

## Our July 2015 Prayer Letter

Dear Pastors and Brethren,

We are grateful for your prayers and support. We finished up our paperwork in Arizona and had a very nice time with our family there and with one of our supporting churches. From there we traveled to Florida and Alabama where we visited with some old friends, street-preached in the really hot weather, and gave reports on how things were going in Ukraine. I know missionaries aren't 'supposed' to have vacations, but our time home has been a real blessing. It's given us time to refocus away from the war zone and to spend good time with our families, encouraging each other. My mother, most of all, was very emotionally fragile with all the stuff happening in Ukraine. She burst into tears when we pulled up to the driveway of their house in Columbus, Ohio. It's really made her happy to see her 'missing son'. We are currently with her, and got to take her with us to visit some missionary friends near Kentucky, where we were also able to go to a creation museum. We will also visit Joanna's father in Indiana and then travel to be with the rest of Joanna's family in Michigan and then back to Ohio until we leave. We will leave, Lord-willing, as to our flight itinerary which will be on the thirty-first of August.

A missionary, who has been on the field for at least twenty years or so, has invited us to work with him in an area close enough to where we already believed the Lord wanted to move us, and with that would come the possibility to work under a religious visa. We are praying much about this and that if we were to come in on that visa that we would still be able to work with the group down where Andre and Igor are located. If that is what we do, we'll continue to study Russian but it will be done on the side and without a university setting. Lord willing, we'll continue with our teacher Galina (who taught us in Donetsk before the war started)...probably by way of Skype again. I've constantly been saying, "Lord-willing" because of such uncertainty. I'm not going to make any promises as things could change without notice and we could get caught in the middle of it. The conflict very well could spread to the Odessa region or even all of Ukraine. A couple of things I've noticed through this was that 1) nothing is permanent or 'fool-proof' in Ukraine and that 2) one must do what they can while they can for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please continue to pray for Andre—he has a big decision to make. It looks as if he may have to have two of his toes removed because of gangrene in his bones. It's still not clear as he has four doctors that are giving him different advice, but he's set about praying about it until the end of this week and then he's going to make a decision. He sold his motorcycle at a significant loss but was still praising the Lord and told me that he believes the problems with his foot are from the Lord to 'make sure' he understands that he needs to 'go critical' for the Lord! No more turning back and 'half-service'. Again, I ask you to please pray for him and Igor and the other folks that had been coming to the Bible group there in the southeastern part of Odessa.

Thank You and Lord Bless,

The Wiles Family