

# The Schrocks

Your Missionaries to the  
Former Soviet Republic of  
Belarus

May 11, 2010

Dear Pastor Constantino and Members of Lighthouse Baptist Church,

Thank you again for your thoughts and prayers. It means so much to us. We did lose the main family that at one time was the center of the church family. It has been hard and in some ways, we are starting again. Also, Vladimir is now full-time with the Rene's in the Minsk church, which leaves a hole in ours but we praise God for their fellowship in the ministry. Regardless, we believe God has more people in this city that we will affect for Him. His call to serve in Dzershinsk is real and His grace is also real.

*We rejoice to be able to tell you that Gina is expecting. Thank you to all who have prayed for us many years. Now at 40, we are eagerly anticipating this miracle and huge change in life. A special blessing in this is that Gina's mom and two aunts are here (for the first time) at this incredible point in our lives. Praise the Lord! Words cannot express what we are experiencing.*

#### Other major events:

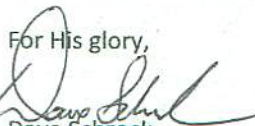
- ❖ Marina's dad in Armenia died suddenly of a stroke. She had just gotten her documents in order and was able to go for the funeral and be with her family. It really was miraculous how God allowed her to go. We do not know, but most likely, he was not saved. It was a time of great sorrow, but Marina was so obviously filled with God's strength and peace.
- ❖ Georgi and I had two great conversations about his salvation. He still is unsaved, which he clearly understands and makes no pretense to being saved, praise God. Twice in his life now (one was 20 years ago and the second was last week), he has met people he knew in his youth that were completely changed by God's grace. These two testimonies are so powerful that he has come under great conviction about the truth of the gospel. One plants, one waters, but "God gives the increase."
- ❖ Anatoly, Vladimir's uncle, died suddenly last week. He drank constantly and finally died from it. Vladimir witnessed to him many times but he always rejected the simple truths of salvation. As we picked up his body at the morgue and went to the cemetery to bury him, I was overwhelmed by the hopelessness and emptiness of life without Christ. Not one friend, only his sister and two nephews, came to bury him. In life, death and eternity – friendless and lost.
- ❖ Special service: Resurrection Sunday was a wonderful day with several lost people in attendance. Two older folks raised their hands for salvation, but again with some of them, it is hard to see what they understand. Everything is so filtered by their understanding of religion. Pray that we would be able to draw the net properly.

One of our young people, Karina, is planning to go to Bible college in the States. We have always said we would never send anyone to the States because they usually do not return. However, as I was praying about our young people that we have invested in who got swallowed up by the system, God spoke to me about sending her to Fairhaven Baptist College. She will not be able to just get the "American experience" there because of the personal, hands-on ministry and philosophy. Everyone who has ever known Karina has seen that God has something special for her. We would love to see her here in the future, but if she ends up serving God faithfully anywhere, we will be happy. She has had very difficult times spiritually in the prep school and dorm life in Minsk, but she has come through without rejecting God. In the midst of adversity, she has had to take a stand for God, keeping a desire for God and His will. Please pray for God's will, direction, wisdom and financial decisions for us and for her.

The Rene' family is back in Belarus. Praise God. He is working on the land and building issues involved with getting Belrancho (a Christian horse ranch which will serve as a ministry and also as a business to be able to get visas through) up and moving. The bureaucracy is a great hassle. Continue praying for Brother Steve's health, ministry and work this summer on the ranch.

We are again planning a very active summer with teen and children's activities. Pray for true decisions, growth, workers, protection, and wisdom in leading. At least two camping times will be in June; the big church picnic/outreach is on July 3; day camp/VBS will be in the middle of July; the Ukraine trip will be at the end of July.

God bless as you head into the summer. We greatly appreciate your faithful support during this difficult economic crisis.

For His glory,  
  
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