

## Our June 2015 Prayer Letter

Dear Brethren,

Thank you for praying for us and for our ministry. We baptized four of our young people (as well as Silas and Paul), after going through a discipleship course. It was very nice to see them follow the Lord in believer's baptism, but sad to have to leave. The following Saturday we drove to Odessa where we baptized Igor in the Black Sea.

We left Ukraine on the 19<sup>th</sup> because our temporary residence permit was to expire on the 20<sup>th</sup>. We stayed in Moldova for about a week to deal with the Ukrainian embassy there. The local governing office in Donbass wasn't able to lengthen our stay because of the war in the area where we ministered. We received an invitation to study from a city north of the Donbass area (where there is currently no conflict). The senior director has agreed to let us participate in 'distance learning'. This type of setup would give us registration for twelve to eighteen months, allowing us to continue to serve in Ukraine (in another city). The current power in Donetsk has stated that only four religions will be allowed to 'work' in the Donbass area. They are Catholicism, Islam, Judaism, and Russian Orthodoxy. Protestants and others will not be allowed to 'propagate'. We know the Lord opens and closes doors for good reasons, and perhaps we can go back to Donbass...but maybe not. We will pray and wait.

Andre and Igor, who were members of our church in Donetsk, want a church in the southeastern part of Odessa, where Andre is from. Lord willing, we'll return and help Andre to build a work there. He had a small Bible group of about 10 folks meeting once a week, but since his accident he hasn't been able to hold the meetings. He still needs assistance getting around but is starting to improve. In a couple of weeks Andre is planning to preach to some handicapped people who invited him to testify of the work of God in his life and the recent accident he had. They will have an outing near the Odessa Bay.

We left Moldova by plane and have flown to the United States, but this is not a furlough for gathering more support, as we have much to accomplish in little time. We managed to get our driver's licenses today! Both Joanna's and mine were expired and we couldn't renew them online. We need to take care of some other things while we are here, such as homeschool registration, doctor's appointments, a Ukrainian Visa application, and visiting our families. If I had my choice I would have stayed in Ukraine till they dropped bombs in my back yard, but the Lord's will was that we leave. So, here we are. I have to admit that it has been nice being back in the States. We are staying with Joanna's sister and her husband in Arizona who have helped us get our new licenses. We had to fly into Las Vegas where the temperature was one hundred and twelve degrees! Our itinerary is roughly from Arizona to Florida, then up north to Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio. We are scheduled to head back to Moldova at the end of August. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Looking up,

The Wiles Family

