or 5 times. It was good to spend time with Misha and his friends and share our purpose of living in Kharkov with them. Continue praying for more opportunities like this, and for Misha's heart to soften more toward the gospel.



Puppet Theater

Every Saturday a local theater has puppet shows for children. Lucy and the boys have gone with Katya and Simyon a couple of times so far. This has been good time for Canaan and Max to see some of the culture and spend time with Simyon, but it has also helped to strengthen Lucy's relationship with Katya.

Maslenitsa

This is a week-long holiday that is celebrated the seventh week before Easter. This holiday originated from Paganism, being a time where they celebrated the coming end of winter, but was adapted into a Orthodox holiday. During this week everybody eats a lot of Russian pancakes (similar to crepes) with various fillings. Lucy, Canaan, and I had the opportunity to spend one night with Yura and Katya eating our fill of pancakes and enjoying each others company.



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