

The Christian Family

Church Planters in Belarus



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Dear Pastor and Congregation,

We want to thank you for your faithfulness in praying for us. Would you please pray for the people of Belarus? The government continues to track down and jail protesters from the 2020 elections and those opposing the war. Recently, they were searching for a man who came to our church. They detained him earlier for flying an opposition flag in his yard. He hid in our church and was hiding in the woods when they came to his house and threatened and detained his wife.

She was held for a day and released. She immediately applied for visas to Germany on humanitarian grounds. She and her three minor children were granted visas and they left Belarus safely. They left not knowing where the husband was or if he had been arrested. Several days later the man crossed into Lithuania illegally and thankfully was reunited with his family. They are all in Germany starting a new life. The family is not saved and really needs our prayers. Please pray that they will be saved.

This was not an exception but is a very common occurrence. This was happening while we were still in Belarus. We have heard from many of our former students with similar stories of people being detained after a visit by authorities in the middle of the night. Yes, we are seeing a return to the days of the oppression not seen since the Soviet times.

The President of Belarus is reported to be ill. He was in Moscow for an economic summit when he became ill. He is in critical condition in a Moscow hospital receiving treatment for a blood disease. The President's death would throw the region into further chaos and could prompt Russia to annex Belarus as they did with parts of Ukraine. There has been a concerted effort to make things appear normal, but the crackdown on citizens, the uncertainty over the President's health and Russia moving nuclear weapons into Belarus tell a different story. Please pray for the people of Belarus as well as those of Russia and Ukraine.

For Souls in Belarus,

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