

The Schrocks

Your Missionaries to the
Former Soviet Republic of

Belarus

February 29, 2012

Dear Pastor Purselley and Members of Maranatha Baptist Church,

Thank you for your prayers over the last two months. We had a wonderful time in the States. The family reunion was a great blessing and testimony to each of us. All ten of us brothers and sisters made the trip along with every member of their families. We praised God for His goodness and also for the right decisions made by our parents. Praise the Lord! Gina and I also visited a few of our churches as well.

Gina is doing well with the pregnancy and we are planning to have the baby in the States. It is considered high-risk. She is due in May. Thankfully, we were given some gifts above our support to be able to make these trips back and forth. We are planning to be back in Belarus sometime in June.

I am teaching English again two nights a week in Minsk. This is our official work and it is time - and energy-consuming. **More than ever**, however, I am thankful for it and desiring to see God use it to bring people to Christ. I don't want it to just be "how we get our visas". These are mostly well-educated and religious people that would not give us the time of day to talk about salvation - out on the street. Here, they come to us! Of course, their goal is to learn English but it is a great opportunity to develop relationships (and they do get very attached to you as their teacher). Between classes, the groups all go together to a small auditorium where the Belarussian pastor (of the church where the English organization uses a wing of the building) teaches on various Biblical subjects to get their interest and to preach the gospel. We are not allowed to conduct Bible studies during the lessons but I freely talk about the Lord, my testimony, why we are here in Belarus and various religious questions that come up.

Prayer requests

- We have had some unsaved adult visitors to the services recently. Unfortunately, many have come out of curiosity or need but then left. Very few people get saved until they have been exposed to clear Bible teaching for some time.
- Our neighbor, Babushka Maria, who came off and on to services for many years, passed away in January. Sadly, we do not know if she was ever saved.
- Our most faithful babushka, Anna Simeonovna, broke her hip almost a month ago. Please pray for her, her unsaved family and for our ability to minister to them through this difficult time.
- Recently, a boy named Vladik was saved! His cousin, Yulya, was baptized in the fall. He is already evidently growing and is very faithful. Pray for his unsaved parents.
- Please **pray for men** to be saved and grow. Almost all the men we have had over the years have come and gone. Sadly, there is an incredible indifference about life on the part of men in general.
- The Minsk church is still meeting in our building on Sunday afternoons. Brother Vladimir is doing a good job with them. They have a big block house on the edge of Minsk that they have been building for over five years - this is very common here. We put on the roof over three years ago and just recently, the Minsk church was able (using all their tithes and offerings) to buy windows and doors to completely close the house in. Their goals are to run electricity and gas (which already run along the street) to the house, put in a furnace and finish at least one room to meet in. We are working with them closely on this. Both churches have struggled but at least we have a building to meet in.



Anna Simeonovna

For His Glory,

Dave and Gina Schrock

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