

Saturday May 26, 2018

Nothing was scheduled for Saturday morning and that was good because I had a restless night and woke at 1:30 a.m. and did not really drift back to sleep until after 6:00 a.m. I wound up getting up about 9:15 a.m. and ate a bite, then went to the little store across the street looking for some things that Ava wanted. I'm getting better at dealing with the store and not understanding the language, and they are just getting accustomed to having an ignorant American ask for help. It seems like we are always out of something. It's not a real problem, it's just not what we are accustomed to.

Early this afternoon Vlad came to pick us up and we went to the big grocery store to get supplies for Sunday. This is a very modern store with most of the amenities we have in the U.S. including the cart with the wobbly wheel, that is the one we got. Sunday we are going to Konstinovka for services. We want to take enough food for everyone to be able to stay and have lunch with us. We bought 1 kilo of ham, 1 kilo of cheese, some fruit, four loaves of bread, two cans of green olives, and one can of black olives. We are not sure how many people will be there, but are planning for about twenty people.

We did spend some time talking about what I needed to be prepared for on Sunday. I'll be teaching Bible class and preaching. It is hard to know what lessons to bring because sometimes the translation causes a disruption in the flow of a sermon and it is easy for both the translator and me to get lost on where I'm at in the lesson. After speaking with Vlad, I'm sure that I have something with me that I can use to help them in their walk with God. After services we will also give out some of the garden seeds that we have brought with us. It may be a little late in the year for some of the seeds but they will be ready for next year.

That last thought made me think about the weather since we have been here. At this time of year you never really know what to expect. It can be in the high eighties or low nineties but this year the temperatures have ranged from mid fifties to the mid eighties, but mostly day time highs in the mid to high seventy's. The nights have been in the low mid to fifties. We have had a little rain but nothing that has impeded our work in any way.

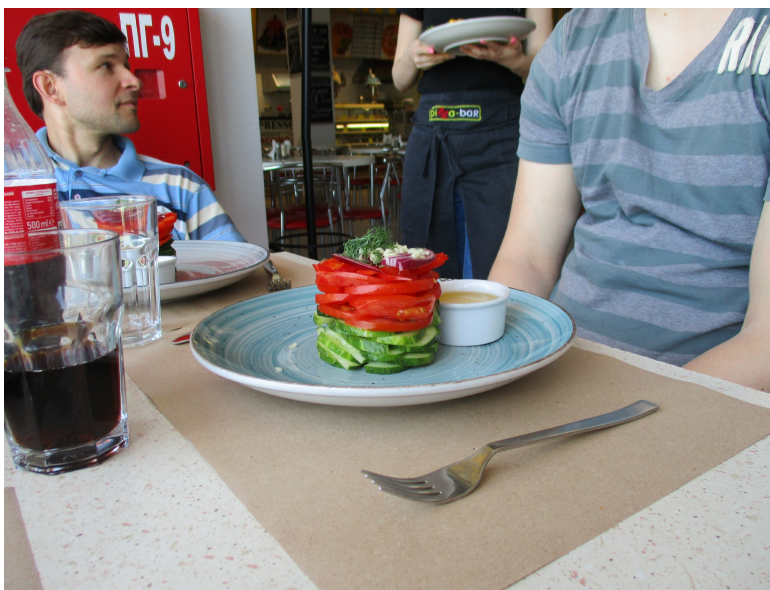
We returned to the building at about 8:00 p.m. and started studying for tomorrow. We spoke a little about expectation and finally turned out the lights at about 10:00 p.m.



Carriage ride in the park



Dead bolt lock on the front door. It takes four full turns of the key to lock or unlock.



Most restaurants make a great presentation of food.