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I usually enjoy writing these updates, but this time I feel like I don't really know what to say. I feel like I'm not sure what you imagine when you think of life in Ukraine. I don't know what you want to hear about or what is important. Sometimes I feel like my life has turned topsy-turvy and I don't know how to unravel it for a so called 'missionary letter'.



Holiday and my parents visit.

My Dad and Mum have been here for two weeks and I have taken most of the time off to show them around. We spent 4 great days in western Ukraine in Lviv. It is a really old city with a lot of historical and cultural significance and we thoroughly enjoyed the time there. We were given free accommodation with a friend of a friend of a friend and they took us to church two nights and asked Dad to preach. It's great to meet Christian brothers and sisters all through the world and know that straight away we have a common bond that unites us.



Yesterday I took Dad and Mum to Kiev to see some sights and do some souvenir shopping. We went to the Lavra, Kiev's largest monastery. As we wandered through the catacombs where saints are buried in glass coffins, we watched many pilgrims and worshippers kissing the coffins and praying to the saints. If only they knew the truth that when the Son sets you free you are free indeed!! Wow, what a privilege to be set free by Jesus' death on the cross. When He died the curtain split in two and we have direct access to God. No more rituals. Please pray for the people here who are still in bondage. They may have a desire towards God but don't know the real life that Jesus offers. He said He came to give life and to give it to the absolute fullest.



Praise God for:

For my parent's visit

Evidence of God at work all around us and in us

Amazing providence in God's perfect timing

Pray for:

Summer ministry

Jono to stay close to God during his time off

My parent's health

Thanks for:

Thank you once again for praying.

God hears and answers prayer.

Love to you all

Jono Miller

Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 73:28

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Summer Activities

Razhishiv has had a couple more festival days and the young people on holidays are enjoying a very relaxed atmosphere and the beach especially. This week we are making a change for youth group and moving it down to the beach. This will give quite an opportunity to add to the group and for onlookers to see what fun Christians can have. Pray that summer outreach will be effective in this way. We plan on spending many hours outdoors with young people.

Towards the end of this month we have a team of young people from the States coming to help with summer outreach. We will have a lot of youth activities planned and a bunch of foreigners usually attracts a bit of attention. Pray that it will not just be an attraction but that through the building of friendships, the youth from our town will see Jesus in other's lives. They will be billeted with young people from our church so will have a real Ukrainian experience. You could pray about a team from your church or youth group considering something like this in the future.

As a result we have pushed our summer camp back to the first week of August. The two experiences together can really help kickstart a young person interested in following Jesus. Please don't stop praying for God's work in this town. He works in spite of us; we just need to keep imploring the Lord of the harvest.

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Bits and Pieces

Formal language study is also officially on holiday, though I am surprised at the little things I am learning without the pressure of 'getting my homework done'. I am still thinking of taking some time off later this year and doing a solid language month in Kiev. Please pray about this in regards to timing, the right course and the finances to do it.



Missionaries are very human people. I received a couple parcels last week. It was an absolute buzz. One of the best things was some Tim Tams, some weetbix and the Rugby News. Is a missionary supposed to be overjoyed at these things?!? Well I was.

I am also really privileged to belong to an awesome missionary church back home in Oz. The letters of encouragement and the way West Penno looks after me makes me feel extremely blessed. I thank God for all of this.



There are many of you I owe thanks and letters to. My time off with Dad and Mum has put correspondence on hold. I endeavour to catch up over the next week or so. I appreciate every little email, and please know that I really appreciate knowing that you are praying for me and for God's work in this town.

Don't forget to check the website for other news and information.

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