

Deaf Missionary to Ukraine

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Dear Supporting Churches and Prayer Partners,

Simferopol Baptist Church voted to take financial support to Andrei Chernyavsky from Sevastopol as a missionary. Now our church supports two deaf missionaries and two hearing missionaries. It is a blessing to see the national church involve faith promises for the furtherance of the gospel.

One member, Vera Pryganova has a lung cancer and is not doing well. She has been faithful for many years. She might live for a few months. Pray for her as she needs God's comfort and grace.


Pastor Slava and I flew to the US to visit several churches and to attend Deaf Baptist Fellowship of America. Pastor Slava was scheduled to preach there. Bob and Judy Van Sant, veteran missionaries to Ukraine met us. We travelled together. One night we visited an Ukrainian deaf couple for supper and fellowship. On the way back to prophet chamber at Grace Baptist Church, we got lost in a dangerous neighborhood of Baltimore. We stopped and prayed for God's direction. We then stopped at a convenience store to ask directions. But it didn't help. In a few minutes a police car came and we asked the police officer for help. The pastor came and led us back to the church. God answered our prayer.

We travelled toward Ohio. As I was driving, the car went onto the rumble strip. I accidentally jerked the wheel back to the highway. The car spun toward the middle of the highway. A truck carrying 80,000 pounds of metal came toward us. We were only six feet away. Pastor Slava saw the driver and thought we were going to be killed. But by God's grace, the car moved away and the truck went straight through. However, the car hit the rack at the back side. It occurred at the exact time when Simferopol Baptist Church was praying for us. God took care and protected us. No one was injured at all!

We will start a new church plant in another city, Yevpatoria, in July. Pray for deaf people that they will open their eyes to the Gospel. We need your powerful prayers in reaching them. We need wisdom, vision and planning from God as we will enter Satan's territory and fight the battle with the Lord's help.

The blessing was that Adelphi Calvary Baptist Church, Rummels, Iowa has taken me as part of their missionary family. I didn't expect it and God bless us and them! Also, I am blessed to see the old faces at DBFA, especially veteran missionaries, Ray and Anita Bradley, to the Ecuador. They were the first missionaries exposed to me when I was a fresh graduate from Gallaudet University many years ago. I am encouraged by their faithfulness and dedication.

For His Harvest,



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...as sheep having no shepherd. Matthew 9:36

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