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O'Brien's Prayers & News

March-April have brought great changes in weather and in our church. As the new green leafs bud forth, they replace the remaining dead leaves still clinging onto the branches. So it's been in our church. Painfully, we had do discipline out Lina, one of our dearest members. Pray for her, as she tearfully told us: "Calvary was enough to save me, but for now His work isn't enough to sanctify me." Pray for her, please. But, 3 days later Bruno returned, repented openly before the church and has been full-force since then! We've seen tremendous growth & new life in CC and some growth in adult church too. Spring fever is here

Summer Missions Trips: from \$700 - contact us!

Ukraine: see the field, labour in His harvest, impact thousands for Christ: we provide all housing & food. Summer Evangelism needs many hands! Serve for 2 weeks to 6 months. Internships also. Airfare is rising.

PRAISES: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain..." Amen. He alone is worthy: worthy of our labours.

- April was Visitor Month, yielding 7 for Adult church & 10 for CC. Praise the Lord for this fruit.
- Our annual **Passover Seder** was a tremendous blessing. God brought in 30 people! An all-time record attendance for us. For 2 hours, they learned God's redemptive plan thru the Blood of the Lamb.
- ◆ John-Steven's **BDay** in March, Missionary Mike Ireland came over from Kiev with 2 of his children. We appreciate the compassion for our kids here. Bro Mike preached for us and blessed our folks much.
- ◆ Spiritual BDays: Both Zhenya & Luda celebrated their 1st BDay as Believers. Fruit that remains! PTL! **PRAYER REQUESTS:** "Ye have not because ye ask not" Jesus
- We need co-labourers! Please pray for the Lord to save, sanctify & send us some help. Acts 16:9
- ♦ Village Ministry: we're seeking to expand Bible Lessons to nearby **villages**. Wisdom/disernment for how and where. Most villages (5k-20k people) are untouched by cults and even the national religions have no permanent presence in them. We believe that much fruit could come from this new outreach.
- **Growth**: May God bring fruit for our labours, giving more visitors. Weekly, we give 500+ invitations. Especially for boys/men. CC is still without any boys permanently attending, as they are very hardened already by 12. We desire to reach this 'next generation' and have a greater lasting impact in Kharkov.

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cathy@missions2ukraine.com "That we might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." Col. 1:10. I thank the Lord for Children and for His allowing us to enjoy a children's ministry here in Ukraine. We had 10 **new visitors** in Children's Church and of the 10, six have returned & started coming during the week for make-up in our chronological Bible lessons. These are all girls around 13-15 years of age. A good age to learn of Salvation and forsake the sinful path that lies ahead for all Ukrainian girls here. The children have also become very active in **evangelism** each

Saturday. I find it a joy and a blessing to have such energetic

vessels to help in this street ministry. We had expected 24 people to attend our **Passover banquet** IF everyone came. To our great delight 30 showed up with not a single chair to spare! Five were parents from our Children's Church ministry. It was great! One Dad said, "If what I learned tonight was true, then everything I've learned my whole life is wrong." We saw some huge steps forward in the adult's attitude towards

us and the Church. The parents are talking to one another in the streets and the tone is shifting from being scared and hostile towards us to being very curious about us and the Gospel. They are finally seeing a difference between us and the cults that are here. Please keep praying as we continue to plow, dig, plant and water. *We have some teenagers who are being used of Satan to harass us constantly. Pray for them, pray for us. Our Church sign has been abused, moved and kicked down and spit on each Sunday during our services and was at last picked up and carried away by a thief; our van has been vandalized; and the buzzer to the apartment where we have our adult services is continually rung to interrupt services. Yet we are comforted to know that because Satan is not silent, God is certainly working here! Come be apart of it, for God's truly worthy!

"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the

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making request with joy"

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