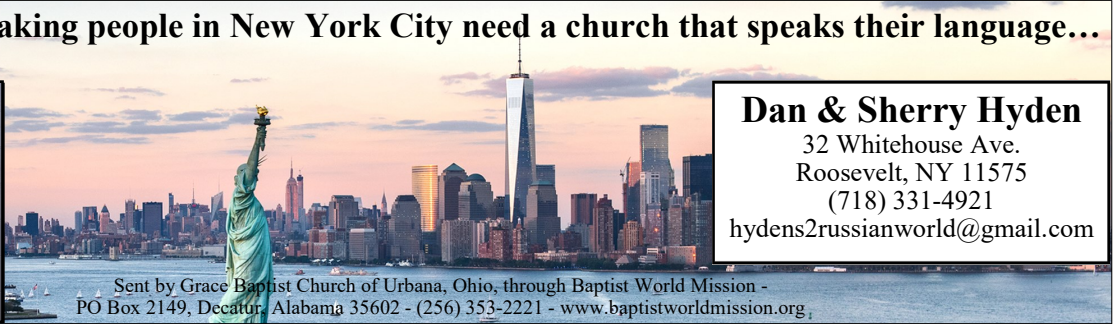


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Dear friend,

We hope that your summer was a happy one! We began it with a church picnic on June 29. We were happy that most of the planning and preparation was done by our church members, as it is a sign of their increasing maturity. We were also very happy that two visitors were brought to the picnic! Both of them have subsequently come to multiple church services, and one of them is attending regularly. In fact, we have had multiple visitors this summer in each of our three weekly services: Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday!

A visit to Pennsylvania in July for an Independence Day picnic allowed us to give a brief update to one of our supporting churches. Also, in July, Kelsie went to New Jersey for a week of church camp, and some of Dan's family came and stayed with us for a week.



August was a big month! We baptized Zina on August 4, and our Vacation Bible School (which we call "Summer Adventure Club") began the following day. Just like last year, some of our neighbor children rode with us each night to the church. Sherry was in charge of registration, Gabe helped to run all the games, Emma helped in a class, Dan counted money, and we all helped with set-up, decorations, and clean-up. The Lord answered prayer, and one new family has been back to visit our church as a result of that week!



The very next Sunday featured a sacred concert at church with our own Lana, who is now 13 and has sung at Carnegie Hall. Sherry and Shastya both put a lot of work into making this possible!



Two weeks later, on August 25, was the Brighton Jubilee! This is our largest outreach event each year. We set up a literature booth all day during one of NYC's largest street festivals.

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We requested prayer that the Lord would send many helpers for the event, and He brought in nine more helpers than we were expecting, which was excellent! The Gospel was explained, and at least 1,500 gospel tracts were distributed. A few people told us that they wanted to visit our church, and we also reconnected with three people who used to attend our church regularly but have been absent for quite a while.



Throughout the summer, Dan has preached four times for our English partner church and another time for a church in Queens. Sherry has begun teaching another round of ESL (English as a Second Language) and she also spoke at a bridal shower on September 14. Six days later, Dan performed the wedding ceremony for the happy couple in Central Park!



Pastor Bickel (who is pastor of our English church) has a son who pastors a church about 100 miles away from us in Connecticut. His church was a big help to us in our VBS last year, and they also helped us to celebrate the English church's 25th anniversary in May, so we were happy to help them celebrate their own 25th anniversary with a similar carnival in September! We were especially glad that the games some of our Ukrainian men made for our anniversary are getting repeated use!



Please continue to pray that the Lord will keep Alex from alcohol. Please also continue to pray for the salvation of Ruslan, Lana's dad. Ruslan's father passed away in Russia this month. We also have a ladies' meeting coming in October, and then Thanksgiving!

May this autumn season be a beautiful and fruitful harvest time for you!

Serving our Saviour,  
Dan, Sherry, Shastya, Gabriel, Emma, & Kelsie