

Taldyqorghan Tidbits

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Praying to the Lord of the Harvest, LCMS World Mission, in collaboration with its North American and worldwide partners, will share the Good News of Jesus with 100 million unreached or uncommitted people by the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017.

Settling In . . .

We have begun to think of this city as our “home”. With enough trips to the bazaar and surroundings stores we now recognize the places we want to go. Of course we adopted new names for some of the stores: the woman who has everything, the milk store, the light woman, babushka lane, the corner store, etc. The “light woman” even called us when the new supply of light fixtures arrived at her store. When we moved in only the living room had a light fixture and finally all of the bare hanging bulbs in the other rooms have been replaced!

Village Visits . . .

Pastor Sasha of the Evangelical Lutheran Church invited us to go with him to the Bible study groups that meet in two neighboring villages. He goes every Thursday and Friday to study God’s Word or have a worship service with these groups. Both groups presently consist of older women that are of German background. Tekeli is located 20 miles from the city and was a closed city in the earlier years because of the factories that produced army supplies. Now it is a dying community with many apartments deserted and some boarded up. The other village, Karabulok, is approximately 6 miles outside the city. This week we stayed after Bible study and walked around Tekeli and talked to an English teacher at one of the schools near the church. Pray that the Lord will grant us wisdom as we seek his will for potential work in these two communities. It is our hope that the individuals we have met at these locations will assist in contacting the individuals that have completed the Bible correspondence course through Lutheran Hour Ministries.



One Sunday we went with Victor from the Evangelical Lutheran Church to the village of Kroopski. Victor is a lay leader in the church and goes to Kroopski the first Sunday of every month. He encourages the group of believers in this community that gather on a regular basis and is often invited to give a message. Liza, who is pictured here, has been a believer all her life. Two days a week groups meet at Liza’s home for prayer and Bible study. She invited us for lunch after the service and we enjoyed a few hours of conversation before returning to church for the afternoon Bible study. Liza gets our award for Miss Hospitality!

Prayers and Praise . . .

- Wisdom as we seek God’s will about work in the villages of Tekeli, Karabulok, and Kroopski.
- Continued relationship building with the individuals we have met.
- Guidance and direction on ministry endeavors.
- Grandson Benjamin’s appointment with the neurologist went well. The doctor said that Benjamin laid in the womb wrong and that is why he is weaker on one side. They did an MRI and might possibly do one again in a month—two ventricles are enlarged. Their next appointment is with a physical therapist. The doctor thinks that within 18 months Benjamin should be doing fine.

“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

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