

Thursday was a good day all the way around. We got up early to have a breakfast of pancakes with Maple syrup along with some pomegranate juice and toast. It was really filling and really appreciated after Wednesday.

We went to the bank again and got some more dollars to help with the car for Oleg. We are experiencing some troubles with this project. The cars that are in our price range are mostly held by private individuals. The problem is they want to sell the car but have never registered the car in their name. So they say “Give me the money for this car and the person whose name is on the title will come next week and sign the papers for you”. This just sounds fishy to me. Vlad assures me that this happens all the time here. I told him, NO! When they get the paper work straight then we will consider buying their car not before. This arrangement may be normal here but I’m not comfortable with it. So the money will stay in the safe here until they can find a suitable vehicle.

I also taught the ten o’clock class for the church. We had a small crowd but we got really involved with the topic, “Jesus Loves me. This I know,” and before we knew it our time was up.

Yesterday afternoon I taught Valentina’s class it consisted of three adults. One of them who is not a member of the church had some questions. We spent the next hour looking up verses in the Bible that spoke to her questions. Much of what she was asking about were things she had been told the Bible said and old wives’ tales. When the class was over, I thanked her for helping to make it an interesting class she seemed genuinely pleased and left smiling with several answers. I told her any time someone tells you that something is from the Bible that she should ask them where does the Bible say that. If they are going to tell what the Bible says then they are obligated to tell her where it says that. We never answered a single question she had without first turning the correct scripture. It was refreshing to teach first principles again.

Following class we went into the auditorium for the Thursday evening service. I spoke about being a “Faucet for God” this really grabbed their attention and two of them asked to have the lesson forwarded to them as a PDF.

Following the lesson Ava invited everyone who wanted to come down stairs for some Shrimp, Sausage, and chicken gumbo over rice. We had ten for supper. It was a big hit. They all said they had never tasted anything like it before but they really enjoyed it. The only thing that was missing was Tabasco sauce. They found some hot sauce at the market but it just did not add the flavor the Tabasco does. Again the fellowship hall rang with laughter and love.



*Starting with Woman in gold sweater Kate, Helen, Vitaly, Rita, Vlad, Masha, Anna, and Oksana introduction to Cajun Food.*