

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



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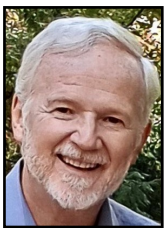
Dear friend,

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In Genesis 32, Jacob prayed, "I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant." We echo that statement, and thank the Lord for keeping us safe since our last letter. We have traveled by car, boat, and airplane through thirteen states while visiting ten churches. We have been on white oceanside beaches, curvy mountain roads, spun out of control off the interstate, and returned to find New York the most polluted city in the world because of Canadian wildfires. A younger friend has been diagnosed with cancer. A man in our church recently received a stem cell transplant. Another lady suffers from chronic illness. But God has shielded us and kept us from many sorrows. It has been a memorable season!

We began April on the road and spent Palm Sunday visiting supporting churches in Pennsylvania and Ohio before continuing on to another church in Louisville, Kentucky, on a night when a tornado touched down in the area. Unharmmed, we were back in Brooklyn for Easter Sunday, where we were happy to see a couple of new visitors, as well as friends Tony and Dawn Hess, who have been missionaries to Simferopol in the Crimean Peninsula for about twenty years. Dan first met Tony in about 1990, and it has been neat how the Lord has reacquainted them in recent months.

At the beginning of May, we were very happy to welcome another old acquaintance to our church.



Sam Wilson is the Global Outreach Director and the Eastern Europe Field Director for IBJM (International Board of Jewish Missions). But when we met him in 1997, he and his wife were missionaries in Moscow. We were just beginning deputation, and he met with us one day in Ohio for lunch.

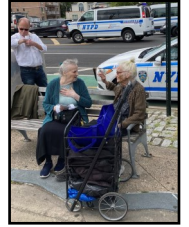
Twenty-five years passed before we would communicate with each other again (in April of this year!), but his recent visit was a blessing to us and to our church!

A few days later, Sherry drove to Pennsylvania to speak at a Mother's Day Weekend Ladies' Banquet. It was a bit of a retreat for her and very refreshing.

May 21 was the date for Bayfest, an annual celebration for the neighborhood of Sheepshead Bay, where our



church is located. For us, it is an opportunity to set up a literature table and reach out to our community. We had good participation from our Russian church and from our partner English church, and the Lord



gave us good contacts and conversations.

Then we were on the road again, visiting three churches in Florida, as well as one each in Georgia, Tennessee, and Ohio. In addition to making new friends, three of the churches were pastored by men who all have longstanding ties (thirty years or more) to our family. Pastor Ronnie Vice was Dan's pastor during his last two years of high school, when Dan surrendered to the ministry. Dan's home church then called Pastor Irvin Clark while Dan was at Bible college, and we worked with the Clarks in the church after



we graduated and were married. The third pastor, Dave Barnhouse, was also a student with us during our Bible college days, and he has brought more than one group here to NYC over the years. It is

always encouraging to see faithfulness in the lives of God's children. He is worthy! Having so many reunions with such faithful friends and mentors has been a special treat, but we were also happy to give a Bible and gospel tracts to a young man (not yet a teenager) who requested them for a Russian friend of his. Amen! A journey of a thousand miles begins with one step. Thirty, or fifty, or a hundred years of faithfulness begins with one decision. Let us each purpose in our hearts to be faithful to the Lord today!

Serving our Saviour,

Dan, Sherry,

Shastya, Gabriel, Emma, & Kelsie