

*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

From Kiev With Love



God gave us a furnished apartment to rent!

This edition of the Benge Bulletin comes a little later than usual because we wanted to announce our arrival in Ukraine. Our last few weeks in the states

The last few days have been busy moving into our apartment, buying food, staple goods, and other items necessary to function until the rest of our luggage arrives.

We have enjoyed the hospitality of our dear friends and fellow missionaries, the Perhais. They are helping with our orientation to Ukrainian life by taking us shopping and teaching us about the various means of public transportation, including the tramvai (an electric two-car train) and the more popular marshootka (bus).

We'll let the pictures tell the rest of our recent transition to Ukraine. For more updates, be sure to check out our blog on our

website: www.sendbenge.com. Finally, along with praise to God for His faithfulness, we also thank you, our prayer partners and financial supporters for



My babushka in our new kitchen

your partnership with us in the Gospel to the Russian-speaking world. God has used your faithfulness and generosity as the means to bring us here (Phil. 1:3-7a). And for that we send our heartfelt thanks and love to you!

Praise Reports:

- We reached 100% of our support for this term .
- Our safe arrival in Kiev.
- Karissa's positive adjustment to college life.

Prayer Requests:

- Language acquisition starting on August 31.
- Wisdom and safety as we adapt to life in Kiev.
- Our children (and us) as we deal with the distance that separates us.

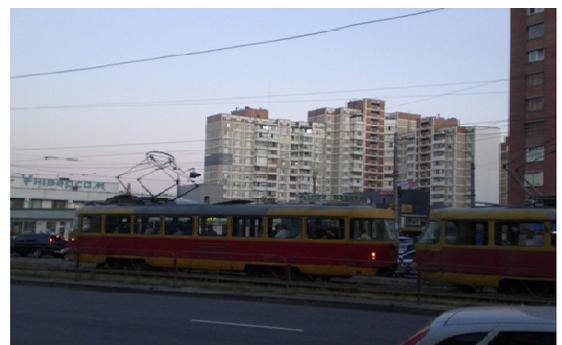
were spent saying farewell to family and friends, participating in our commissioning service at our home church, taking our daughter to Boyce College in Louisville, KY, and packing and shipping the rest of our belongings to Ukraine. And then came the day for which we have been waiting the last 17 months. With sadness because of family and friends being left behind, yet with joy in the Lord for His faithfulness, we arrived in Kiev on August 21.

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A marshootka: Our favorite means of transport



A tramvai (electric rail car)