



Praise God for:

- For blessing camp
- For many opportunities to share God's love
- For Larissa's growth in faith

Pray for:

- For 12 days in Crimea
- For the right decision regarding language study
- For my relationship with God to be authentic

Thanks for:

Thanks again for praying, I will answer your emails but please understand that some may take a while. Share God's love with a smile today.

Love to you all

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Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 73:28

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Busy as a bee!

July has been and gone and August is disappearing quickly. Summer rains have come and watered the earth, made big ruts in the roads that are not sealed (like the one I live on), collapsed half of my cold cellar, and given us an interesting camp last week.

I'll work backwards.

Camp

Last week I was on an island with about 25 young people for a camp. It rained for part of everyday and on Wednesday it rained all day. We were camping in tents and had to cook all of our food over a fire. I'm thankful that I was able to buy a tent as we were rather squashed for room when it rained. I guess you can say it was a real bonding time. We had studies each day which I lead from 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. We looked at each aspect of love from two angles. How does God display this attribute and then how can we reflect this in our lives? As the week went on I realised how far short I fall from what I was teaching about. I believe we were all challenged to love because He first loved us. We played a lot of beach volleyball when it wasn't raining as well as a number of crazy games – the type you only play on camp. Thanks for praying, I believe that God blessed camp. Next year's will be earlier in July when it generally rains less.

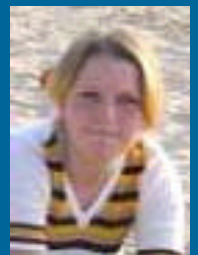
US Team Visit

The week prior to camp we had a group of 5 Americans and 3 translators come and minister in Razhishiv. It was great to have a boost of enthusiasm for spreading the gospel. We spent a lot of time down at the local beach and were able to meet and talk to a lot of the people that are merely acquaintances at this time. Please pray that those who we met and talked to would be open to further discussions about Jesus and what He has done for them. Six baptisms during this week was a major highlight in my time here so far this year. It is great to see young people nail their colours to the cross and say for all to know "I'm a believer in Jesus".



Larissa

I also asked you to pray for Larissa (see RPD on website if you missed it). She had been coming Fridays but her father would not let her come on Sundays. Her father only thought we played games on Fridays and didn't know that we had a Bible study. Larissa felt this was wrong, so in trepidation told her father that she was studying the Bible with us. Her father said he was upset and didn't like it but he was going to continue to let her come. She was overjoyed as she thought his reaction would be much harsher. So thanks for praying but don't stop; pray for Larissa's whole family.



Camp





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Coming Up

Crimea here I come

Early tomorrow morning I leave for Crimea. I am going with the local athletic club. Some of the girls in the club are Christians in our youth group and invited me along. It will be a great chance also to bond with a number of other young people from the town. I am going without a translator so it will be an interesting language time. You can pray for clear understanding. I will take my dictionary. We will also be camping in tents for the entire 12 days I am away so I am not taking the computer and will be offline until August 22. Please pray that this will be a profitable time and that I will be an encouragement to the Christians in the group to be bold about their faith.

Language possibility

I have a fairly big decision to make soon in this regard. There is a university course that runs for a whole semester, 6 hours a day, 5 days a week teaching Ukrainian to foreigners. This will mean living in Kiev and putting my activities on hold for the rest of the year. But it will greatly boost my language and therefore future effectiveness. I believe God is calling me to come back next year for a longer period of time. Daniel, my team leader believes that this course would be of long term benefit and another team member, Cheryl is considering taking the course also. Please pray that I make the right decision. The course will start in September.

House

My flatmate Rhani left on Saturday to return to Tasmania. He is unsure of what God holds for him but may return to Ukraine. You can pray for him as he seeks God's will. You can also pray that I know what to do with the spare room. Maybe God will send someone else here to join our team.

Odds and Ends

Oh I had a haircut too!



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