



Eternal Perspective

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Hillebrands serving in Ukraine/Eurasia/Asia

Rainy Season

The country in Asia where we minister is now having their rainy season. Randy has been receiving pictures and reports of the rains. Often the flooding is so bad that rescue efforts are needed. Pastor Daniel sometimes helps by taking food and water to people in need.

We are grateful for the gifts which are coming in for the purchase of land and the building of an orphanage and church. One thought Randy had is placing two of the orphanages we work with, not just one, on the property along with the church. This would save them each a lot of money, and they could work together in the ministry along with providing food for both orphanages. One of the pastors is already raising pigs to help support his orphans. The idea of adding a greenhouse was suggested in which to grow vegetables for their families.

Please pray with us for the funds needed for this project. If you would like to contribute, please send your gift to Crossworld, account # 57729 (Hillebrands). Thank you!

Summer is flying by because of much preparation and teaching for camp ministry (VBS). The main VBS we helped with was in northwestern Ukraine. Annette prepared and taught crafts for the 92 children in the mornings and during free time. The kids loved them though it was a challenge doing them outside and crazy in the afternoons. They kept coming to our room wanting to do more. One boy named Ilya followed her around all week after she had interpreted for him when he was ill and prayed for him. Randy laid out the lesson plan on the theme of love, taught three of the lessons and ran errands as needed during the week. Praise the Lord that the end result was that a number of the children trusted in Jesus for salvation, Ilya being one of them!



An unexpected request was for us to participate in another VBS for three days just prior to leaving for the one above. Randy prepared the Bible lessons, and each day we took along two other Americans to help teach them in English and play games with the children. The last day Annette taught the wordless bracelet as a craft which explains the gospel by using the color of the beads.

Later we headed down to southern Ukraine to teach pastors and women. Randy taught two days and Annette one. The challenge is help them get away from legalism and focus on the real meaning of the gospel message. An older pastor told Randy after he had taught several lessons, "As a result of this I think that we will see a lot of souls saved." It was obvious that many were thinking about the purpose and goals of the church, and how to build bridges and not walls in regards to evangelism. Randy explained that oftentimes believers use themselves as the standard for Christianity which builds walls as they point out the sins of others that are merely external things such as smoking or drinking. One pastor responded by saying, "Yes, and we only point out the things in our lives that we want people to see, not the things that we do not want them to see." They were getting it! We have been asked to return in November to continue teaching them.



Annette sold many books and taught the women on the spiritual disciplines, hospitality and why God allows trials in our lives. One woman, whose two adult children had already died, asked in tears what she had done wrong, what was her sin for this to have happened? How could she rejoice in this trial? [In this culture people believe that when bad things happen to them it's because there's sin in their life (even if it's just having a bedwetting child)]. We all tried to comfort and encourage her, as well as alleviate her guilt.

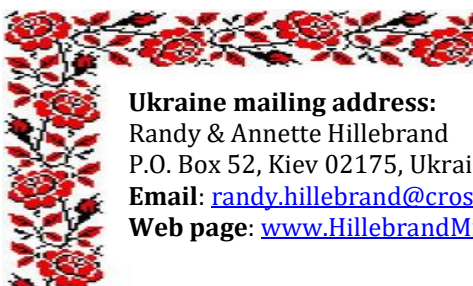
Off to Africa now!? Randy has been asked to go to Togo, West Africa, to train pastors and assist in evangelism in villages where people are greatly opposed to the gospel. You may remember that Randy wrote material for these pastors on the topic of spiritual warfare. The pastor Randy would work with is the director of Source of Light International for Togo. He is an impressive man with many incredible ministries. He feels that his ministry is to go to the places that are the most opposed to the gospel, where others have literally been run out of town. In one of the villages they would not allow him to mention the name of Jesus or the words, "Bible, pastor or church." There are idols buried throughout this village which the people believe are the village's spiritual foundation. One thing which opened the door for him in this village was when he handed out 40+ Samaritan Purse Shoeboxes to the children. He would like Randy to come for a period of up to one month. Please pray for wisdom whether or not he should accept this invitation.



1. For the outreaches in both VBS's and for the children who were saved.
2. That the teaching of the pastors and women was well received and that the men are thinking about how to make necessary changes to improve their churches and ministries.
3. That Elya and Joseph have found a new house in Houston and are moving next week. Please pray for their move, readjustments and a new job for Elya as well.
4. That we were able to present our missions trip to Asia in Pavel's church in Pervomaysk. Randy preached on missions, and Annette offered books for sale. Please pray for them to get involved in missions, especially with the Romani who live in their neighborhoods.



1. The children who were saved at camp, for their spiritual growth and that the other children would trust in Christ as well.
2. The pastors and women to apply what we taught them.
3. Wisdom for Randy whether he should accept the invitation to Togo.
4. Wisdom for Randy as he begins writing the next five Farsi lessons.
5. Luke as he will learn of his new assignment this month. He would like to stay overseas, but it looks like he could end up at Ft. Hood in Texas near Elya and Joseph. Please pray for God's perfect placement.
6. Annette as she prepares and teaches crafts for one last VBS at our church this month, for many children to come each day and for their salvation.
7. English Club with university students which will start the end of September for two weeks. For just the right students to attend who are open to studying the Bible and hearing about Jesus.
8. Good health as we have faced some challenges in this area. Especially for Randy's eyes to improve.
9. Continued growth in the Lord for us and our children, as well as for grace in understanding Russian/Ukrainian and the ability to communicate more effectively. Thank you so much!!!



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