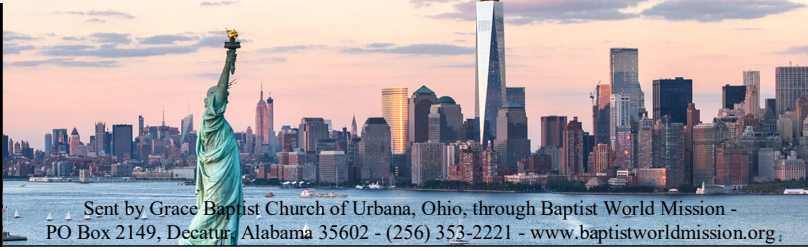


600,000 Russians in New York City need a church that speaks their language...



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Dear praying friend,

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Is there any time of the year when family and friends are in our thoughts more than during the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas? As we write this letter (on the day after Thanksgiving), many cherished faces whom we have seen since our previous prayer letter come to mind.

Our daughter Lacey will fly back to Wisconsin tomorrow to continue her nursing studies at Maranatha Baptist University. When we drove her to the campus to begin the semester, we were also able to bring another returning student from our English church with us. We had been asking the Lord to place Lacey with good roommates, and when we entered her room, we happily discovered old friends who were also getting their daughter settled in! Not only has the Eric Mossman family been supported by our church for many years, but Dan and Eric were Neighborhood Bible Time evangelism partners during the summer of 1989. These faithful friends are always a blessing to us.

Also during that trip, we made arrangements to visit five of our supporting churches (WI, MI, and PA), and visit with the pastor of another (OH) while staying overnight in the home of dear friends who are members of his church. Two of those pastors were also in college with us, with one having been Dan's roommate.

We spent part of Labor Day with Joe Fortna, the former pastor of our sending church, and his family. They are like our own! That trip also provided us with an opportunity to visit with our oldest son and with Sherry's younger sister and family in Indiana.

Dear friends from one of our supporting churches in New Hampshire made it possible for us to get away for our 26th wedding anniversary. In the process, we were able to give an update to a nearby

supporting church (NH), and to present our ministry to a new church (CT).

The church was new to us, but not the pastor. We had met Pastor Shafer twenty years earlier in another church. After all this time, he called us up and invited us to his missions conference. The keynote speaker was an evangelist who had preached to Sherry when she was a teenager!

We returned to Connecticut for another missions conference in October, and then began hosting guests of our own back in New York. The High family from Ohio came to help us for a few days and were present for our baptismal service when we baptized two people from our Russian congregation. Since the English church also baptized on that day, our guests were blessed to see first a Jew and then a Muslim both publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior!

A few days after they left, we hosted Pastor Ackim Mulaisho on his way back to Zambia. At the beginning of November, a missions team of seven more people passed through our house on their way to Africa. They were led by Pastor Dave Barnhouse, who is another dear friend from our college days.

Less than a week later, two of Dan's sisters (and a brother-in-law) came to stay with us for a week, and we had a great time with them.

And yesterday was Thanksgiving, with 102 people present for our annual dinner and holiday service! Three parties were especially notable. The first was Ruslan's family, whom we had not seen in months. They moved back to Brooklyn from Manhattan. You might remember their blind daughter, Lana. We

are still praying for Ruslan's salvation.

The second family was brought by Zarina, whose husband Inom died in an elevator accident six years ago. Her two young girls (now ages 8 and 6) went back



to Uzbekistan to live with their grandparents, but the family was recently reunited again and are living in the Bronx. Inom's mother was with them last night, the first time that we had ever met her.

And the third party was a single individual, but one whose return was most joyful. Following a disagreement with Dan, Baurzhan had not come to church or communicated with us for nine months. Last night he came, and the two of them embraced! It was a highlight of the evening.

Next year, we expect to be in a different building for Thanksgiving. We are in talks with two other places that might become our church's new home. Please pray about this, and for each of the people whom we have mentioned.

As we each serve the Lord during these final days of 2019, may God bless us, every one!

Serving our Savior,

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