

# The Hearron Family Newsletter

## First Quarter 2018

### Missionaries to Russia

*On the field since 1996*



#### Ministry Update

We have yet again learned another lesson in being patient and the need to wait upon the Lord. Although we have been faithful to sow and water, it has been a long time since we have seen spiritual fruit from our labor. Many times I have thought that the Lord had forgotten about his servants in Siberia. However, January 1, 2018, the angels in heaven burst out with joy and praise over one sinner's repentant prayer and confession as their Lord, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Xiu Li Wang has been a friend of our family since 2001. She and her husband are Chinese and lived in the apartment just above ours. We began praying for them after we were invited to their home for dinner. We have remained friends since.

Over the years, they have visited various locations where we have held services listening intently to our Gospel preaching. For the last two years, however, they have come more frequently to our home in the village for more of the same. For the New Year's holiday, they along with their two younger teen children spent the night.

The next day we again took an opportunity to share the Gospel. This time Xiu Li was ready to repent and trust our Lord as Savior. Pray for her husband. He knows much but has yet been willing to take the same step of faith as his wife. Pray for her children to be saved, two which live here in Krasnoyarsk and an older daughter who is studying in America.



#### New Friends

In our last newsletter, we shared with you the sad news about our Caucasian Mountain dogs. The replacement puppies that we purchased last December are growing fast. The kids are bonding with them well. These dogs are more family oriented and love the attention showered upon them by our kids.

I must admit that Bonnie and I were somewhat apprehensive about not having large guard dogs for most of the winter. Our Caucasian Mountain dogs were giants and a deterrent to anyone considering jumping our fence. But the Lord was good and protected both our home and property. Now our new guardians, East European Shepherds are bigger and quickly adapting to their protective role.



#### The Missionary FAMILY

I have been blessed with a wife and family that love the Lord. One of the things we have consistently stressed as a family is that life presents many varying challenges, that in order to overcome them, depends on one's attitude. Whether it be the stresses of maintaining one's residency status in a foreign county, wide fluctuations in currency exchange rates or the souring of relations between two governments, maintaining a right attitude can make or break a missionary and/or his family.

It is a blessing to have a family that loves to face such challenges head-on. A family that does what it takes to get the job done or simply continue another day. Our children, although not perfect, love their life in Russia. And they love the ministry. Of late, they have taken on an added responsibility to prepare and conduct a time of Biblical instruction for some of the young children that visit with us on Sundays.

I am, as a father, inspired by my children and thank the Lord for entrusting them to me. I would ask that you please continue to hold them and my wife up in prayer. They have made me a better Christian and a more effective missionary.



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