



Esther Mueller's Update
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With a vision to see believers develop in faith and character as they make God known in the nations.

Dear Main Street,

I hope you are enjoying a sunny, fruitful summer. What fresh produce are you enjoying? Ukraine's land contains rich soil and its warm summer temperatures make it perfect for growing zucchini, tomatoes, cucumbers and many other delicious crops. I am trying to grow vegetables for the first time on my own. As I prepare the soil, take out the weeds and water daily it reminds me that growth is a process. We can consider how we are growing, if there are "weeds" in our life that need extraction or practices like "daily watering" to embrace that would foster positive change. Below are some ways I see God producing growth in Ukraine. As I share about the growth I observe I hope you will be able to consider your own growth this summer season.

Growth in language - Foreign to more familiar:

It has been a huge privilege to study Russian for the past six months and see progress, especially in understanding. I can understand the main message of a preaching, read the words during worship as I sing along, and have deeper conversations with our Bible school students to hear what God is teaching them. It is exciting to see growth in this area.

Now that I have made some progress I will stop studying language full-time to serve in our Bible school. I will use what I have learned with our Russian speaking students and keep learning on a part-time basis. I am very excited to return to serving in discipleship and teaching again! It can feel a bit isolating and challenging to study language, so I am ready to have a different focus. Thank you for your prayers that have helped me persevere in language studies.

Growth in the School of Biblical Studies – an annual event:

It is a gift to run the School of Biblical Studies in Kyiv for the Russian and English-speaking world. Usually we run our Bible school every other year due to a lack of staff, but God answered our prayer for more staff. Therefore, in April we began running our first consecutive school. We even have applications for our next school in 2019!

We currently have four amazing students from Samoa, Kazakhstan, Canada and Armenia. Each student longs to know God more deeply and share Christ with others. I am looking forward to seeing how God will help our students grow in faith and character as they spend this year in God's word.



(Above: The welcome dinner for our Bible students.)

Prayer Requests:

- For God to help our students know him more deeply and grow in Christ-like character.
- For strength and perseverance as our students study Their names are Nani, Sasha, Kyle, and Leyla.
- That God would help me use Russian and have meaningful conversations with Russian speaking people.
- That God would refresh my soul as I keep seeking him and serving others.

July and August at a glance:
 1) work in Bible school
 2) teach Nahum and Esther
 3) YWAM meetings and logistical service

Thank you for reading about a few of the many ways God is producing growth in Ukraine. I pray that we will continue to rejoice as we grow each day. God bless you!

In Christ,
Esther Mueller