

THE HINSON FAMILY IN TBILISI, GEORGIA

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Friends in the Lord,

We are well and thankful for all your love and support! Right now, we are putting a lot of time into writing sermons and Bible lessons in Georgian. Then, they are edited and re-written to match Georgian style. Next, we study the material as we want to be able to speak about the Bible easily, instead of laboring over each sentence as we talk.

Friends with COVID: A second family unit that we personally know has gotten the coronavirus. Thank the Lord none of them are seriously ill thus far. Please continue to pray that the Lord would continue to help the family and the church after the death of a believer. The daughters especially need the Lord. Barbara has been seeking to help. Please pray for God's blessing in this. We are praying for them to know God's comfort and to overcome bitterness and doubt.

A Sobering Funeral: I went to an unbeliever's funeral for the first time since moving to Georgia. We are friends with some of the family members and I went to be there and to say a few words. It was very sad and burdening as I saw the sorrow and the tears. According to a believing family member, there was also no hope. It was very challenging for my heart. Most of our friends, neighbors and acquaintances don't know the Lord as a personal Savior. Most are resistant to hearing of their need as sinners. I need to grow in prayer for them, in burden for them, and in urgency for sharing the Gospel.

A Big Blessing: As many of you know from our past letters, the Georgian language has been challenging for us to learn. We are conversant, but definitely not fluent. We found a believer who is willing to tutor us in Biblical Georgian! This is a big blessing, since we really need help in preaching, teaching or just in witnessing. We are grateful for the language help we have had, but we do need to learn the difference between how an Orthodox person talks and how a Biblical believer talks. Please continue to pray for our language studies and for using the language to teach the truth of Scripture.

Family Moment: Paul, our two-year-old, was sitting on my lap at story time. He noticed my wedding ring and tried to take it off my finger. "No Paul, you can't have it," I said. Jude replied, "It is only for when you get married." "That's right, if you find a girl one day and get married, you can have a wedding ring," I answered. Jude said, "Yeah," but Zachary asked, "What about if I find a robot? That would be more fun!"

Michael, Barbara, Jude, Zachary & Paul Hinson

"THE LIGHT SHINETH
IN DARKNESS;
AND THE DARKNESS
COMPREHENDED IT NOT."

1 JOHN 1:5

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