

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

I got up at 6:00 and did some exercises, checked the laundry, yep, it is still damp, so I ironed my slacks dry. (I ironed our towels dry last night) We ate leftover breakfast from yesterday and met Vlad to tour one of their city parks.

This is a wonderful large park and they take great pride in it because it had been in ruins for a long time and unusable. The last two years they have restored its beauty. The park is great fun for children and adults. We heard and saw Coo Coo birds. There were several trees I have never seen before. They have a professional soccer team, field and field house. The field has some grass animals. I do not know the story about these animals. A river runs next to the park and has been dredged, and stumps of dead trees are being pulled out so they can build a boat dock. We stood near one of the stumps to see how large they are.

Vlad took us to the big grocery store so I could get supplies and herbs to cook. Many people use the fellowship hall's kitchen to cook so there are herbs and spices in the cabinet, however, I cannot read the Russian labels or figure out what they are unless I taste each one (which has been a really bad experience for my taste buds) so I've started labeling in English everything buy.

We came back, relaxed and prepared for this afternoon's classes. At noon, Vlad went with us for lunch. I had a soup that Vlad said was a borsch with all kinds of meat. It was delicious but very different. There were whole black olives and a thin slice of lemon in it as well a variety of other vegetables.

This afternoon the teachers asked if I could take the parenting classes and teach the children about obeying their parents so I taught three classes and the children seemed to respond well to it. After reading and discussing various scriptures I asked how they can show their love and respect to their parents. One little girl warmed my heart by saying, "Tell them you love them but not only tell them show them how you love them." Wow!

Scott gave an excellent lesson to the older students about Ruth and Naomi and the students loved it. He presented it in an excellent way that was relevant to the children. Then he had the class on marriage and that was also received very well. There's a couple who's child is in the ABC school, but are not members, and they are very interested in this seminar and have asked a lot of questions and given comments.

Because I've developed an allergy to milk, I order pizza with no cheese and was surprised they will do it! So we had left over pizza tonight and it was excellent (both times).



History of the park



State of disrepair of park pavilion



Same spot as picture #2 after reconstruction



Life size Chia pets as a surprise for the residents of the city.



Now that is a stump