

February 2017 Prayer Letter

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

First of all, we want to thank you for praying for brother Slavic during the loss of his brother. They had the funeral and Edik and Anatoli witnessed to Slavik's parents. They both prayed to receive the Lord as their Savior! This was a real blessing and happiness to Slavik, as well as to us and the church, since we've been praying for them. Edik has since had a Bible study with them; they are both older and it's quite difficult for them to leave their house.

We had another answer to prayer about Aleksey's son. He's had a difficult time with him after a divorce, nevertheless, Aleksey has tried to keep after him and win him to the Lord. His son, after recently talking with his dad, prayed to accept the Lord as his Savior. Aleksey was thrilled and we were rejoicing to hear the good news. We will need to keep praying for this young man and Aleksey—that they will be closer drawn and edified through the word together.

God has answered our prayers about moving to another location. It has small a yard and is only half the price of what we were paying. We actually still have a few days left of moving and need to finish business with the old landlords. Thank you for praying. Our new home is in the same region but closer to the church and Ed and his family, as well as close to the possible future location of the new church. The men of the church looked at a building last Friday for the new church site. We all liked it and saw potential. We prayed together after looking at the place and will need to know more about the paperwork and other details. It would be nice to get a fair price on the property. We estimated that there are about six hundred thousand people in that region of Kiev.

Anatoli was married last year, and has had some difficulty adjusting to their living arrangement with his mom. It has not been easy for his new bride either. He has been counseled about not staying with his mother—who has not conducted herself wisely—and find a place of his own where he and she can start their new life together. He has recently decided to take the counsel and leave the 'nest'. Some of the brethren, including myself, may travel to help him fix up his perspective place of residence.

We had a national missionary, who is Baptist in doctrine, come in and speak to the church about his work in Papua New Guinea. It was very interesting how wild and uncivilized that part of the world is. He lifted up the Lord and expressed his love for their souls, and challenged us to pray for them and support the work. Maybe the church, including us, will be able to support him in the near future. We bought a book of his and I will use it as part of my Russian lessons.

Thank you very much for your prayers and constant financial help for the work in Ukraine and to Russian speaking peoples. We pray the Lord bless you and make you a blessing. We are really encouraged to know folks are praying and to see prayers answered.

In Christ,

Rick, Joanna, Silas and Paul