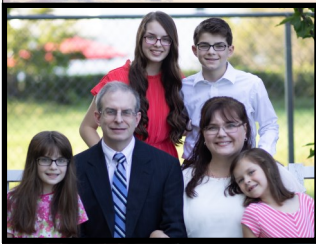


## 600,000 Russians in New York City need a church that speaks their language...



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Dear praying friend,

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A couple of weeks ago a man from one of our supporting churches sent us an email to let us know he had prayed for us that morning. He also asked if we had any specific prayer needs. The difference in the letter we would have written then and the one we are writing now is due, in part, to those prayers and more like them. We know we are being prayed for and we are so grateful to see God's hand at work in some exciting ways!

In January we encountered yet another round of sickness in our church. Attendance dropped basically in half. However, our hearts were encouraged by attending the mission conference of one of our supporting churches in Leola, PA, at the end of that month.

Dan re-started a Bible study in Queens in January. This was primarily for the benefit of two of our families who live in that area, but others have also come.

Early in February we were incredibly blessed to find out that one of our supporting churches in Somerset, KY, had secretly spearheaded a project to purchase our family a van. We were completely surprised! God worked out all the details and after much searching, a nice and barely used van was found. Dan is picking it up this week, and next week we will take it on its first "family trip" to our mission board's annual meeting. We feel so humbled and grateful for God's goodness to our family and the generosity of those whom He used to make this possible.

Sickness kept many people away during the first two months of the year, but the war in Ukraine brought many of them back to our services. The first two weeks after the invasion were very difficult for so many in our church. Several were waiting with no word from their Ukrainian family. Some knew their loved ones could not evacuate while many others have displaced parents and grandparents. One woman has a son who has to fight. Another young woman's father barely speaks or eats because of the atrocities of war he has seen all around him. Roughly half of the people in our church are Ukrainian born or have roots in that country. The rest are either from Russia or other former Soviet countries. Thankfully, there has not been disagreement about the need to pray for all involved in this terrible war.

Please pray for the Lord to give us wisdom as we minister to people during this delicate time, and for God to give comfort and peace to their hearts. In the midst of the pain and suffering, we know that God is at work. Already we have learned that the cousin of one young woman in our church has been saved!

A noticeable answer to prayer has been taking place in our services the last two weeks. We have had people returning that we haven't seen for a very long time. One couple just returned from Missouri, to which they had fled when Covid first came to NYC two years ago. Another young man came back to church and brought his 5-year-old son for the first time. One man returned after his grown son attended the English services of our partner church, Bethel. And new visitors have also come. A Belarusian woman who works across the street from our church visited last week after being given a tract. She is hurting because of lost friendships brought about by the war. A Ukrainian mother and daughter, who are recent refugees from Kyiv, also visited our Sunday evening service. And there are others.

We look forward to great things in April! We were already blessed to have one new baby, Daniel, in our church, whose parents came to publicly express their desire to raise him for the Lord. Another baby, Leno-David was just born and we look forward to meeting him soon.



We're praying for a full house and seeking hearts as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord in just a couple of weeks!

Serving our Saviour,

Dan, Sherry,  
Shastya, Gabriel, Emma, & Kelsie