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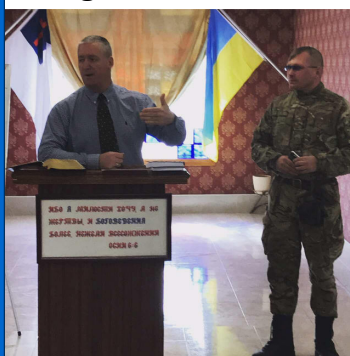
O'Brien's Prayers & News

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"as many as were willing hearted" - Ex. 35:22

Greetings to our supporting churches & friends from eastern Ukraine! The first part of this year has been overwhelmingly busy for the Lord but we're grateful to be in His service. Jan-Feb saw us all around Arizona & New Mexico before heading back to NC to prepare for John to leave for Ukraine. **FURLOUGH:** One of the things we learned while visiting supporting churches was how discouraged so many pastors were, as well as a great apathy amongst congregations regarding holiness and missions. We are so thankful for pastors who are "sticking by the stuff" and not folding up tent or giving in to the onslaught of worldliness invading so many churches today it seems. We were blessed to see some folks saved while we ministered and were able to pass out a lot of tracts along the way. WE ARE PLANNING A **FURLOUGH** FOR FALL 2018 in **Virginia**, looking for needed new support. If any pastor can help us with this, we would be very grateful. Our support is below **70%**.

UKRAINE: Spiritually, things are at an all-time HIGH in our absence! We can't praise the Lord enough for the work Steven & Nina are doing in our absence, especially considering that it's one of the coldest winters on record and highest snow fall in decades. Upon my return the beginning of March, we've had lots of preparations for Cathy's return in April, as well as our annual **Passover Seder** and sunrise services for Resurrection Sunday! Pictured Left: Igor, an officer in the Ukrainian forces attends services every few months when he comes out on rotation. Very grateful to be able to minister to those who are literally laying down their lives for our protection! Your prayers & support for us over these past 18 years are GREATLY appreciated and needed! Thanks!



Cathy's Corner

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Deut. 10:21 "He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen". We praise God for blessings during our **winter furlough** to visit many family members and supporting churches in the SW.

Steven and Nina are doing an excellent job, in freezing cold and deep snowy Ukraine, maintaining the work of the ministry there with both the hearing and the deaf groups.

We were able to **report to churches** in AZ, CO, NM, and last minute to Pennsylvania. While reporting at East Mesa BC in Arizona, We had the honor to **lead both a husband & wife to Christ personally** and a **third lady repented** after the sermon during invitation call as well. It was a joy to have family members with us for this meeting.

We were able to help our daughter **Noelle find a place to live** near the hospital she now works at and in walking distance from her new home church, Cornerstone BC. Noelle drove great distances after long days of work to attend as many meetings with us as she could. Our grown children continue to hold dear our supporting churches.

Our eldest daughter, Brittaini Katrina Skean, gave birth to her second child, a daughter on March 13th. **Cherith Hope Skean!** (Pictured with big sister, Vivian – 2 1/2 yo). On Feb. 17th, at Grace BC in Pennsylvania, John was honored to be a part of the council for the **ordination of our son-in-law**, Jonathan Skean at Grace Baptist Church.

Please continue to pray fervently for spiritual needs and physical safety for our son **Kendon**, who is a Marine currently deployed in the middle east until the end of April.



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