

## Our May 2016 Prayer Letter

Dear Saints in the Lord,

Thank you for continuing to pray for us and the souls, here, in Ukraine. We were out in the village doing some visiting with a Christian sister (that Bro. Keough and Zhenya know) as well as some of her acquaintances whom she invited for the ‘occasion’. We ate and sang some Christian hymns after fellowshiping with Nadyezhda (meaning “hope”), an elderly sister who has been a widow and lost both of her sons a long time ago. The names of the aforementioned acquaintances are Tamila, Vyera, and Mariya. Bro. Keough witnessed to those lost ladies for about an hour and Zhenya and I also spoke to them about salvation and prayed for them. At the end of our visit Vyera and Tamila prayed for salvation. Mariya said she wasn’t ready for it and left. We will be heading back to that area very shortly for a couple of days to survey and decide where we think the Lord would have us evangelize with the tents. Our four boys (Bro. Keough’s—Colin and Aiden—and mine) will be going with us this time. After choosing the location(s), we plan to ‘set up tent’ for a few days and invite children and adults to hear the gospel. I love the tent ministry and am looking forward to being part of it once again. Please pray about the tent evangelism this year.

We are thankful to be in the final stages of receiving our temporary residency permits! (This is the same thing as the “registration” we asked prayer for.) We just got them yesterday and had to deal with more ‘stuff’ than usual, but we’re praising the Lord nevertheless! We have thirty days to finalize the process, so after we make this scouting trip we will need to get the housing authorities to stamp our permits, giving them one year’s validation.

Thank you for praying and helping with the church van purchase. We bought a church van that will sit eight (comfortably and legally, that is) and has towing package for a trailer and tent supplies! We also plan to use the van for taking folks to the parks on Sundays for evangelization and fellowship.

Silas and Paul finished their homeschool on time which is a blessing. They couldn’t start until November! Joanna and the boys were diligent about it (they had to make up a good bit) and now they will have time to help evangelize...and perhaps study Russian some more and/or music during this summer.

My brother, Joey, and I have been having a Bible study every week over the internet for some time now. I am really enjoying it and I think he is as well. We have had some graduations and other stuff get in the way of late, but I really want to continue them with him.

Thank you for your prayers and helps,

Rick, Joanna, Silas and Paul