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O'Brien's Prayers & News

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GREETINGS from hot eastern Ukraine! Summer is surely here. July & August were busy with the building, annual Youth Conference, a graduation and John getting his new Religious Visa. We saw some decisions made for Christ and have continued to see numerous 1st-time visitors, especially in the deaf ministry. We are so thankful to the greatness of our Lord to exalt His Son here. **PRAISES:** Basement finished! The basement floor of the church in Kharkov is now roughly finished, with the precast flooring laid across the top so we can start the main church floor! Many additional unforeseen (to me) expenses and the continued sacrificial giving of friends & churches is greatly appreciated. Eastern Ukraine *will* have a house of God to worship the Lord Jesus in! * Youth Conference: The annual Summer Youth Conference in Odessa was *excellent*. Our Youth and from Zhitomir too were again able to fellowship with young adults from across Ukraine & Moldova. We appreciate missionary Chris Rue in Odessa for hosting another great Conference, and for Gerald Sutek for his incredible preaching. *Deaf: we continue to have record visitor

attendance in the Deaf Services in Kharkov. Amazing to see them bringing someone new every week. *Graduation: Faith-Kharkov held special graduation services for Zhenya, and bro Vlad came from Zhitomir to bring the Commencement message. A great time to celebrate her graduation and it was the 1st service held in the new building. Without heat & electricity, we will still be meeting in old building all winter, should it stand. *VISA: John received his 1yr Religious Visa in August. John was privileged to preach a 4-day Missions Revival with Rocky Mtn BBC in Longmont, CO. Christ was truly given preeminence and John needed the fellowship. He was also able to present the work here to churches in north Idaho for 2 weeks before returning back to Ukraine. Refreshed & renewed!



<u>PRAYERS</u>: Church Building: Still needing help in off-setting additional costs to the building in Kharkov (rebar, add'l concrete, etc). We've never built before - so many unforeseen expenses! Whole interior needs done: can you drywall? Can you help? **Pray for *more* Souls; Discipleship; Safety; Health** (Especially Cathy's back: she's awaiting to return Stateside for back surgery). Our <u>SKYPE</u>: "hosea66" call us! <u>FACEBOOK</u> - Come see weekly updates & many new pictures & videos!



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SALVATION! On July 25, 2010 at eight p.m. following our evening service **Marina** (deaf) repented of her sins and called upon the Lord Jesus to be her personal Savior. Her face shows all - "the joy of thy salvation". **Sign language class** begins! My injuries hinder my ability to translate full time now, pray with us that God will enable others in the church to help.



Construction accident! July 27th **JOHN** was seriously ELECTROCUTED while working on the forms of the church building. He was taken by ambulance to the hospital and admitted for the day. God truly spared his life & he was able to resume part time work a week later though problems exist now with sudden nose bleeds and headaches. Please keep praying for safety!



Praise: Pre-teen class attendance is up! Brittaini is now teaching the pre-teen class assisted by Noelle. Brittaini & Zhenia have been daily evangelizing & visiting during the summer break which has resulted in the pre-teen Sunday School class going from 1 student to six!



Praise: Deaf attendance is up! Noelle has taken on the position of deaf translator this summer and Fall while I rest and mend.
Praise: New Mom with 2 young sons attending our services and activities after John and Zhenia met her out on evangelism.
Praise: Igor, the unsaved son of church member Vita, has come to: the graduation service, a group activity, and church service.
Praise: John-Steven took lead on the building construction finishing the basement floor while John was in the USA for a visa.
Kendon & Sergei work beside John and John-Steven. LONG, HOT days of tedious labor for Jesus' name & without any personal gain. Sergei's mom noted that his health, which hinders him from normal work, actually improves as he works on the church.
Kendon filled the pulpit bringing eleven sermons (!) while John was Stateside. John-Steven opens the services & led the music.
Praise: Couriers for Christ donated 3 sets of flannel graph which our church gathers weekly to cut into pieces for 3 S.S. classes!

We appreciate your prayers especially for daily protection as the construction of the building continues. God IS doing great things. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. None of this would be possible without YOU! Thank you. Cathy!

our servants in Christ: John, Cathy, Brittaini, Noelle, John-Steven & Kendor/

Faith Baptist - Kharkov Building Project 2010

House on the left is our property line, outhouse on right is property line. We need to buy that right part.



From digging the foundation, the foundation footer (by hand), pouring the footer, pouring the slab, to laying the basement blocks, to putting together all the rebar, making forms for the bondbeam, pouring the bondbeam, backfilling tons of dirt by hand, to finally laying the precast pieces for the flooring of the main church floor, we've been BUSY! Very primitive, much "ingenuity" needed. Ready for the MAIN FLOOR! Halfway there, need help & funds.

Much thanks to John-Steven, Kendon & Sergei for help!

