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Hello everyone,

It's been awhile since I have written, this month my mom and step dad were here visiting for the whole month. It was absolutely wonderful. The only thing bad about the whole thing was that they had to go back home. :(We were also blessed this month with a very dear friend from our home church, Sara Buchanan. She was able to stay with us about 5 days. It seemed like such a short time, but it was very precious! We thoroughly enjoyed her stay here with us. We were able to take her to the hospital and the orphanage while she was here, along with some sight seeing, learning some of the history of Crimea and the Russian people.

Since Tony just sent our August Prayer Letter off to BIMBI, there is little that he didn't cover. ha-ha Sooo, this may be one of my shorter updates. :)

This month while Mom and Ray were here, we were able to have a youth activity. Tony and Ray took our teen boys camping along with Marc, Joshua and Caleb. They had an interesting time to say the least. One of the boys was saying some bad words which he was corrected for that evening and then the next day he was saying some more and one of the other boys corrected him and he got upset and walked off. Now they were in the mountains, and could not find him. Then after looking for him for several hours they decided to go to his home to talk with the mother. Ended up that the boy (Sasha) was at home but refused to talk with Tony. The mother said that she would talk with him and they would both be in church the next day, but they didn't come. Please pray for Sasha. There is a deeper problem there. Very unhappy, Father works in another city so is unable to see him often. Tony wants to go visit him again soon. Please pray for this meeting.

Also during the time Tony went looking for Sasha, Tony's license plate fell off into the stream. A man called out to Tony and let him know. Well, the man wanted money for the license plate. Tony told him no, but he insisted so Tony told him that he was going to call the militia (police) and then he got his camera and took a picture of the man's license plates and also his van. After this, Tony was away from the man for a minute and we believe that the man put our license plate underneath some rocks in the stream so that the militia wouldn't find them on him. Needless to say, He didn't get the license plate from the man, Until, after a little while later when Tony took his last trip around the area looking for Sasha, there was a big truck with men taking rocks out of the stream when all of a sudden, some of the men shouted at Tony when they noticed the plates that they had found matched Tony's back plate. So instead of having to buy new plates for the van, God put that truck with those men at that time there to find his plates. Praise the Lord!

While Tony was camping, Mom and I were at home with our teenage girls and Anna having a sleep over. We had a wonderful time with lots of fun.

Praise the Lord for His continued care.

Please pray for this school year. I will be teaching Marc 4th grade which is a big year for him and Joshua 2nd grade and will be starting Caleb this year in K4. We start on this Monday the 6th. So, this year will be very busy for me as I also have my language school. I sure do covet your prayers.

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