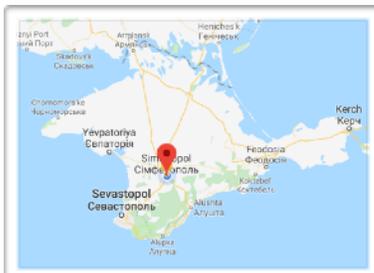


The Hearron Family Newsletter

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Missionaries to Russia

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We are now serving in the city of Simferopol, The Republic of Crimea, Russia. The Autonomous Republic of Crimea, formerly part of Ukraine, was annexed by Russia after a March 16, 2014 referendum resulting in a 96.77% vote for integration of the region into the Russian Federation with an 83.1% voter turnout. We are grateful that our Russian residency status allows us to live in Crimea. Our family is one of only two Independent Baptist church planting missionaries left in Crimea. We are grateful to our Lord that we are able to continue the church planting work of other missionaries forced to leave Crimea, having failed at getting Russian residency.

DUE TO SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIA, US POSTAL MAIL DOES NOT COME TO CRIMEA
My new telephone is: +7 (978) 069-6506 (Moscow Time Zone)

Follow-up on Robbery

The thief that stole almost \$15,000 thousand dollars of our things the day after our arrival in Crimea was found guilty and sentenced to 2.5 years in prison. The police recovered a few things, but most are gone. We still need to replace one 13" Apple MacBook Pro computer. I can buy them here in Crimea for around \$1550. We are grateful to a few of our supporters that have given to help replace some of the less expensive items lost.

Simferopol Baptist Church Celebrates 25th Anniversary

In April, our church had a great day of preaching and fellowship. Brother Bob VanSant, former missionary to Ukraine and founder of the church, preached via Skype from America. Brother Vladimir Lypenko, an elderly gentleman and evangelist who was saved several years ago in the church, followed Bro. VanSant. Brother Lypenko and his wife live on the coast and occasionally attend our services. Following the service, we had a great meal of barbecued chicken and various salads. It was a great time of fellowship.

Simferopol Baptist Church has endured many changes in the last several years. The turmoil prior to and following the annexation of Crimea have negatively affected our church. The absence of pastoral leadership for months at a time, do to visa restrictions on former Ukrainian missionaries who were hamstrung by new Russian immigration rules, did not help things. Wolves in sheep clothing crept in and nearly tore the church apart. I pastor just a small remnant of what was once the church. Pray that our people will accept sound Biblical teaching, desire to put Christ first and be more active in sharing the Gospel with friends, family and those they meet from day to day.

In May, we began a small remodeling project of one of the basement classrooms (500 sq/ft). Bro. Slava, pastor of the deaf church, and a few of his men have been doing the work. When I arrived this room was dingy and moldy. Our plans are to add ventilation and a floor vapor barrier, before pouring a new concrete floor and then tiling. Pastor Slava and I have agreed that this room needs an independent heating system separate from the rest of the building. Both his Church and mine have given nearly \$400 dollars towards this project. Of course, this amount will not cover the full remodeling, but we are trusting the Lord to provide.

My Health

Thank you for praying for my neck and back. We are still having significant pain in the neck and shoulders. It's been just over six months since my neck implant surgery. Arthritis in my lower back is very painful. Being unable to take NSAIDs, since the neck surgery, limits me to Tylenol to medicate the pain. On a more positive note, an ENT doctor at a local clinic was able to provide relief for my allergy and sinus issues I was having since my arrival in Crimea.

Missionary Kid Minute:



My name is Abigail. I am 14 years old. Occasionally, I take my younger siblings to a playground near our house. All of us have made many friends. Several teenagers my age have accepted me as an American girl. They do not laugh at me for being different or make fun of my poor language but kindly correct my Russian speech. Recently, the Lord has allowed me to witness to my friends and their parents. One family of 5, in particular, has shown an interest in visiting our church. The mother and I have had many lengthy discussions about the Bible. Please pray for this family and my continued witness to them. So that one day they might be saved.



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