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ear Pastor Blount & friends at Lighthouse,

This has been a summer with a lot of faces and places.

t the beginning of May, we welcomed Rachel Hughes back to our church. She has been serving the Lord as a missionary in Kharkov, Ukraine, for a few years. This is the hometown of one of the ladies in our church (Alla), and Rachel's difficult work in one of the hardest parts of the city brought tears to Alla's eyes.

ater that month, we were pleased to have Tejay and Karina Rene with us for a few days. They are serving the Lord in Belarus, which is Karina's native country and also where Tejay grew up as a missionary kid. We have known Tejay, along with his parents and siblings, for more than twenty years, and it is great to see him continuing to serve the Lord faithfully!

t the end of May, we baptized three ladies.

Dilafruz, and her teen daughter Ray, trusted the Lord to save them after a series of evangelistic Bible studies. Katya made



her profession of faith before one of our Sunday evening services.

wo weeks later, we were on the road for a quick trip to Maryland. The church we visited had sent a group of high school seniors to assist us in New York for a few days in April, and the pastor and his family have been dear friends of ours for years, so there were a lot of smiles when we arrived. New friends took us to Washington, D.C., on the following day, so that we could make

our first visit to the Museum of the Bible and make more memories together.

n the last Sunday in June, Anastasia announced that she had put her faith in Christ to

save her, also as a result of a one-onone Bible study. Halfway through July, Eugene did the same! Eugene had been led to the Lord at home by his father. His older brother Yura is married to Katya (who was recently baptized) and is responsible for our church's website and YouTube channel. How blessed it is to have a whole family united in Christ!



Emilia Eugene Yura & Katya Sergei

In between these announcements, we were again on the road. We visited three of our supporting churches in Ohio and Illinois and another church in Ohio that is pastured by a good friend from our Bible college days. Both he and the pastor in Maryland were previously serving churches that also supported us, and, Lord willing, their current churches will also choose to make us part of their missionary family.

hile in Illinois, Sherry was able to spend time with friends who had attended Christian high school with her. Their steadfast faith continues to be an encouragement.

e also spent some great time with our oldest son and with both of Sherry's sisters and their

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families, all of whom live in that region.

ext was Kentucky. The primary purpose of this leg of the trip was to take Lacey and Shastya to church camp in Dan's home town, but it was an added plus to spend some time with his entire family (some of whom were visiting that week from Florida).

e left our two teen girls on Thursday, came back to New York, and our three youngest children began VBS the following Monday. Each of them memorized the most Bible verses during the week for their age groups, and we are proud of them!



ur mission board field administrator, Dr. Dave Canedy, recently came to spend a few days with us and was a great blessing to us and to our church.

ow we are preparing for the Brighton Jubilee all-day street fair (August 25), and on the 28th, we leave for Wisconsin, where Lacey will begin her second year of the nursing program at Maranatha Baptist University. Please pray for her and for all of us!

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Dan, Sherry, Symphony, Lacey, Shastya, Dalriel, Enma, & Kelsie