



## Advances in April

Vivian is learning quickly that if she asks politely and loudly, almost every single person she offers a Gospel tract to will take it. Sometimes she even out-distributes Daddy when they go as a team. Praise the Lord for cute children!



Recently, one of the elderly church members fell ill and could use your prayers. Her name is Alla and is almost 90 years old, yet faithfully walks to church every Sunday - no matter the weather. We brought some food and water with us to the hospital for her. Seeing the kids and a few smiling faces who love her cheered her up some, but *please pray for her.*



Jonathan took part in a foreign student event at Karazin. He sang in Ukrainian and recited poetry in Russian. Pictured are two of his Russian language teachers at the university. They have really been a blessing.



Our family was delighted to be at services in Odessa with Brother Mark Priem. He and the church people are such a blessing. The fellowship is always sweet and it's a great opportunity to take part in another active ministry.



We visited a small village right on the border of Moldova where an IFB missionary was having an outreach event for kids. Our family helped as we could; helping prepare, buying candy, and giving out Bibles to each young boy and girl who came. Many kids attended the event and heard a clear presentation of the Gospel. We hope each will be reached and that the local church will continue to grow.

## Update from Ukraine

April for us has been interesting in many regards. Katrina was able to fill in a couple of times to translate, through Russian sign language, the messages delivered in Kharkov.

I was awarded a certificate for being a winner in the university's foreign student competition of Ukrainian and Russian competency. And another certificate from the Faculty of Foreign Languages for my participation in the student newspaper.

Due to our trip down to Odessa to visit Brother Mark Priem, we were able to help a little bit with one of the evangelistic outreaches they did (as stated above) and were able to see the mother of Nina (Katrina's sister-in-law) come to church after having made a profession last year. I praise the Lord that we now have a source to buy Gospel tracts in Russian and Ukrainian much more affordably. Part of the blessing of getting to meet the other independent Baptist missionary (who works near Moldova) was finding out that there are more resources in the Russian language than I previously thought. I am still looking through the materials that were given me to see what we can use for our future ministry in Russia.

## Prayer Requests

- For Russia's religious freedom
- For the ministry in Kharkov
- For language learning
- For a peaceful end to the war
- For the health of a supporting pastor's wife



### US DOS Travel Advisory Level



### Quick Fact

During the US Civil War, the Russian Empire used two of their fleets to help protect harbors in the North.



### Upcoming Events

**Katrina's  
B-Day**  
May 6th

**Victory Day**  
May 9th

### Sending Church

Grace BC  
101 Donation Rd.  
Greenville, PA  
16125

### Support Address

All Points  
Baptist Mission  
PO Box 977  
New Philadelphia,  
OH 44663

Also in the news [ours, at least] has been the **increased number of bomb threats** around the city here. The airport, malls, government buildings, metro stations, and even the university have all been supposed targets. Pray for safety!

Upcoming is another student conference. For this one, I have been preparing for months! This is an opportunity to stand up in front of all the foreign students and share the Gospel through a 5-page scientific paper I wrote entitled

“Etymology of the Idiom ‘Scapegoat’.” My teacher is even on board *and supportive* of the Gospel presentation! After I present my paper, there will be a time for people to ask me questions about the topic.

Please pray that God will use this opportunity to generate interest in and create understanding of the Good News. Pray that the even the Muslim students will give consideration to Jesus as the one and only Saviour Who died and rose again, purchasing our salvation, and fulfilling God’s plan and the picture portrayed by the scapegoat in Leviticus.

Additionally, there are plans for some exciting things to happen this summer! A friend of mine named Andrew has purchased his tickets and is flying over to Ukraine here for a few weeks. I’m sure that he would appreciate any financial assistance in this if someone is looking to help. He is also currently attending online Bible college classes and actively involved at Grace Baptist (our home church) and at the church that is now being planted as well. At this time, I feel like it would be premature to share all of the plans that are being made, but even if half of them work out, you’re going to have lots to read about in our July and August prayer letters. Pray that these big plans work out. Depending on how things develop this month, I may be able to share more in our next prayer letter about what we are planning.



Thank you for your faithful support and prayers!

Jonathan  
Skean &  
Family