

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

The Lord continues to pour out His blessings in more wonderful ways. We are departing for our abbreviated furlough tomorrow. This will be a three month trip back to the states for the purpose of raising our support level since we were hit with a four hundred dollar a month drop in support due to the exchange rate. Lord willing before it is over I will have been in over twenty new churches. Please pray with us that this will be a time of good meetings and new support raised.

I have continued discipling Kai. As I wrote in my last prayer letter Kai is a 24 year old Chinese young man who I met in language class last year. Last month he trusted Christ and is excited about learning more about the Bible. He asked me whether or not when praying he needed to do the crucifix across his body with his hand. There is much traditionalism here and many people who pray that way have no idea why they do it. Please pray for Kai as I will be away and able only to correspond with him through email. There is another missionary here who will also try and help Kai as he grows in his new found faith.

This month I was busy in the village of Dubliany working with the Ukrainian young people there who still have no pastor. Kai went with me each Friday night and the group was growing numerically as well as spiritually I believe. I asked each of them to give a testimony of how God had blessed them in the last week. All but one young man gave a testimony. He said it was not that he could not think of one but that he was not going to give one. I asked him what he had done in the last week. He answered that he had been working. I asked, "Where?" He said, "At the store." I asked if he had gotten shot, and everyone laughed. He looked at me and said, "If I had gotten shot I would not be here." I said, "Well isn't that a blessing?" This group also is one that I will miss personally while we are gone and ask your prayers for.

When we come back from our trip to the states we are hoping to start a work here in the village of Sokilniky where we now live. There seems to be an open door here and we are just praying for the Lord's wisdom and direction in the best way to minister and meet the needs of the people here. Thank you for all of your encouragement and support as we serve the Lord in a foreign field.

In Christ,

Tim Bagwell and family

Missionaries in Ukraine!