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the McDOUGLE family

FROM KHARKOV, UKRAINE



Natasha

Recently we got an email from a brother in the US whose girlfriend lives in Kharkov and is interested in studying the Bible.

We invited Natasha over to our house for dinner and enjoyed beginning to develop a relationship with her. We also set up a time to begin studying the Bible with her. Please be praying for this relationship as we share not only the gospel with Natahsa, but our lives as well.



✧ 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)

ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY

Last month we told you of the beginning of our English Bible study group. It started off pretty slow, but has recently showed an increase in the number of people who attend. The group consists of Christians as well as non-Christians. We are currently studying through the book of Mark and seeing the Good News that he shares with us today.



It is great seeing Christians actively inviting their friends to come and improve their English as well as to study the Bible. We do no public advertisements for our group, but people come because those who participate invite their friends. Please be praying that God’s Word will find fertile soil in the hearts of those who attend and hear the Good News.

Ukrainian Bible Institute

Ukrainian Bible Institute (UBI) in Donetsk has been a wonderful blessing to our family and team. They are the organization that provides us all with visa support.

Without their help, it would be very difficult for our team to be able to live in Kharkov. Recently Mike was invited to teach a three week course on Galatians to their first year students. While this takes time away from Mike’s work in Kharkov,

we are grateful for the opportunity to “give back” to the brothers and sisters at UBI. Mike has been spending a lot of time this month preparing for this course. Please keep his studies in your prayers!



This past month has finally brought an end to a long and cold winter. We have been told that this was one of the coldest winters in a long time. With the coming of warmer weather, also comes a lot of ugliness as the ice melts. All kinds of things that have been buried since the beginning of winter in layers of ice have finally reappeared, which make for a pretty dirty city. However, with the passing of the ice also comes spring which brings with it sunny days and warm weather. We praise God for this wonderful season.

Updates

Women's Day

March 8th in the former Soviet world is a major holiday: Women's Day. On this day the city is practically dead as people do not have to work or study. People spend time with the special women in their lives, giving thanks for them. Our team took the opportunity to use this holiday as an opportunity to invite our friends to the Hindman's apartment and celebrate the women in all of our lives. We had a wonderful time playing games and getting to know each other better. It was also great seeing friends of the various families on the team get to know one another. Below is a picture of all the ladies present that day.



Valeria

Valeria (far left in picture) is the doctor who delivered Max. She has continued to be a good friend to those on our team and attends the Nelsons English group and has been attending our Sunday assembly on a few occasions. Recently her sister-in-law had a baby girl, but there were many complications. The doctors have said that their is little chance for full recovery. Please be praying for baby Sofia and her family as they are having to go through this difficult time. Also pray for our team as we seek to be an encouragement to them.

A Wedding

Recently our brother and co-worker Valeri Katchuk (missionary from Kazakhstan) got married to our sister in Christ, Julie. Julie is currently working a full-time job as a teacher and Valery is working as a missionary. They are currently looking for support to continue their work here in Kharkov. If you know of any congregation or individual that would be interested in partnering with them, please let me know.