

Praise Items

- > *Jay's teaching assignments went well in April and May.*
- > *We had an amazing 3 week DTS study trip to Israel!*
- > *The Resurrection Church family camp in June went well. Five people accepted Christ during or just after camp.*
- > *English iCamp in July went well. At least 3 young people committed or recommitted their lives to Christ. We were encouraged by the team from Berean Bible Church who served with us.*
- > *At the end of July we had the opportunity to travel to the U.S. in order to mourn with our Berean family the loss of both John and Phyllis Stone.*
- > *At the end of August Resurrection Church's day camp for children*

Summer Travels

If I had to describe our summer with just one word, that word would be "unpacking," and I'm not just referring to suitcases, although we did plenty of that. Our summer began with a 3 week Dallas Theological Seminary study trip to Israel. We saw dozens of ancient sites and enjoyed interacting with the students, many of whom have great passion for future careers as pastors and counselors. There remain thoughts and experiences that we should "unpack" from that trip!



When we returned to Ukraine in March, we knew our long-time pastor was fighting cancer and that we probably would not see him on this earth again, but in April, his wife was also diagnosed with advanced cancer. Pastor John died in June and his wife died 5 weeks later



Photo by Jeremiah Harris

in July. We returned to Knoxville for a few weeks to attend her funeral. Times like these bring to mind verses such as 1 Thes. 4:13-14 "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus." Psalm 103:15-16, "As for man, his days are like grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourishes. When the wind has passed over it, it is no more, and its place acknowledges it no longer." Psalm 90:12a and 14 "So teach us to number our days... O satisfy us in the morning with Your lovingkindness, That we may sing for joy and be glad all our days" (NASB). We sense that soon we will be in a new season of life as more of our friends are facing health challenges and loss. More to "unpack!"

Prayer Items

> Please pray for our friends in Florida to weather hurricane Irma safely.

> Please pray for Resurrection Church's Sunday School – that God will supply the needed leaders and resources.

> Please pray for the Monday night English clubs that will start at Resurrection Church on September 18th – pray for creative lesson planning, for opportunities to build relationships and to share Jesus.

> Pray for the small group that will soon begin meeting in our home.

> Please ask the Lord to provide teaching opportunities for Jay this fall.

> Please pray for more students to study at our mission's Language School and for us as we continue to study Russian, that our ability to communicate will improve.

Camp Ministry Report

In June, SEND short-term missionary CJ joined us for the summer.

Resurrection Church Family Camp June 26-30

Judy and CJ helped with crafts and games during the childrens ministry, while Jay attended the morning Bible study and small group discussions with the adults. Among the 60 campers about 15 were unbelievers. Five people accepted Christ either at camp or soon after.

English iCamp July 10-14

A small group from our home church (Berean Bible), plus a small group from Louisville, Kentucky joined YMI missionaries Sam and Melissa Hughes and Youth Ministry students from Kyiv Theological Seminary to host an English camp for young adults. All of the Americans bonded quickly with their small groups and many had very deep, spiritual conversations with individual campers.



Resurrection Church Children's Day Camp August 21-26

Our final camp of the summer was held at our local church. It was for children ages 6 to 12. Everyday 25-35 children came for games, singing, Bible stories and crafts. It was a good way to build relationships with families in the neighborhood. Judy helped with crafts and Jay was the photographer and "tech" guy.

Fall Ministry

We have adopted the Ukrainian way of planning ahead, which means we didn't even *think* about Fall until after our last summer camp which ended August 26th! Judy spent the last few days of August preparing for the Fall semester at SEND's language school. Our church plans to host an English Club on Monday evenings, which will start September 18th and we will be involved in that. We will also host one of our church's small groups in our home. Jay is waiting to hear about teaching opportunities at various Bible Colleges. And we have both signed-up for a weekly language lesson.

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