

Maranatha, dear brothers and sisters in Christ! A normal casual greeting "good day" will not do. Grace and peace for today - yes! But in all truthfulness the Maranatha greeting, as in the early days of the church is the best for our hearts. May we see Him come very soon!

Anyways, from that gaze into our blessed hope, I do have to return to this day where we all happen to be and share some of the joys and sorrows with those of you who still got the time and energy to hearken and to pray for this far away land and far away people of Russia. Since my last writing in the Summer of this year it feels like a decade went by and not a quiet moment to sit and write a letter. It was pretty stormy, pretty intense. Usually I write I sit down shortly before the conference and compose a letter urging friends to pray for this important event. This time only in brief messages of individual correspondence I was able to do so. On the other side of it though I report with deep satisfaction and much joy in my heart that it was a tremendous and miraculous one for sure. It required of us much prayer and almost blindfolded preparation. We had to have plan A, B and C in case things with speakers, VBS team, renting of facility, feeding of around 250 people went sideways. The brain or the beautiful charts in our planners had no grip on the future whatsoever. Had to go by faith and much prayer. So the human side of us was nervous on occasion. Had to keep handing back to the Lord from our (well mine for sure) troubled mind. With each day, with each teaching, with each testimony, with each meeting and each conversation that took place there were joys and thanks rising in the presence of our Lord from all the hearts. So, not only there is no regrets or sorrows connected to the vent, but on the opposite - strength and confidence that it is good things for the saints to dwell together in unity. The devil wants to separate, the flesh wants to hide and sleep in comfort, but the spirit is willing and the future is bright. Though, more and more stuff will have to be done in adverse circumstances, it seems. May the Spirit of the Lord fill us, lead us, use us as He sees fit. Thank you all who have helped put this conference together, and thank to all have come all the way in spite of resistance, multiple unpleasant obstacles and made the conference what it was - a huge blessing to the saints here in Russia!

Another great development that kept unfolding in these boring grey days of restrictions, nonsense and fear of a lot of possible harm, the translation of David Guzik's commentaries went forward. In days and months of 2021 three volumes, two of them the largest in New Testament have been done. The Gospel of Mark is already in the hands of many believers and Gospel of John and the Book of Acts is waiting its turn to be printed in the publisher's hands. Three more volumes are being translated as I write these notes. Hopefully I can join once again and pick up another volume as well. But please pray that more translators would join in this work and we could move faster with this project and handle Old Testament soon and swiftly - if such would be God's will. These commentaries are a wonderful resource for Christian teachers and all other reading and studying of God's Word in this century 21 of ours. Very comprehensive and applicable material. May God supply all that is needed for the progress of this work.

Another major need for prayer is our Christmas plans. It looks like the Lord is opening the door for us to do some outreach among the kids both locally and across the border, like we did in January of this year (but bigger). Today we had a planning meeting with pastors and at this point things look very bright as far as the actual groups of the little one that Jesus will be able to reach through His faithful messengers. Some people may end up with grinding stones on their necks, but we want to move by faith and present Jesus the Saviour to these little guys in Dec. and Jan. of this winter. For sure many grownups will get to hear about Jesus and receive the Bibles this Christmas, but we need much covering from above and wisdom and provision along the way.

If you made it all the way to the bottom of the page, please pray for my family, our friends' families and everyone else who we have to deal with :). The Lord is good and rich in mercies. We need His wisdom, patience, inspiration, love. I am a lost sheep without Him. Thank you dear praying friend for caring enough to say a word to our Good Lord on our behalf. May He hear your hearts and give you the desire of your heart as you commit your way to Him. If I and my friend can pray for you, please let us know how.

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