

## Our August 2016 Prayer Letter

Dear Brethren,

At the end of July we finished some evangelism and headed back to the north area of Ukraine, where we had three other meetings. This last meeting we had in the middle of August will most likely finish this year's evangelism with the tent. In groups (and perhaps taking turns) we will be going back to the areas where the Lord has opened for regular Bible studies. Brother Ed and Dina had one Bible study already in the city of Balmachovka while Zhenya and I finished the last day of tent service together. That will be one of the regular spots we plan to travel for Bible studies. There are a couple more—another one to the north and one to the south. We will travel there on Saturdays and Sundays (after our services) and have the Bible studies in the homes of the local brethren. We also headed southwest near Romania because a brother in the church here got married and invited the church from Kiev to come celebrate in his home town. It was the first time we had been to a Ukrainian wedding, and Ed and I were asked to preach before the marriage ceremony. It was a blessing to see the Christian couple get married.

I'm writing from Donetsk now since we wanted to visit the brethren here and decided it was best before it got cold and before school started. The first night we came in, we heard shooting at 1:30 in the morning but it was from far away and sounded like mortar rounds from canon fire. The school season just started today, on the first of September, and we have heard no more shooting after the recent cease-fire around the whole Donbass area. A lot of the locals wanted to know if we were returning and my nearest neighbor kept saying that we should come back. Another one of our older neighbors is dying of cancer and is staying in a clinic in a nearby city for treatments. Had we known of it sooner, we could've visited him, too. In the past, Andre and I frequently witnessed to him but he refused to hear the truth out. His name is Vladimir. It was a blessing to see the brethren but, on the other hand, depressing to see the same people who are without Christ, older in the face, living day-to-day, and just one step from death. As for the refugee I mentioned, he is from Debaltseva (a city where a severe military incursion occurred), now resides in our home, and was stolen from twice while at work. His name is Syergei. Another man that we met is Vova, a friend of the Movchan family. We promised we would visit them again if possible. Tomorrow we will be heading back to Kiev.

I had a real good time talking to an Australian, online, who is a friend of my brother's. He has had Asperger Syndrome since a child but one couldn't tell it just by talking to him. We talked more than an hour about the Bible, life, and God. His name is Dave. He didn't get saved but said he would think about it and that he looked forward to talking again.

We thank you so much for your prayers and support,

The Wiles Family