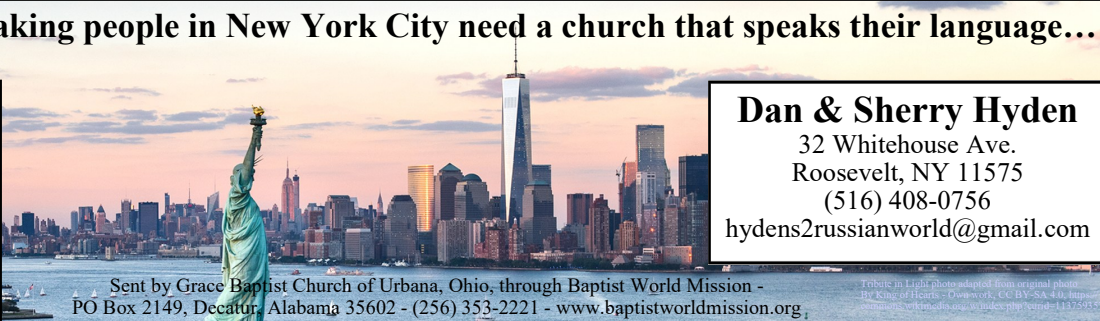


600,000 Russian-speaking people in New York City need a church that speaks their language...



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Dear friend,

September 2026

It has been an historic summer! To celebrate our country's 250th anniversary of independence, we adorned the outside of our church with patriotic and God-honoring banners all summer long. We ordered thousands of "God Bless America" gospel tracts, printed and distributed hundreds of invitations to a screening of the new film, "A Great Awakening," which was held at our church on July 3rd, and began two new series of lessons/sermons in our meetings, both of which are still ongoing.



The first was a Sunday morning series at our church in Brooklyn based upon Nehemiah 9. The second was launched at our Tuesday evening Bible study in Queens on the topic of why the United States has been a magnet to draw people from all parts of the world (the short answer is America's Christian heritage!). One new man (Damir) came on the first night of the new series, and two weeks later, Dan was able to explain the Gospel to him and lead him to Christ! Please pray for his growth!

Another July highlight was much longer in the making. We met Valera a few years ago while we were passing out Gospel tracts before our church service. He came to church that very night and began coming to our church services (and to Bethel's English-language services), sometimes regularly, sometimes sporadically, and often not at all for significant stretches of time. But after finally giving a clear testimony of salvation, Valera was baptized on July 5!



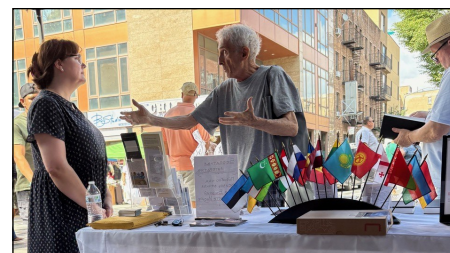
We were also glad to have Dr. David Canedy, who is Baptist World Mission's North American Field Administrator, preach for us while he and his wife were visiting us for a weekend, and we finished the month of July by passing out more tracts in Queens with a visiting youth group from South Carolina!



The next day (August 1) was our Russian church picnic, and one of our ladies brought a new visitor (Andrei) with her! And two days after that was the beginning of five nights of VBS. Once again, our next-door neighbors allowed us to drive their children 25 miles to church each night. Not only that, but following VBS, their 15-year-old son began coming with us each Wednesday night to be part of our youth group meeting! We use the travel time (45-60 minutes each way to and from church) to talk and have Faith Music Radio playing in the background.

Four other significant ministry events occurred in August. The first was a visit from a family from Israel. They were visiting their son here in America. He goes to an English-speaking church on Long Island, but his parents don't speak English, so he searched for a gospel-preaching, Russian-speaking church, and found us... 53 miles away. This underscores the need for more Russian churches to be planted in the NYC area! Please pray and ask the Lord to open new doors for us, and to provide all that's needed to enable this!

Our biggest evangelistic event of the year is the Brighton Jubilee all-day street festival on the fourth Sunday in August. We had a great location for our tent this year, and great participation, including a woman who came to our church for the very first time that morning! We'll tell more of her story another time.



And the final highlight of the month was an invitation to visit a new-to-us church in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Not only were we blessed by meeting the people and inspired by their 89-year-old pastor and their 90-year-old song leader (who was actually the church's original pastor), but the church also decided to begin supporting us every month, which will be a real help to us! We thank the Lord for new partners!

We also finished September with a really wonderful missions conference with another new-to-us church, this one in York, Pennsylvania. Again, we were blessed by the spirit and faithfulness of the pastor and the people!

One week prior was the 25th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks against our country, which climaxed in the destruction of the Twin Towers of NYC's World Trade Center and the immediate deaths of almost 3,000 souls. Once again, the "Tribute in Light" pierced the night sky over Manhattan. May the people who walk in darkness see the great light of the world, Jesus Christ, and be saved! Let your light shine for Him!



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