



*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your **partnership in the gospel** from the first day until now....*

*Phil. 1:4-5*

## Why Ukraine?

### Praise Reports:

- Our house sold in just 63 days!
- Cedar (our Beagle) may have a new home!
- We have 27 prayer partners!

### Prayer Requests:

- We still need to raise \$4000 of our monthly support.
- Timing of our departure & impact on Karissa.
- Physical stamina as we pack & move to a condo.
- Trust in the Lord's timing and provision.

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Ever wonder how missionaries end up in their respective "fields" of service? Most missionaries will tell you that it has to do with a specific call to a country or a people group. But how do you discern such a "call"? We are convinced from the Scriptures that God has called every believer to missions. Jesus was very clear about this when he told his disciples (then and now) in Matthew 28:19-20: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...." You don't need to wait for a vision. The command is clear enough. The Scottish pastor, Oswald Chambers, wrote: "The special person called to do missionary work is every person who is a member of Christ's church. The call does not come to a chosen few, it is to every one of us." Though we didn't initially realize it, our call to missions coincided with our call into God's kingdom.

### Church Itinerary

- August 24 - Grace Baptist of Lebanon, IN
- August 31 - September 13: Biblical counseling training with regional pastors of the Russian Baptist Union

The realization that God wanted us to go to Ukraine, however, has been a process that has gradually unfolded over the years. It began with praying for imprisoned pastors and sending Bibles to the former Soviet Union; it continued with hosting

sian-speaking world.

But why Ukraine? It has become increasingly apparent that God has been preparing Ukraine to be a launching pad for the Gospel in the Russian-speaking world. Ukrainians have much in common with other members of

the former USSR. They speak the same language. They share much in the way of culture and customs. As a result, they tend to be more effective than missionaries coming from the United States! Furthermore, Ukrainian Baptist churches have a vision for sending Ukrainians to other

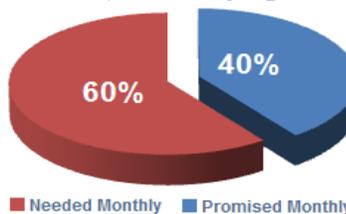


international students in our home over the last 20+ years—along with a growing awareness that God had wired us for cross-cultural ministry; then, several trips abroad; and finally, an unmistakable passion for the Rus-

countries.

So our desire is to help equip Ukrainian nationals to become a powerful missionary force throughout the former Soviet countries—especially to peoples where doors are increasingly closing to Westerners. Places like Russia, Belarus, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Kazakhstan. Would you consider how God might be calling you to partner with us in this exciting opportunity?

### Monthly Funding Update



Monthly expenses: \$7261  
(Current status: 40% promised)  
Outgoing expenses: \$48,000  
(Current status: 65% provided)

**Note:** As contributions are tax deductible, they are sought with the understanding that SEND International has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds.