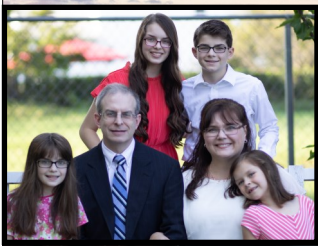


600,000 Russians in New York City need a church that speaks their language...



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Dear friend,

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Sharing with you every few months through a letter helps us to remember and more clearly see how God is at work here. Sometimes our letters are full of prayer requests for specific people and needs. Other months, we are able to share great answers to prayer. At times, we give you some details about our family. Thank you for taking the time to read, pray and keep up to date with the ministry God has called our family to.

July was memorable for us because we took our teenage children to church camp and visited three of our supporting churches (MD, KY, IL). While in Kentucky, we were able to spend time with all of Dan's family. Dan also met a young man at camp who wants to serve the Lord as a missionary in Russia!

In Illinois, we visited our oldest son's family and babysat our two grandkids, and also spent time with Sherry's two sisters, uncle, and their families. It was there that we were especially blessed to visit one of our supporting churches, where a gentleman identified each of our children by name, and then told us that he prays for us every day. We are grateful for all who intercede for us before the throne of God! We also found in that church a Bible memory program that Sherry is going to use in our church.

We returned home in August for more Bible memory. Our English church's VBS had taken place the week that we had been gone for teen camp, so our younger children had missed it. But the church where our daughter attends, Bible Baptist in Elmont, was conducting a Neighborhood Bible Time crusade, so we enrolled all four of our younger children. Each of them (Shastya, Gabriel, Emma, and Kelsie) memorized the most verses in their age groups! We are proud of them, but not just for that. Shastya is using her talents from the Lord as our church piano player, Gabriel and Emma are filling in for our sound man while he is visiting family in the Ukraine, and all of them like to distribute gospel tracts. We have been especially glad to see Gabriel's desire and efforts to share the Gospel with his Little League baseball teammates and coaches.



The last Sunday in August marked the return of the Brighton Jubilee, a street festival in the Russian neighborhood that is one NYC's largest summer events. It was cancelled last year because of Covid, but was back this year for its 44th time. And it was our children who stepped up to help in many ways.



September was full of other memories—mostly memorial services. During the first eight days of the month, Dan conducted two funerals. We also attended the viewing for the Christian lady who, with her husband, had rented an apartment to us for the first six years after we had moved to Brooklyn.

Then came September 11, a solemn day for all of America, but nowhere more so than here in New York City. Our daughters baked cookies and brownies, and we delivered them (along with gospel tracts) to our local police precinct. Our English church had a special First Responders Sunday on September 12, and we were thrilled to see five NYPD officers in attendance! We would like to have an ongoing ministry with these brave public servants.



We are glad that the Lord has brought a couple of new families to our church in recent weeks. Both are already saved, and we are looking forward to future ministry with them.

Sherry just finished teaching her first ESL course in our church and is planning two more courses. We are also planning to restart a weekly Bible study in Queens next month and would appreciate your prayers for the Lord to open up new areas for ministry!

Serving our Saviour,

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