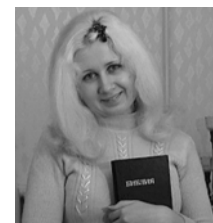


O'Brien's Prayers & News

"Fear ye not, stand still, and see" - Ex 14:13

BANG! 2002 is off to a running start. John is now preaching 5x per week, praising Jesus for the privilege to be here!
PRAISES: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain..." Amen, Christ is worthy of all which we give to Him.

- ◆ **Salvation:** After meeting a student Olya & inviting her to services, the Lord saved her soul! Then another infrequent visitor from the Central Union Baptists trusted Christ for salvation & has greatly praised Jesus for her genuine conversion. Hallelujah! Her testimonies have really challenged some other folks who are likewise religious but lost. Pray for Elena & her drunkard husband & her immediate family. Thanks to BEAMS for the nice bibles we're able to give.
- ◆ **Deaf Church:** more visitors. Upon our return, we've made plans with the deaf center here to begin Saturday bible meetings there. If we could raise up some hearing aids, that would honor the Lord in meeting a desperate need. Pray if God would use you to help in these need for us.
- ◆ **Health:** Temperatures are unusually warm, so colds are frequent, often keeping 10 folks away each service. God continues to protect our family from serious illnesses. Praise Him.
- ◆ **Attendance:** averaging 33 SunAM & 17 SunPM. Wed prayer is 19. PTL for growth & souls. With our new church chairs, church looks better and the church family is growing in faith. When we were told of the new chairs, we knew then that God would add more to this church.



Yula



Elena

PRAYER REQUESTS: "Ye have not because ye ask not" - Jesus

- ◆ **VISAS - BIG CHANGE.** We're now headed home *to Arizona* while trying to resolve some conflicts in getting our new visas. Some powers that be are resisting our new letter of invitation, & we need our Sovereign Lord to overturn their hearts. During the short time home, we'll only be able to visit a few of our supporting churches. Pray for the new believers in our absence, as we could be home for up to 6 months. Much time will be spent coordinating with different agencies to help us renew our residence papers. Please keep praying.
- ◆ **Co-labourers!** Our future helpers will *not* be headed for Kharkov to work with us. Instead, the Lord has directed them to western Ukraine. Though saddened, we rejoice with them for God's guidance. Please pray for Christ to give us a committed Joshua to come & help us win Kharkov for Christ. So much religion, so little truth.
- ◆ **2002 Goals:** Register the church & bigger location. These items are now in the process and need to be completed before our return. Lord willing, the registration will be finished early summer. Our VISA situation in no way affects our future work in Ukraine, but it may alter in what city we're able to preach & plant churches. Pray.
- ◆ **Safety & Health:** God continues to mercifully give our family good health, greatly aiding our service.
- ◆ We ask for **wisdom:** With all the new converts and now the deaf too, it's a challenge to meet their needs.

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Cathy's Corner

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"Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free" Gal. 5:1. Finding their freedom in Christ believers are making decisions of commitment to Christ: 14 submitting themselves for baptism & Church membership! We now have the number of members required by law here, with all the right documents, to register our church. Registration will allow our believers to exercise religious rights openly and freely according to their constitution as a State-recognized Church. *THANK YOU to Faith B.C. in Charlotte, N.C. who bought chairs for our church. Alla suffers with severe back pain and she especially wishes to thank you! *Brittaini & a teen Nadia enjoyed a Church teen trip to the Black Sea - 10 hours by train - for a youth retreat at Simferopol B.C. (deaf church). They had a great time in the Lord and I survived my daughters first trip away from the nest (barely!). *We met a college student who had been traveling from Moscow to her home village, when a thief stole her bag (money, passport, connecting train ticket etc). The police asked for money to help, she had none so they told her to go away (this is typical). She wandered all night and day praying & asking for anyone to help her. At last, lunch and a train ticket home were provided in JESUS NAME!

Her train didn't leave till 10 p.m. so in our home she waited and listened to Luda explain the message of the Gospel of Christ. After 2+ hours she got saved! "No one would even give me a glass of water to drink", she said, "I was afraid I was going to die." but the GOODNESS OF GOD lead her to repentance. *We also had the honour & privilege for John to be the guest preacher for a Sweetheart Banquet at Simferopol B.C. of Bro. Bob Vansant's in which 59 deaf couples attended! What a thrill to see so many deaf gathered. Half that attended were not saved! *Evangelism is up to 18 in attendance and we are combing the city with tracts. Pray for fruit in the fall!

Sun & Shield



Baptist Missions

Your servants in Christ: John, Cathy, Brittaini, Noelle, John-Steven & Kendon