



# Eternal Perspective

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*Hillebrands serving in Ukraine/Eurasia/Asia*



**Things are happening in Asia!** We along with Pastor Daniel want to thank all of you - individuals, churches and VBS's -- who gave toward the purchase of land. On September 13 a plot of 1.33 acres was purchased for an orphanage/ church/ministry center to be called, "New Life Center." Due to the high price of land, we could only afford a space large enough for one of the two orphanages. It is a blessing that the land already has electricity and a well plus a fence around it. Here is a picture of the dedication service for the land with some Daniel's church members (blurred for security). This has been a prayer request of Daniel's for eight years. He said that with tears his family and orphans prayed for this property.



Daniel has planted banana and mango trees and hopes to plant other kinds which will produce different crops year round. Another desire is to have a greenhouse and a place to raise pigs, and possibly some goats as a source of milk for the children. The goal is to have this ministry become self-sufficient. We helped Daniel purchase this land because he is a leader of pastors and trains church planters. He is ambitious with a great vision for his country. Since starting in ministry, he has had to move 14 times on short notice so having a permanent home and ministry center will free him up to focus more on evangelism, church planting and the training of church leaders. Estimates to build a two-story structure will require an additional \$16,000 of the \$21,000 needed. There is another option for a concrete building, but that would cost \$35,000, so we are looking at the cheaper option. We would encourage you to be a part of this second phase. It would be great if it could be completed by February when we plan to teach there again. It will take about 2 1/2 months to build. Please send your donations to Crossworld (address at the bottom of the 2<sup>nd</sup> page). Please state it's for account number 57729, "My. Building Project."



We are currently in the middle of a two-week English Club with university students through a Campus ministry. We have about 24 students in our class, just four of whom are guys. Please pray for us as we continue to build relationships with them, for their openness to spiritual truth and a desire to become involved in the activities Campus offers for them in the future where they can hear more about God.

Sadly Randy's ministry with the Farsi work has come to an end. After finishing his last project, he was informed that this ministry is now moving in a direction which no longer needs his skills as they will be working with only Farsi speakers. This was a disappointment as Randy really enjoyed being a part of this ministry. However after prayer about the next step, three opportunities were presented to Randy which he will be considering. All three would expand his ability to train church leaders in Ukraine, which he has desired for some time. Please pray for wisdom and direction in these potentially new endeavors.

One of the opportunities is to be involved in the training of military chaplains. After speaking to the Kiev pastors about how to reform their churches (as part of the 500-year Reformation anniversary theme), the main Baptist chaplain said that he would like to use Randy as a teacher in his ministry. This is the ministry that Annette is involved in by providing books and baked goods for the war widows and their children. For the first time on September 29, Randy spoke to 27 Baptist chaplains on the theme of, "Can a Christian serve in the military?" This is a controversial issue here as the churches and Christians traditionally have been pacifistic, and as a result are against this as well as against chaplains. They view chaplains as being guilty of killing because they are supporting soldiers. This is also the first time in Ukrainian history that the military is



accepting Protestant chaplains. Therefore these men need to be encouraged in their ministry and to understand that what they are doing is biblically sound. Randy gave a brief summary on pacifism in this part of the world and compared the difference between killing and murder as both words are translated the same in Ukrainian and Russian. He then gave a biblical foundation for war, why Christians can serve as chaplains and soldiers in the military and the responsibility of the church. His teaching seemed to be well received. Please pray for these men and how Randy might partner with this ministry in the future.

Screams of delight ended the VBS follow-up evening at our church as Annette had made a piñata (globe) full of candy for the children to break. Her craft times went well during the week though it was crazy and challenging at times. The children enjoyed their creations that were often interwoven with spiritual truth. Our theme was God's creation, hence the globe piñata. It was great to have many unchurched kids come to VBS for the first time. Some have even started coming to Sunday school now.

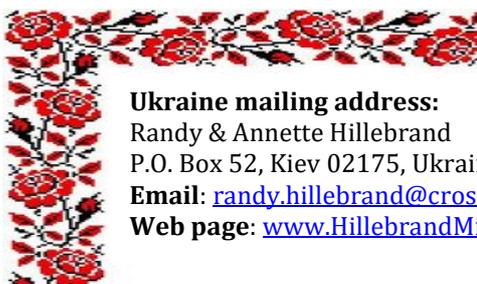
Other things that have kept Annette busy were finding and sending more books to the pastor in the village who requested 20 copies on the spiritual disciplines. She also baked lots of cookies and brownies for the war widow outreach and English Club. Recently she organized and provided all the resources for the ladies in our church to make 100 greeting cards to be given to chaplains to be distributed to the soldiers serving in the warzone. At the final party this Friday she will offer free books for the university students on topics such as apologetics, is the Bible true, can it be trusted, as well as other books of interest to them.



1. For the land purchase for Pastor Daniel's family and ministry.
2. For the three new training opportunities which opened up for Randy.
3. For the opportunity to build relationships with university students through English Club and share the good news of Jesus with them.
4. That Elya and Joseph, after having just moved to Houston in August, were not flooded out by Hurricane Harvey. Both have started and are enjoying their new jobs.
5. That Luke has returned to the US to serve at Ft. Hood, not too far from Elya and Joseph. Please pray for a good adjustment back and new responsibilities, as well as being able to reconnect with his sister.



1. For our final week of English Club. That the students will continue to come, seek truth and find salvation in Jesus even after club is over.
2. The additional funds needed to build the ministry center in Asia.
3. Direction for Randy as he looks at three new ministry opportunities.
4. The chaplains Randy taught. That they would clearly understand the importance of their ministry and move forward despite any criticisms they may receive and for them to be effective in sharing the gospel with those they come in contact with. Also for their safety when in the warzone.
5. The short, one-week break we are taking from ministry with another missionary couple to go to the Carpathian Mountains in western Ukraine. For good weather, relaxing time and good fellowship with one another. Thank you so much for your interest in our ministries and prayer and financial support!!!



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