



*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

September is here — and so are we!

Praise Reports:

- God provided us a temporary place to live.
- Cedar has a new home and is doing well.
- We are over 45% of our monthly support.

Prayer Requests:

- Timing of our departure & impact on Karissa.
- Jerry's trip to Russia (August 31 to September 13).
- That God would continue to raise up partnering churches and individuals.

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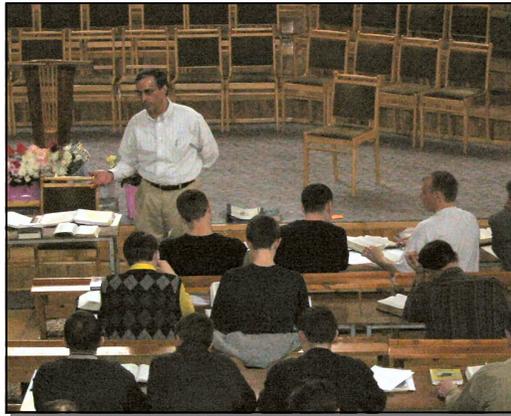
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In previous communications, we had expressed our desire to be in Ukraine by September of this year for two reasons: 1) Entry points for required language training are limited to two times each year (September or January); 2) We wanted for our daughter, Karissa to be able to complete her senior year at Kiev Christian Academy (which requires that students attend *both semesters* of their senior year). We realized that this was an aggressive timetable, but also knew that God could bring it about if He so desired. James tells us that while it is not wrong to plan, we should always write our plans "in pencil" (4:15). So now that September is nearly upon us, it is time to readjust our plans.

We know that God's providences are wise and good. We have already seen Him answer many prayers and provide many needs. Our biggest concern is for His wisdom in how we work out

the details of Karissa's senior year. For now, we are moving ahead with home schooling combined with a one-day-per-week local home school cooperative program in order to augment her training. Please pray for our



growth in God's wisdom as we think through various contingencies for Karissa's education until our departure. Pray specifically that we will learn and grow in trust, patience, faithfulness, flexibility, and creativity (valuable qualities for our sanctification and ministry!)

Training Center of Kiev, Ukraine) to train Russian Baptist Union "bishops" (i.e. regional pastors) from across the Russian Federation. One module will be conducted in Moscow from September 2-5 (for pastors from the European side of Russia) while the other module will be in Krasnoyarsk, Siberia from September 9-12 (for pastors from the Asian side of Russia). We praise the Lord for this opportunity and ask you to remember us daily in your prayers. If you want to stay in touch with what is going on, check out my blog on our website at

www.sendbenge.com. In my current blog you can also see and hear some testimonies of pastors who are attending the training. *Please keep us in your prayers as we travel and teach.*

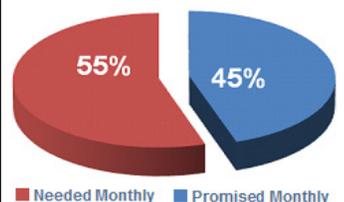
Church Itinerary

- August 31-September 13 – Biblical counseling training with regional pastors of the Russian Baptist Union
- October 18-24– Berean Baptist Mission Conference, Livonia, MI
- October 25-26 – First Baptist Church Mission Conference, Downers Grove, IL

Speaking of God's providences....

Not moving to Ukraine in September has (providentially!) opened the door for Jerry to be involved in a strategic short-term trip to Russia to help in training pastors in biblical counseling. Jerry will be teaming with lead instructor, Dr. Wayne Vanderwier (of **Overseas Instruction in Counseling**) and interpreter, Artyom Kluchnikov (of the **EurAsian Soul Care**

Monthly Funding Update



Monthly expenses: \$7261
(Current status: 45% promised)
Outgoing expenses: \$48,000
(Current status: 55% provided)

Note: Contributions are solicited with the understanding that the donee organization has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds.