

Following the Francises

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Praise Items

> ***Our Ukrainian residency permits were extended.***

> ***Our home church (Berean Bible Church) is forming a team to help with an English camp this summer!***

> ***Our travel from Knoxville to Kyiv was uneventful.***

> ***We were warmly welcomed by our SEND teammates and our Ukrainian church family.***

> ***We had good discussions with university students during Cru's English Club outreach March 20-25. Pray for Cru staff as they follow-up with the students.***

We are back in Kyiv Ukraine!

Although we would like to say our lives have returned to normal, we have not quite achieved that goal, but we are moving in that direction! Our living room was re-wallpapered while we were gone. Most of the living room furniture is piled up in the guest bedroom. All of our books are packed in boxes. But soon new carpet will be installed, next week our new shelving unit should be delivered and then we can begin to put the room back together! In the meantime, we have resumed our activities at church and elsewhere. Last week (March 20-25) we helped with Cru's English Club outreach at Kyiv Polytechnic Institute. Jay is preparing for preaching on Good Friday and the classes that he will be teaching in April and May and Judy has been corresponding with potential summer short-term missionaries.



Home Service Summary

If we had to describe our 9-month home service with just one word, that word would be "nomadic." Our driving vacation to Alaska took us through 14 U.S. states and 3 Canadian provinces. Visiting family, friends, supporting churches and the SEND home office took us to another 11 states. We spent 4 months in Dallas Texas attending seminary classes and significant time in Hudson Florida and Knoxville Tennessee. There was time for refreshment, recreation, relaxation and reconnecting.

Although eager to return to Ukraine, it was somewhat more difficult to say good-bye to aging family and friends. We were also saddened by the changes that we observed in American culture. We are very thankful for our 12 supporting churches, knowing that their own congregations and communities have many needs. We are also very thankful to our many individual prayer and financial supporters.

Prayer Items

- > Please pray for personal relationships within our church.**
- > Please pray for the 5 young people who desire to serve short-term with SEND in Ukraine this summer. Pray for financial and prayer support as well as physical and spiritual preparations, and for Judy as she interacts with them.**
- > April 24-28 Jay will be teaching a survey of the New Testament at Chernivtsi Bible College.**
- > May 8-12 Jay will be teaching an Introduction to Missions at the Seminary in Lviv.**
- > May 15-June 3 DTS study trip to Israel.**
- > June 26-30 Resurrection Church Camp – for unbelievers to come to know Christ and for believers to grow in their faith.**
- > July 10-14 English iCamp**
- > August 21-26 Resurrection Church Children’s Day Camp**

KPI English Club Outreach

We were invited by Cru to assist with their English Club outreach on the campus of Kyiv Polytechnic Institute. Since this was our 4th time to join this group’s outreach we have had the privilege to see how many of the students have matured physically, mentally and spiritually. Judy had the opportunity to speak to a young man about spiritual things while 4 other students listened intently. Please pray for students who heard the Gospel and for CRU staff as they follow-up with these students.



Summer Plans:

Study Trip to Israel May 15-June 3

Since we were Dallas Seminary students during the fall semester, we were able to sign-up for the DTS study trip to Israel. We are very excited about this opportunity; however, we are a bit anxious about the pace of the trip. Each day we will visit 2 or 3 sites, attend lectures, and write assignments. Please pray for our physical and mental strength and stamina!

SEND Eurasia Conference June 8-15 in Lemgo Germany

Almost as soon we return from Israel, it will be time to leave for the SEND Eurasia conference. Please pray for the SEND missionaries that serve in this part of the world as we gather together for a time of spiritual refreshment, fellowship and maybe even a bit of business.

Resurrection Church Family Camp June 26-30

English iCamp July 10-14

We are excited that a team from our home church (Berean Bible Church) will be coming to assist our good friend and YMI missionary Sam Hughes and his Ukrainian team of youth leaders with an English Camp for young adults. Please pray for BBC’s team’s preparation and funding, and for the Ukrainian team as they plan the curriculum. Pray that we will all provide helpful English lessons and for opportunities to share the Gospel.

Resurrection Church Children’s Day Camp August 21-26

Our Sunday School team is currently seeking funding (\$500) for this camp, which we hope to host in a park near our church. This is a good way to engage families as well as teaching children about God and the Bible.

Other Camps?

Although this is certainly enough to keep us busy this summer, we are open to other opportunities that the Lord might bring us.