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101 Things



Dan and Pris

They have safely left Ukraine and as I type should be arriving in Brisbane. Please pray for the delicate medical treatment Priscilla will need over the next 2-3 months. Please also pray for the leadership of this fledgling church here in Razhishiv. Dan is the only truly bilingual one on our team and also has the experience of 12 years of knowing this culture.

Praise God for:

- His awesome love
- His blessings in small things
- Dan and Pris' tickets and visa coming in time
- Rain in Sydney
- Chance to show my old boss, Annette Cadwallader, round Kyiv

Please Pray for:

- Ben Clarke (and his wife Tamara) as he picks up most of Dan's responsibilities
- Continued concentration and cognition in language learning
- God's love to flow through me (really)

Thanks for:

May God's love touch you all in a special way this week, thanks for praying.

Love to you all

Keep Looking Up

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More Details on the Web

<http://www.millerfamily.biz/blog/jono.html>

Old RPD and Monthly updates are also available there too, so check to see if you have missed any.

Kids Ministry Conference

I'm taking three of our young children's leaders to a Conference on Friday and Saturday (and fitting youth group in there as well). Pray for the travelling logistics but mostly that it will be an encouraging and equipping time for Natasha, Sveta and Alyosha.

Weetbix Box

It would be easier to get a license out of a weetbix box than to get permission to drive here. I have the papers from Australia, but still need some documents here to allow me to drive Dan's van while he is in Australia. Pray I get these this week as I plan to drive to the conference on the weekend. Please also pray for me in the maintenance of a fairly old temperamental vehicle (I should be used to that). And pray also for safety as I learn what it is like to drive in snow and ice etc.

Double Dutch – Yucky Ukrainian

I guess I should give a language update as I am spending 4 days each week smothered in Ukrainian. It is frustrating me and today was a terrible day in my own concentration (I had to get up before 5am). I am learning a lot of facts, words and grammatical structures. Pray that I can put this together to be able to understand and communicate with others.

Packages

I received some mail this week; was awesome (I selfishly ate all 6 Tim Tams on my own and they were great). I also received a couple books; I've nearly finished the first one, 'Blue Like Jazz' by Don Miller. A very interesting read with some bizarre type of thoughts that I totally relate to. I also received the DVD of my Gran's funeral (back in April). Was really moving and challenging to watch it. I'm looking forward to being back in Nelson where Gran lived in February next year.

Preaching

I'm preaching at church this coming Sunday. Please pray for me and Sasha, my translator. I have to be very simple and clear in my preparation as Sasha's English is limited. Pray that he will have confidence and know that God is speaking through him.

But I have a mini sermon for you now. The overall theme from Gran's funeral was about a wonderful lady who lived a selfless life. I mean a truly selfless – 'didn't think of herself first', type of lady – a one in a million. In Don Miller's book "Blue Like Jazz" he talks about how we are so self-absorbed. We think the world is a play about us and all the other people are just characters in our play. I know I am so often like this. But God's command to love others can only be fully obeyed when we are secure that God loves us, that we don't need to seek approval and love from others. We can just love them because we know God loves us and them (that's the short version – if you want to email your thoughts, I appreciate the discussion).