

## Our July 2016 Prayer Letter

Dear Brethren,

We have had a busy July evangelizing in three villages for four to five days each. Two of the places were to the north of Kiev in the Cher-NI-gov region of Ukraine, close to the Belarus border. It's about a three hour drive from Kiev. The first place was Roz-NOV-ka which we mentioned last month to pray for. We had a lower turnout and a drastic change in the weather to much cooler temperatures...for which none of our group was prepared. We toughed out the cold for the evening services and had a few show up after all. A handful of children came (maybe ten in all) and most of them responded with a hand raise for salvation and prayed after one of the church members dealt with them. One of the members of the church in Kiev is a doctor who is from that village; his name is Vo-LO-di-ya, and it was his idea to go there. He arrived on the second day and he and Ed were able to lead his cousin and his cousin's wife to the Lord. On the second to last day a family came and Volodiya led them in a sinner's prayer; the Mom and son came faithfully after that. They expressed desire to study the Bible in a group when we return for Bible studies. We plan on doing a "circuit-riding" Bible study this month or the next in a few villages that are near each other where we have already evangelized.

The second village was Ivan-IV-ka. It's located near Roznovka in the Chernigov region. The first day we encountered strong winds, so we set the tent up the following day. After Emil (a 9-year-old boy who went with us) very politely offered a woman riding her bicycle a tract, she yelled at him and asked, "What if I took a stick and beat you on the back with it?" Then that woman (with a young man behind her) came shouting at us (in Russian and in broken English) to return to our "cursed" country. I told them we had approval from the local authorities to set up and evangelize there, and she came up to me, grabbed and pulled my shirt near the top, and spit right on my mouth. She repeatedly cursed in English. We got the tent completely set up after that in just a short time. There was also a low turn-out on that trip, but three mothers that came during the children's program raised their hands for salvation, along with several children.

The third village was south of Kiev, not too far from a place called (in English) "White Church". We had a contact from out in east Ukraine who actually grew up there and has a desire to come back to his home village and start a local work there. They could use some help and we would love to live in the village again, but for now we'll just pray about it. A lot of children came to that one...nearly forty every day. I preached during one evening service on Jonah and some teenagers and a young man named Maxim raised their hands for salvation. The folks there want us to come back and we plan to travel there on Sundays after our Kiev services are finished. We were told that about half the kids were there on vacation visiting their relatives, but actually live in Kiev. Please pray for the follow-up process in these villages that we will be revisiting for Bible study/church services. Also, please pray for our next village evangelization in Bok-ma-CHOV-ka, which is also to the north in the Chernigov region.

Thank you,

The Wiles Family