

Levi & Nastya Brinkerhoff

Serving in Svitlovodsk, Ukraine

Winter 2012-2013 Update



We're encouraged and blessed to see how Jesus is working in His church and growing us by the power of His Spirit. He continually reminds us that it is His church, His work. Here's an update on how things are going and some changes that have been happening. We'd first like to mention that right now our pastor Ben and his family are in the States. They will be there from March until the beginning of June. Pray for them as they are there, for a blessed time with friends and family as they share about the ministry here in Svitlovodsk. We would also be deeply grateful for prayers as Levi is in charge of the church and Nastya is taking care of a lot of administration areas while the Morrisons are gone. He will be teaching through Colossians during this time.

Worship team:

We've been blessed to see growth in the team with new equipment and instruments, and with new members. Ira will be playing the keyboard and Tanya will be singing. We're excited to see additions to the team and ministry, and await to see how the Lord will further direct and grow us. While the Morrisons are in the States, Dima will be acting as worship leader. Pray for him (and his family!) as he takes on this role. We would also appreciate prayer for the team in general with these new additions – that the Lord would bless us as we seek to use the talents He's given us for His glory, and get used to the new dynamics and each other's playing styles.

Youth Group:

After many changes within the youth group, a few months back we decided to put it on hold. Lord willing, this will not be long-term. We are already planning on continuing it at the beginning of the next school year. In the meantime, we are doing a monthly college and career group for students and young adults. We've been going through a wonderful course called "The Gospel-centered Life." It's been great to be reminded once again of what the Gospel is and how Jesus radically changes our lives by it. Though there officially is no youth group at this time, Levi has continued doing a Bible study every other week with a couple young guys from the youth group. They're going through the GCL material as well. It's been a great time of focused discipleship. Pray for these young men, that their lives would be centered on the Gospel and they would grow in their understanding of who Jesus is and whom He has made them to be in Him.

Church Registration:

We recently finished the process of officially registering the church! (It's a bureaucratic venture of epic proportions!) Nastya has been in charge of all of the documentation and will continue in this ministry acting as the church accountant. Please keep her in your prayers as she did not study to be an accountant, but desires to serve to the best of her abilities and be a good representative of the church before government authorities.

Please also keep Sunday school teachers especially in your prayers – that the Lord would bless those who are currently serving, and raise up more as He wills.



Christmas Service:

It was a while back, I know, but it was a great service! We had a packed house and a few unbelievers come. We even got a rare group shot with most of the church! Here are some pictures.

Orphanages:

As we shared in a previous newsletter, the government is tightening things up with churches being allowed to serve in orphanages. We were told we're not allowed to come anymore to the orphanages in our city. But the Lord loves to work wonders and opened the door to go to both orphanages and do a special Christmas program. With Easter around the corner, we will be contacting the orphanage directors to ask them if we can come and do an Easter program. Our ultimate desire is to be able to go on a continual basis and share the love of Jesus with these children. The Lord knows what plans He has for us and them. Please pray that His will would be done and for the salvation of the orphans of Ukraine. The Ukrainian translation of the Jesus Storybook Bible is still in process. Money is still being raised to print and distribute them. Please keep this process in prayer. Also that the Lord would open the hearts of orphanage directors across Ukraine to receive and pass out these free Bibles, or would like to donate towards the orphans of Ukraine receiving them, please contact Levi via his email.

Our Family:

As an answer to prayer, our support has increased since our trip to the States. We're very grateful to all of our supporters. We are at about 50% of our long-term goal, but trust the Lord to continue to faithfully provide for our needs, as He has been doing to this day.

We recently purchased a new mattress for our bed, as our previous one was 8 years old (Levi's parents bought it for themselves when they first moved to Ukraine in '05!) As Levi's had back problems of late, we decided it would be a good investment. And it sure has! We're thankful for little (actually BIG!) things like a good-night's sleep.

Financial Support:

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