

"As a shepherd seeketh out his flock" - Ez. 34:12

January-February brought the coldest temps and most snowfall in any January since we arrived in Ukraine nearly 17 years ago. Noelle returned back to the States and her absence was immediately felt by all in the church as she was such a help & blessing while here. Cathy & I celebrated our 28th **Anniversary**, how blessed to have a godly wife and fantastic co-laborer. I was privileged to travel 16hrs by train to Odessa and preach. Though the hearing group in Kharkov remains static, the deaf group continues to grow even with Cathy only being able to sign translate for 2 services. Please keep her hands in prayer as she's still not recovered from her double carpal tunnel surgery in late '14. We also had Pastor Vlad and his wife Maya come from Zhitomir to speak at our annual **Sweetheart Banquet**. We had 10 couples including 4 deaf and it was a great time and a blessing to see the Lord's faithfulness. Half those couples were not saved just 2 years ago! Please



be in prayer for **Steven & Nina** as they prepare to come State-side for 6 months for both the birth of their child and also to start Deputation. Please be in earnest diligent prayer for the church documents as after 4+ years we've still not received our needed papers and with Russia's invasion 2 years ago this has greatly complicated things. **We have begun training one of our deaf men to preach to help us reach more souls. Lastly, we want to announce a mini-**FURLOUGH** for Cathy & I beginning this November for 4 months. We **REALLY** need your help in booking prospective new churches for February 2017. Amen!

Cathy's Corner

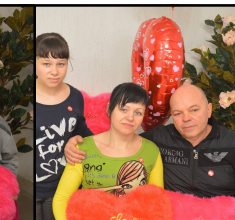
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Praise the Lord for a banquet about love during a time of war inside Ukraine. Our couples are growing in numbers and in their love for the Lord Jesus. Thank you for your support to make his possible.



Pastor Vlad Kruchinin and his wife Maya drove 450 miles to speak at this banquet (after confirming that it was safe to be in Kharkov despite the ongoing & raging war nearby). We wish to thank them, they were a blessing.



All three couples above are fruit to your account. They are active in the ministries of the church and growing in the Lord. 1. Olya and Sasha. (deaf). She runs our nursery and he continues to develop his ability to preach to the deaf. 2. Sasha and Natasha. We are praying that she will be able to teach Sunday School once Nina and Steven are home on Deputation. 3. Slava and Tanya. (deaf). She signs up to clean the church more than any other person and works in the church kitchen.



The three families above need your continued prayers. The first two are wives (Sveta, Ludmila) who have been saved in our ministry but their husbands (Ivan, Dima) remain unsaved. The last picture was a visiting couple and her child. This was the first time she has ever entered our church doors, though Edic has been twice. If you would pray for their salvations please. We also have two other unsaved men who have been visiting our services on a regular basis these two months: Vasia and Valera. These souls are hearing the gospel because of YOU! Thank you!

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