

600,000 Russians in New York City need a church that speaks their language...



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Dear Pastor Blount & friends at Lighthouse,

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Springtime in New York City - what a welcome change from the multiple rounds of winter storms, blizzards, and nor'easters that have buffeted and blanketed us so frequently in recent days. Soon Brooklyn will be blushing as its hundreds of cherry trees blossom. Dan saw one yesterday as he met Bobur for a Bible study. Bob's Japanese girlfriend, Sayaka, is not saved but seems to be open to a one-on-one Bible study, which we are trying to arrange. Please pray for her, and for Bob's family (dad, mom, brother, and sister, all of whom are still in Uzbekistan), to be saved.

Leila's family (dad, mom, and sister) are still in Kazakhstan. We helped



Leila contact a missionary who is laboring in her hometown, and her mom and sister both recently came to Christ! Please pray for her father, Marat, to be born again.

Leila also asked us to help her find some gospel literature in Urdu for a Pakistani coworker to whom she has been witnessing.

We asked Dina, a young lady from Turkmenistan, to translate our primary gospel tract into her native tongue. After collaborating with three other Turkmen, the work is now done and ready to be printed.

Continuing our swing through the East, we come to China. When we were missionaries in the Russian Far East, our city was right across the Amur (Heilong Jiang, or "Black Dragon") River from northeastern China. Now we have a Chinese restaurant between the two halves of our church, and a kind



Chinese man (Mr. Lee), who last year bought the house next to ours. For Chinese New Year, we gave gifts and the Gospel to both of these neighbors. Please pray for these kind people to honor the Son of God by receiving Him as their Savior!

March is a month for birthdays! Three of our daughters were born in March.

Kelsie turned four on March 4, Shastya turned twelve on the 18th, and Emma had her seventh birthday on the 24th. What's more, Emma was born again during the same month! It didn't happen on her physical birthday, but now she has even more reason to celebrate in March!



We avoided a little bit of the snow and were blessed to visit two of our supporting churches during this same month. Berean Baptist Church of Sciotoville, Ohio, invited us to their missions conference. We took a roundabout way of getting there so that we could surprise Symphony (our oldest daughter, who is attending Bible college in Tennessee), by picking her up and taking her along. As an unexpected bonus, Dan got to stop in at the last second at his home church in Kentucky and preach there, and we were able to spend some time with his family, too.

More unexpected ministry occurred in February after Dan received a phone call from a funeral home one Sunday afternoon. They had received a request for a Russian-and-English-speaking Baptist pastor to conduct a bilingual funeral, and through a Google search had found us. Two days later, Dan conducted the funeral of a Christian woman who was six weeks short of reaching her ninety-sixth birthday, and Dan was able to preach the Gospel to those present.

In a few days, it will be Easter, and we will be adding an early morning service to help accommodate the overflow crowd that we are expecting. Please pray for our Lord Jesus to be glorified in all that is done here. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Serving our Saviour,

*Dan, Sherry, Symphony, Lacey,
Shastya, Gabriel, Emma, & Kelsie*