

Hello all,

Here we are after a big weekend. Friday and Saturday we had a big "Go for the Gold" Olympic Games for the teens. We had about 10 teens there and played tons of games. They had tons and tons of fun. Since we only had enough for two teams we could only give out the Gold and the Silver metals. It was lots of fun though.

Saturday after the games were over we headed to the lake and had a baptism. 8 people from our hearing church were baptized. As we were standing around waiting for others to get there, Caleb had walked off a little ways and laid down in some grass. I walked over there to him to check on him and see what was wrong and he told me he wasn't feeling good. So while we were talking, Bro. Roland came up to me and said that the Militia asked to move the children away because there was a dead body. We didn't even know it until Bro. Roland mentioned it, but the body was just on the other side of the tree that Caleb and I were standing at. I am so glad we didn't go around the tree. Some men came and took the body away. It was an older man laying around some trash. Looked like he might have been drinking.

Yesterday was a big day. The Americans arrived for the Evangelistic Crusade this week. Dr. Bob Gray preached in the deaf service and Dr. Henry Benach preached in the hearing service. We had some ladies in our church prepare a meal for the group after deaf church and then fixed sandwiches for the evening. The ladies did a wonderful job. Sunday was also Bread of Life Sunday. We gave everyone a loaf of bread and decorated the front of the church with all kinds of different breads. The ladies did a wonderful job on this as well. Very pretty. They had the Bible opened in the middle of all the bread, since it is the true Bread of Life. We had a great turn out yesterday, about 167 people there. During our hearing service one of our teenage girls came with her mother to talk with us. This is the family of Era and Sasha. They said that while they were in the village with their grandmother, their father was at home in the apt. That morning at about 2:00 am their apt. caught on fire and burnt completely. The father was found in the apt. after the firemen had already put the fire out. He has burns on 20% of his body which includes his face and chest and then had some other burns as well. They are not sure as of yet if he is going to make it. The doctors gave them a list of the medicine he needed and the cost so far. The church gave a love offering to the family to help with their needs. It was very touching to see the care of the people towards this family. Praise the Lord. Era is going to school in town this year and had brought all her clothes back from the village which everything was destroyed in the fire so, I took her out shopping today to get some clothes and school books she needed. She will be staying with us for a little while, while things are being taken care of so she can go to school from here. Please pray for this family. Era woke up in the night crying. She had a really bad dream about her dad...was scared that he had died. We prayed with her and then sat with her until she was ready to go back to bed. The father is unsaved so please pray for his salvation. Nobody is allowed in to see him yet.

Please keep this week in your prayers for the Evangelistic Campaign. And please continue to pray for Dr. Sergei, he is not doing very well. He was doing a little better but has taken a turn for the worse.

We look forward to hearing from you. Take care and God bless.

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