

"Good tidings of great
...to all people."

Luke 2:10

JOY

January 2025

Friends and Churches,

May the Lord bless the start of your New Year! May He use 2025 to draw you into a closer relationship with Himself. It is a blessing to walk close to the Savior and to do so is the privilege of every believer in Christ.

Over here in Tbilisi, Georgia we had the New Years Day, but the old traditional Christmas is still ahead on January 7th and the old traditional New Years Day is on January 14th. This is a good time of year to wish people "gilocovt", which is a generic celebratory greeting to wish people Happy New Years, Merry Christmas, happy birthday or congratulations. This year we set up a table outside of the office space that we rented as a church meeting place. We greet them with "gilocovt" and give them an invitation to visit. The kids like getting a piece of candy too! Our oldest, Jude, is now 9 years old and has been great at greeting those that pass by with kids and handing them a tract and candy.



Thanks for praying about our Christmas service. We held it on Sunday, December 22nd and nine people came (6 adults and 3 children) besides our family. This was a blessing and the most that we have ever had come in one service. Please pray that God will touch their hearts and that they will return. Some people to especially pray for: Mark, Kristina, Arya, Ashlee and Lali. A lot of people in Georgia are automatically turned off by what they consider as foreign religion, while others are politely friendly, but have a mindset that a foreigner's church/Bible teaching isn't for them. People from this second group were our guests on Christmas, which came out of friendship. Please pray that they will see the truth of the gospel and that their hearts will be changed. We thank the Lord that Steven (5th grade) is continuing to come.

Family Moment: Evelina is growing so fast and sometimes is even talking like a big girl. I referred to her as my "my baby".

She then, feeling big, spoke up and said "I not a baby, I a girl". (She is now 2 years and 8 months old).



Michael & Barbara,
Jude, Zachary, Paul & Evelina Hinson