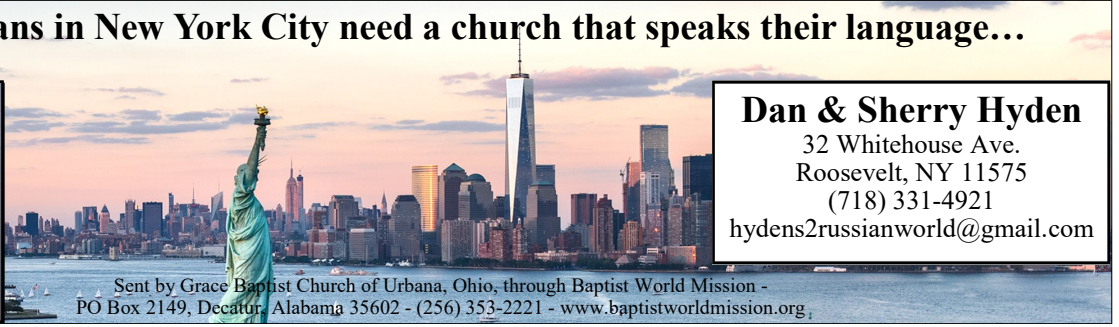


600,000 Russians in New York City need a church that speaks their language...



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Dear friend,

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Christmas is a time when many families gather together, so it's a perfect time to give you some good news. In our most recent letter, we asked you to pray for Olga and her sons, one of whom (Matthew, on the right) had spent the summer in Belarus with Olga's mother, Katya. It appeared that he might not be allowed to leave that country and rejoin his mother and brother here, but he and his grandmother were both eventually able to cross the border and then make their way to New York. Thank you for your prayers for them! Olga now asks us to pray for her mother's salvation, as well as for the salvation of two of her college professors.



We also rejoice that we were able to do some travelling, first to Washington, D.C., and then to visit churches in Indiana, Ohio, and Connecticut. We were very excited that the church in Indiana, that we had visited six years ago and that had already been a blessing to our family even longer than that via their radio ministry, decided to also begin supporting our ministry!

The other two churches were a blessing to us in other ways. The church in Ohio (which already supports us), has changed pastors, and we were glad to get acquainted with the new pastor and his family, and to hear of how they are seeing the Lord strengthen and grow the church. We gleaned some good ideas from them! And in Connecticut, the pastor and his wife there are simply two of the most faithful people that we know. It is a pleasure and an encouragement just to be around them. May we all be a sweet savor to the Lord, and a shining light to the world!

Sherry organized a ladies' meeting at our church in October. She showed the ladies an object lesson on how and why they should be having personal daily devotions with the Lord.



Although we were away from New York on Halloween, the house we stayed in had a lot more trick-or-treaters than usually come to our house, and we were ready for them with candy and gospel tracts. Another recent child-focused event for us was Operation Christmas Child. Our church filled 28 shoe boxes with gifts and the Gospel to send overseas.



Our annual Thanksgiving meal and service at the church was special. With almost 70 people in attendance, nine of them didn't speak any Russian at all, and another man knew very little of the language. This is the largest group of non-Russian-speaking people (and visitors) that we have ever had. One of these men has been coming to Dan's Bible study in Queens, not because he understands Russian, but only because he wants to speak with Dan after the Bible study is over. Also attending was another family that we hadn't seen in more than a year. Please pray for Igor's family to become faithful once again!



Our family continued to reach out to our local police precinct, and we will be doing so again after the first of the year. We will also be reaching out to our neighbors again, so please continue to pray for their salvation.

May the Lord give you a wonderful season filled with light, love, family, and fruit!

Serving our Saviour,

*Dan, Sherry,
Shastya, Dabriel, Emma, & Kelsie*