

# *Fall Blessings*

*From the Tkachuk  
Family!*



*We greet you with the warmest greetings from Ukraine! It has been a busy couple of months since we last wrote; the end of the summer, beginning of the school year, canning season and preparations for a long winter ahead! We pray*



*that you are all doing well and enjoying the fall as much as we are. We hope you are blessed by reading our latest adventures. We are so thankful for each of you, miss you and love you all very much.*



We'll begin by telling about the end of our summer. First, we had the joy of celebrating Ruslan's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday with a wonderful team from Delaware! I cooked some of Ruslan's favorites and then the kids prepared a game for him in order for him to "earn" his present. He had to draw pieces of paper from a basket and do what each said. We think he earned his present and more!

We had the joy of getting to minister with the team as well at some of the places here in our city. We are bummed that it was only just a few days and next time ask them to stay a bit longer!!! We miss you guys and look forward to your next trip!



Our next adventure was on a 15 hour van ride to the Asov Sea where we were greeted by over 40 different puppet teams from different cities of former USSR! Our kids have had the blessing of being able to participate in a Christian Puppet Festival for two years and we have all enjoyed it very much. It's a place that they can go and learn new techniques and skills, worship the Lord with others and also have a little sea time in the midst of it all! Our little kids watched so many puppet shows in those days they were dreaming of puppets and songs!



After all the summer fun, we geared up for getting the kids ready for school! September 1<sup>st</sup> is always a big day in Ukraine. All the schools begin on the same day and they all have a ceremony called "The First Bell". It's a special day where all the parents come and open the school year together. We now have a senior in school, and two freshmen! Dima is still studying at the technical school about an hour and a half away from us, but comes home every weekend. I enjoy getting to fatten him up when he comes home on the weekends and send him back to school with some goodies! Our three little ones, Bogdan, Yulya and Isabella are in pre-school and they are still enjoying it very much, but everyday ask if it's time for them to go to school with the big kids!



What a wonderful summer and beginning of fall we have been blessed with. We pray that you have all been blessed by the presence of the Lord and feel His loving care each day as much as we do. We are still amazed at the amazing way He provides for us each moment of each day.

We thank you for all your prayers, love and support and ask you to continue in prayer with us for the following”

- Finances – any monthly support would be wonderful. Also, that we would be able to pay off the former owner of our home. We still owe \$29,000. It’s amazing what God has provided just in a year’s time as we owed him \$50,000!
- We have a backup hard drive that decided to stop working; it has all of our pictures on it from the past several years. Pray that it can be fixed and not too expensive as well!
- Ruslan and I will be travelling to the States in November and will be there for 5 weeks! It is a much needed break for the two of us as we have only had a couple of trips alone without children. We are looking forward to seeing you all!
- Pray for our kids and Ruslan’s mother while we are away. That they all stay healthy and they have no problems here at the house, power, water, etc.

With much love and gratefulness,

Ruslan, Archie and family

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**711 E. Front Street**

**Danville, PA 17821**

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Doing some repairs around the house and to the roof after a major storm put a hole in our roofing! Thanks Joe for the fun tools!



The girls were in a play about the fall; Isabella was an onion, Yulya was a potato. This was my first attempt at making costumes, not so bad?!

We have begun a youth group at our home, we have a meeting room in the building where the garage is, and our kids are enjoying to have a place to come together with other youngsters!

