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Dear Praying Friends,

Since our last update we've been reminded that life is *"a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away."* It seems we were just asking you to pray about our upcoming session and graduation at SBI in May. **Praise the Lord for our student body who came with a desire to learn, for new students who enrolled, and for the teachers and staff who came to minister to God's servants.** A special blessing of answered prayer was the growth of our deaf student body with four students in attendance. Not only did teaching take place during the week, but also graduation services. It was a special time for our graduates to celebrate with friends and family. Their

diplomas from SBI represent four to five years of diligent work. It is only paper, but the biblical training the diploma represents will be a foundation to help support their ministries for a lifetime of service.

SBI is sponsoring numerous summer camps through local churches located across Ukraine, including many in which our students will be leading the camp. One of these camps will be in the Lugansk region. This area is not far from the fighting in Ukraine. It will be our third summer to go and assist this local church where the pastor is a student at SBI Advanced. We pray to see an increase again this year, not only in number, but in the work of the Lord in the hearts of the people. Last year children brought their parents and grandparents to the last day of camp, where the gospel was preached. Please pray for our various camp ministries this summer, especially one that will provide a missional opportunity outside the boundaries of Ukraine.

In three weeks, we'll be traveling to Central Asia with select students from SBI to serve in an Islamic country that is considered 98.7% unreached with the gospel! Pray for our protection and safety and for the Lord to give us wisdom and boldness as we serve in local church and camp ministry. Pray for our students as they see the great need and contemplate the Lord's will for their lives. Our students are young and have their ministries ahead of them. However, life is a vapor, and soon these opportunities for ministry will be behind them. C.T. Studd understood this when he wrote, *"Only one life to live twill soon be past, only what's done for Christ will last."* May we all heed this truth and fully serve Him with our allotted time, with all our hearts for His glory!

For the glory of Christ in Ukraine,

Derek and Julie

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P.S. If you have not received a printable version of this prayer letter by email, but would like to, please write us at dthomas.sbi@gmail.com.



Spring Session 2019 Student Body and Staff (including two of our newest students on the front left who attended with momma and papa).



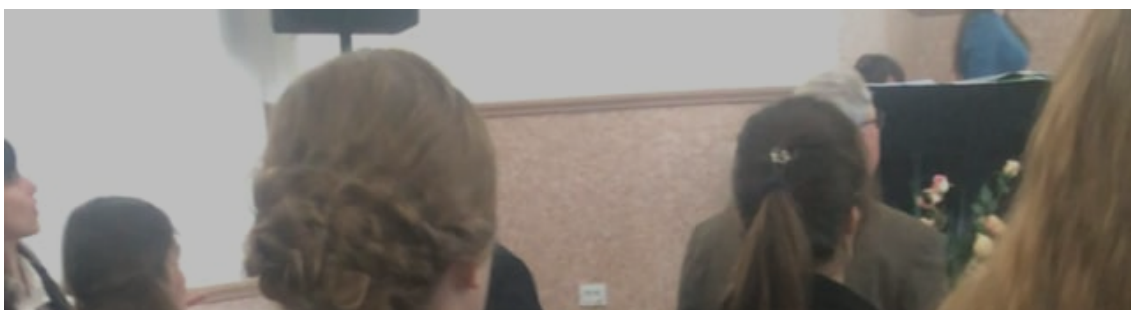
Deaf student body with our deaf translator Ira! With the large number of deaf people in Ukraine, pray for the Lord to give us more servants to train for this most needy harvest.



Slavic Baptist Institute's graduating class 2019 with staff.



SBI Choir singing during a chapel service of our Spring session. They are singing praise or glory to the One who is risen.





Congregational singing during our closing service. Do you recognize the song we're singing?



One of our graduates Dima, who'll be accompanying us to Central Asia for our summer mission's trip.



Pray for our church plant ministry in Kyiv. The Lord has opened a door with the ministry of Couriers for Christ from America. They'll be coming in September with workers, Bibles and John/Romans booklets to distribute within the region of Kyiv where we plan to begin the church. At the end of the week of distribution we plan an evangelistic meeting to help facilitate the church plant. If you'd like to participate in this ministry, please contact us.



The canola plants in Ukraine are in full bloom heading for the time of harvest this fall. But what about the harvest of souls in Ukraine? The harvest is passing for many who've never heard of the love and grace of God. Will they be able to say with those of Jeremiah 8:20, "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."



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