O'Brien's Prayers & News

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Praying & supporting friends & family: we want to thank you all for your continued prayers & support of our family as we faithfully serve the Lord Jesus here in eastern Ukraine. As we're sure many of you have noticed, beginning in November areas in central/western Ukraine began to riot & protest against the decades of communism & totalitarian rule here in Ukraine. Dozens have been killed, hundreds have been beaten & bludgeoned, many dozens are unaccounted for. A very precarious time in Ukraine's young history as a sovereign nation. Thankfully, for the most part those mass protests (upwards of 100,000!) have been strictly centered in Kiev which is about 340 miles west of us, so we've been spared much of the violence and rioting. We don't know the outcome of these protests, as Putin's Russia will probably seize the opportunity to capture Crimea and possibly eastern Ukraine as well. Only the Lord knows. However, we're still preaching Jesus till then! **PRAISES**: Practically every Sunday we've had 1st-time deaf visitors, as our deaf group continues to faithfully grow larger & larger. It is purely the work of the Holy Spirit drawing men unto the Saviour. Cathy is busy translating for our deaf services and Chron Bible lessons which we have virtually daily. **We had splendid **JUBILEE** services in November and rejoiced in all the LORD has done here in Kharkov over the past 14 years since our first convert. **Building: work on the building continues, which would be impossible without the tireless labors of John-Steven who's stayed on another year beyond his initial 6-month commitment. I'm thankful to know that the LORD has promised to recompense to every man according to his works. Amen! **PRAYER**: we still are in dire need of the church/gas documents, which we've been waiting for nearly 2 years. I cannot express how crucial it is for us to have these papers. Please pray for Brian Faulkner Family as they are nearing the completion of deputation, preparing to head over here sometime late next Spring. SHALOM!

Cathy's Corner

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FOURTEENTH Jubilee of Faith Bible Baptist Church in Kharkov, Ukraine since 2000! It is an honor to serve the name of Christ Jesus. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support over the years. Special thanks to the support and help of

Pastor Slava (deaf) of Simferopal and Pastor Vlad of Zitomer this year as they assist us.

STEVEN's ministry: is not just building the physical part of our church M-F, but he is also actively building our youth department. Vova and Sasha are first time visitors. Both have returned since! Bagdon is the son of a JW who's come for activities 3 times. A few other youth have also dared to come to these youth activities. It's a step! Marina and Sergei are growing & are more active in their walks and in their witnessing and in their service in the Church. Thank you for your prayers!





SALVATION BELLS ARE RINGING!

As a boy (13), Sergei received Christ at our baseball Conference. Then his mother got saved and then his grandmother. EIGHT years later, still witnessing, God saved his father, **Yura**, on DEC. 1, repenting of his sins &accepting Jesus. Four souls saved because YOU helped send a missionary to Ukraine. All this fruit is going to your account!

COUPLES CONFERENCE in Simferopol:
John was invited as a special speaker. I kept watch in Kharkov. Steven and Nina were asked to help with the games. There was a large gathering for this and one in the end one couple got saved.







<u>DEAF</u>: Teaching four times a week plus Sundays. I translate almost every week day, and Marina and I share the translating work on Sundays. We have eight regular students plus four sitting in. Steven does activities with the deaf and Nina works with the deaf in the kitchen. They have so many questions, it is amazing and wonderful to be a part of what God is doing here.

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