

## **Greetings to First Baptist Church of Cave City!    March 2024**

Happy Easter to everyone, the Lord is risen and He is risen indeed. Jesus Christ has overcome death, sin and devil. He is our Redeemer and we are His children. May your hearts be filled with joy, hope, faith and gratitude for what Jesus Christ did for us. He is on the throne, He has all power and authority in heaven and on the earth, He is always with us and He is sending us to make disciples for Him to preach salvation, to tell good news to unbelievers.

The Lord gave us in March new contact Vitalik. I have pick him up after playing volleyball with him and gave him a ride to the other side of the city of he Lida. While we were riding, I have started to talk with him about the Lord. I have asked him what he thinks about God? He said the he is Eastern Orthodox. I have asked him, are you saved? He didn't know what to answer. Then, I have asked him, do you know how to be saved? He was not sure. I have started telling him what Jesus did for us on the cross and how to be saved. Also gave him a Christian Journal it is called Word of Truth. This journal has testimonies how people got saved through faith in Jesus Christ and how their lives were changed. Please, pray for salvation for Vitalik.

We had great service on Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup>, we had 26 in attendance from which 13 adults and 13 children. Sergei K. was reading from 1 Petr. 2:1-3, he was calling people to put off sin and to love the Word of God as little babies love mothers' milk. Nikolai M. was preaching from book of Galatians. Jews were trying to mix the law with grace. We are saved only by grace through faith, we don't need any pluses to our faith. We can't be saved by the law, we need Jesus, we need a Savior. We are sinners, we can't be saved by keeping the law. I was preaching on subject to be content in the Lord. The great gain to be content. Then, after service we had fellowship around the tables to build closer relationship with each other.

I had a great opportunity to talk to the doctor about the Lord and gave her and a nurse a Christian calendar. Also, gave a Christian calendar to automechanik. This calendar has a gospel message, who we are and how to be saved. Please, pray for their salvation.

The Lord has allowed us to have great service on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>, we had in attendance 29 adults from which 18 adults and 11 children. Sergei K. was reading in the beginning that we are justified by faith and have peace with God. Brother guest Leonid was preaching that God hears our prayers. We need to have faith when we pray. We need to be on guard, be sober, be ready for enemy attacks and remember that God always with us. Roma K. was preaching on subject: "Why should we go to the church regularly?" We need not to leave behind the church gathering. At the church we get build up by the Word of God, we get comforted. We bring fruit in the church; we serve the Lord in the church. The Church family bring disciple to us when we need it, we need to be under church authority.

It was a joy to tell gospel truth to Zanna and her daughter Kseniya. We were traveling from Minsk to Lida after my daughter Eva and her friend Kseniya tournament. I have to talk to Zanna conscience and she said that she is guilty before the Lord. The Lord gave an opportunity for two hours to tell the truth how to be saved and who paid the price for our guilt, also gave her a Christian Calendar with gospel message. Also, has invited her to our worship services and Bible studies, she said that she will come. Please, pray for salvation for Zanna and her daughter Kseniya.

We thank so very much everyone for your prayers and financial support. They mean a lot for us and for God's work here in Belarus, may the Lord bless you and pays you back richly.

With love, grace, peace and gratitude in the Lord,

John, Iryna, Elisha, Esther, Eve, Eleazar and Ephraim.

Lida, Belarus

Picture taken of Sunday worship service on March 10<sup>th</sup>

