

Dear friends in Christ,

I apologize for not sending more updates. Several people contacted us wondering if we were still alive ☺. Thank you for your love and care for us. We are blessed with many carrying friends and co-laborers in the Gospel. We are trying to keep off the government radar these days. A simple like under a Facebook post can



bring a 30-day detainment with around a \$1000 fine. And then you might face other criminal charges. I know several people whose homes were raided by KGB, and they had to flee the country. I am not making this up.

In August, we had a fantastic time serving the Lord in our kid's camp. Overall, we had around 30 kids, and they were very receptive to the Gospel teaching/preaching.

The last day of the camp was quite a surprising one. Suddenly, our local fire apartment wanted to inspect our building. They haven't done this in more than ten years. I was afraid the government was just using them as a legal pretense to shut our church down. In our country, it happens

quite frequently to different organizations that our government wants to eliminate. It seems it wasn't the case. At least for now. But the fire department gave us a warning with time to change things till February. It is quite impossible to accomplish, though. Please pray for this situation.

If you ever visited us here in Belarus, you most likely know a precious family of Nikolai, Zoya, and Tanya. Tania passed away because of the coronavirus. It was a blessing to help them and to share the Gospel with their unsaved relatives. Nikolai barely survived the virus, though. Please pray especially for Zoya. Her life was wholly dedicated to her daughter for decades. Now Nikolai and Zoya are at church together every Sunday.

We were blessed to see a lady who used to be a church member come back to the services faithfully.

Our family is doing well. This summer, we had to change how we do school with Leah and Timothy. Our government shut pretty much all private schools and started even worse indoctrination in public schools. We switched to a Russian online school. It is not the best choice that we would've liked, but for this crazy time, it is what we can afford and have our kids close to us. Thank you for your prayers.

Leah and Timothy are having excellent progress in their music studies. Leah plays her Violin in our church services, and that is a huge blessing for me.



We have been able to insulate our house (outside insulation), which was a massive step for us. Last year we had a frigid winter, and here you can't have "too much" insulation ☺. Also, I finished the other side of our fence. With this colder time of the year, we will be doing more work on the inside of the house.

Thank you for your love and prayers. We would love to see you sometime, but traveling for us has become much more difficult. Our self-proclaimed president shut the land borders that the people could only fly out of the country. It has nothing to do with the coronavirus, and we can fly only to particular destinations (like Moscow ☺). If you know what happened with a Ryan Air jet, you will understand the situation. And to fly my gang becomes quite expensive ☺.

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