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Dear prayer partners, church families and dear friends,

Thank you bushels for your support in prayer and finances.

These past two months have proven to be some of our most busy times since our arrival here on year and one month ago. We had the opportunity to head up a Neighborhood Bible Club this former week. We tried to make it a little like NBT (Neighborhood Bible Time) since I traveled back in time to visit a “scarlet thread” through the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Praise to the Lord! We were able to deal with many young people about salvation and a few we counseled on assurance of salvation. On Friday we had our best attendance of 48. Praise the Lord, time and eternity will tell the true lasting effects of our Gospel outreach this past summer in Pastor Bob Van Sant’s driveway.

We were able to take five little ones from our street. My wife was the mini-bus driver. We had our “closing program” on Sunday evening and encouraged the youngsters to bring their parents to church. Two new parents visited last Sunday, and this week one of my neighbor girls was telling me how much she wanted to come back this Sunday – Glory!!

We have addresses for all the kiddos that came that week and Sunday we are going to write postcards of invitation to the church for each of these homes. Please pray for our Bible Club follow-up!

Pastor Bob (as we all affectionately call him) should be returning at the end of this month. Things may return to a state of normalcy (whatever that is in the Ukraine) after his return.

We have done much work around the church grounds in the last few weeks as well. We had a new heating system installed (this is good news for those of us with little to no “insulation” [chub], who kept our coats and scarves on and tightly bundled during this past winter in the church). Actually, the cold church building just seemed to be fitting here, but now we have moved into the modern century of a warm church building; pray accordingly for continued warm hearts as well.

The typing of this letter finds me smack-dab in te middle of the flu. Very strange for me, especially in summer, but God’s ways are perfect and we know that **“ALL THINGS WORK TOGETHER FOR GOOD...”** The Lord knows how to slow me down so I can get this out to you and do some other things that I had set aside for the time being.

Please pray for my children as they are growing up here. Many of the young teens on our street smoke and... They are exposed, just by driving down the road, to untold “garbage” and sensual images. We are teaching, training, and instructing, but please join us as well in fervent prayer on behalf of the next generation of Hess “missionaries.”

One week from now we head to Kiev-area for our annual summer youth conference. There are eight teens going from my class and a total of 20 from our church. Pray for souls saved and lives

changed!! We are thankful for the work Brother David Sloan has done in putting this dynamic conference together.

Thank you for your giving. Because of you we are able to help folks – like thaman in our church named Sirgay (not the gloves man) who has been in intensive care for some two months with a blood clot in his head. He had no money for medicine, but a few of us missionaries got him some medicine and food. Sorely needed!! Now, Glory-Be!! We are seeing some open doors of witness up there in that section of this regional hospital. They are seeing Christ in us we hope and pray. More later. Love y'all and thank Jesus for ya.

Tony & Dawn Hess and those little HESS-kiddos....