

McDougle Family News

November 2008



On The Way

~6 months along
~about 12 inches long!
~due February 9th



Prayers

- ✓ Thanksgiving for our time spent in Moscow, our friendships with those there in the church, and the Lord's continued work there
- ✓ Thanksgiving for the one time support we've received!
- ✓ Thanksgiving for our move and that our team is together again
- ✓ For our LST students that the church in Moscow continues to follow up on
- ✓ For our search for a permanent apartment

New News

Greetings from Kharkov, Ukraine! We have had many exciting adventures trying to get here and then with settling in! Things now seem to be evening out a bit, as we get used to our new city and home. We are excited to report that Canaan is now 2 years old, Lucy is now 6 months pregnant, and we are enjoying being reunited with our teammates! Thank you all for your love, support and prayers for us. God bless you this next month!

Leaving

Our last day in Moscow fell on a Sunday. We were able to worship with the church one last time before our flight was supposed to leave later that evening. They sent us off to Ukraine with many hugs, well wishes, a special prayer and a beautiful Russian platter. I think the thing that I miss most about Moscow is our wonderful friends in the church there. Please keep them in your prayers, as they continue the Lord's work in Moscow.

Hard to Leave

It is very interesting to me that Russia is such a hard place to leave. When things are not in order, they keep you in the country, instead of kick you out! That wasn't exactly our problem this time, but we did have a difficult time leaving, mostly because of our luggage situation. We called our airline in advance to make sure that all our extra luggage

would not be a problem; however, when we arrived at the airport, they took one look at us and our stuff and said, "No."



*Goodbyes at church:
Lucy and Yelena both 6
months pregnant*

One interesting thing is that we arrived at the airport almost 3 hours early in anticipation of a problem. However, we were not allowed to begin checking in until one hour before our flight. Our first solution was that Kirt (Lucy's Dad was with us), Lucy and Canaan would leave that evening with half the luggage and

Hard to Leave, cont.

Dougle would follow the next day with the rest. But because it took so long to come up with this solution, we were sent running to catch the plane; in the rush Kirt's ticket didn't get to him. So, they wouldn't let us leave. Then we had the dilemma of finding Dougle, who didn't know we hadn't left, and then of deciding what to do that night (it was about 11pm by this time), and what to do the next day, when we would surely have the same problem.

In an effort to make this incredibly long story short, I will spare many tiring details. Suffice to say, when Kirt and Lucy had tried to leave the first time, immigration took important papers that we needed for Russian customs. So, when we arrived at a



hotel late that night, they wouldn't let us stay because we didn't have these papers. We ended up calling Vova, who'd helped us get to the airport, who took us to overnight at the church building. The next day, our brother and friend, Alexey helped us get to the airport, figure out all our paperwork problems, devise a plan to getting us and our luggage to Kharkov (he made several trips and took it to the train station to ship to us), and overall saved our sanity that day! Thank you Alexey. So, later Monday evening, we were able to hop onto

the plane and fly to Kharkov, just 24 hours behind schedule. We made it, were greeted by a representative from the temporary housing agency and were taken to our temporary apartment we are in now!

Fun with Grand-Dad



Setting In

Since arriving in Kharkov, we have been spending a lot of time getting settled. We've been reminded, several times, that Ukraine is not America, or even Moscow! Some things just take more time, while other things are just plain different. Here is a brief look at life so far.

- It took several days, totaling about 15 hours worth of time, trying to get our luggage handed over to us from the train station. Our friend, Alexey, who was such a great help in Moscow, actually had to travel to Ukraine to fix the problem! We learned we have AMAZING friends!
- We still don't have internet at our home, but our teammates do, and let us use theirs whenever we need!
- We constantly have to re-light our pilot light on our heater, and our fridge is smaller than a dorm sized one, but our apartment is comfortable and

cozy and our landlords have been great so far!

- Canaan loves his new friends, Chi (3) and Silas (10 months), the Hindman's boy and getting to play with his Auntie and Uncle David, too.
- We can't talk well with the people here yet, but are already praying for those who will come to know Christ through the Lord's work here in the next few years!

Grand-Dad's Visit

Kirt Martin, Lucy's Dad, was able to come in for about a week and help us make the move from Moscow to Kharkov. Not only was he a huge help, but Canaan absolutely was thrilled to have time with his Grand-Dad! Honestly, I think the transition went smoother because Canaan was okay with doing anything, as long as Grand-Dad was doing it too! We had some great times amidst all his jet lag he experienced and all our added adventures in getting here! Thanks for all the help, Dad! And thank you to Sunset who helped get him here to help us!



Our Contact Information

Because we are in temporary housing for the next 6 weeks, we will not have a permanent address available for mailing. We will

keep you updated as we get things
set up once we get a more
permanent place!