

## July 2019

July has been a month of change and surrender. God has been dealing with us and we feel as if we have been given very specific direction about our future in missions! We are so excited to share with you what God is doing in our lives!

The first thing we want to share with you is that we have extended our AIM term for an additional month! We will now be here in Latvia until September 19th rather than returning home in August. We made this decision in order to give us more time to explore a few other nations we may be working with in the future.

Our plan is to return home in September and raise funds for the next 6 to 8 months. We then plan on coming back to this area of Europe (the Former Soviet Union) for a one year AIM appointment. For our one year trip, we will be working to help and possibly establish a new country. During this season of our life, we will also begin taking steps towards full-time missions work.

There are a lot of things happening in our lives and we want to invite you to come alongside us as we step into the unknown. We know God is calling us, equipping us, and will provide for us!



*At the beginning of the month, we continued to have various training sessions. This included practical sessions with Retired Representative Craft and even doing street evangelism in parks here is Riga. As a result, we have one Bible Study pending. Pray with us that the couple we are going to meet with will receive the Holy Spirit as the Lord does a mighty work in their life!*



*We also had a great time meeting with the three Representatives here in Latvia for some planning regarding our future AIM endeavors. We are very grateful for these men and their leadership. We look forward to what God is going to do through us here in the Former Soviet Union.*

In the midst of all our training and traveling, we have still been working hard to build relationships with the Latvians we have met here. God has crossed our path with many people and we know God has big plans for them. Help pray for us to be led by the Spirit in conversations with them!





Towards the middle of the month, we took a trip to Ukraine. We both ministered, Tia the first Sunday and Michael the second, and were able to meet many amazing people. We are so grateful for the family that hosted us and hope to return to Ukraine in the future. The church there is thriving and we had a wonderful time connecting to the local leadership there in the capital, Kiev.



While in Ukraine, Michael went on a week trip with the Representative from Ukraine into a sensitive Islamic nation. Here they took in material, and were involved in many hours teaching doctrine and revival principles. We feel very strongly that this was a God ordained trip. A burden has been birthed in us for that part of the world. We are not sure what the journey will look like moving forward but we know the future is in the Lord's hands. He will lead and we will follow!



On July 26th, Michael celebrated his 29th birthday! Happy Birthday, Michael!

While there are so many things that we want to share with you, our friends, family, and supporters, much of it will have to wait until we get home. We plan on traveling quite a bit when we get back to the states to share of our experiences. We never would have dreamed that we would one day be where we are. We sincerely want to thank each and every one of you for your love and support while we are away. God is teaching us so much and making His plan for our life very clear. Many things will change for us, but we are willing to follow the Master's plan.



**Prayer Requests:**

**As we step out into new territory, here are some ways you can pray for us:**

- 1.) Pray for us to be led by the Spirit as we take our contacts from friends to disciples.
- 2.) Pray for us as we begin focusing on Russian Language Study. This is a big area we need to work on for our future.
- 3.) Pray that God will continue to give us clarity as we pursue a more permanent future in missions.

