

"The LORD encampeth round about" Ps 34:7

"Grace be with you, mercy, and peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love (2Jn1:3). Thanks be unto our Lord for *each* of you who so faithfully pray & support the work of Jesus here in Kharkov. As spring time is coming, so comes new challenges & opportunities. In May, there's a Deaf Conference in Simferopol, Baptismal services, & then in June a church excursion is planned. Laboring till He returns!

PRAISES: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain..." Amen, Christ is worthy of all which we give to Him and more.

- ◆ **Passover:** Our annual Seder was a great blessing. Though many were sick or working, we had 28 come that Thursday evening, including 3 lost visitors. Cathy's CC youth worked hard to help prepare, including the construction of a paper mache lamb. Hearts were sober as we recounted the first Passover & then made continuous application to Jesus. It was instrumental in preparing the church folks for the **Lord's Supper** the following Sunday.
- ◆ **Discipleship:** Wednesdays @ 4pm we've started the "ABC's of Christian Growth" to those who've completed the 50 Chronological Lessons. It's been a real time of challenge & growth opportunities. Pray for God's Spirit to work.
- ◆ **Fruit:** While home with her mother during her operation, Miss Luda had a captive audience in Mom's recovery room. After 3 days of Bible witnessing, a mother & adult daughter **received Christ** Jesus as their Lord & Saviour!
- ◆ **Deaf** folks now gather @ 5pm on Sundays for basic chronological lessons, as we attempt to grow them in their new faith in Christ. Tremendous times of *overt* opposition is being seen here. Pray for their faithfulness to learn & grow.
- ◆ **VISITORS:** Thru evangelism, **visitors** are coming, to whom we give a free Bible. Pray some 'stick' and get saved.

PRAYER REQUESTS: "Ye have not because ye ask not" - Jesus. "Call unto me and I will answer thee ..."

- ◆ **Button/Badge press:** We'd really like to get badge maker for our differing activities. If a *single* church would be burdened & contact us regarding this, it would be a great blessing here. Some ask of ways to help - here's one. :-)
- ◆ **Vacant lot:** God has shown us an open 2-acre lot at the corner of 2 major roads. It would be truly a miracle from God - and answer to our church's prayers - to see this lot purchased for Christ and His church built there. The unsaved landowner said "There's 375,000 people immediately here who need a church in this area." If *each* of our supporting churches sent a *designated* gift of \$500, the land could be bought & building constructed. Men stateside have offered to come build it. Imagine being directly responsible for *putting* a Christ-honoring church here - a lasting testimony. So much easier to invite folks. Join us: beseech God Almighty, seek His face, respond with great faith. 1Cor 16:1-3 "Now concerning the collection for the saints ... bring your liberality unto [Kharkov]." Amen!

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- ◆ Kharkov phone: 38-0577-102718; We're +7 from EST. Visit www.missions2ukraine.com to see us, as over the winter, we uploaded pictures of the entire church membership, cultural stuff & family things. Visit today.

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John 1:36 "And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God!"



We held the Passover dinner on April 17th. For five straight days and nights the church worked together to renovate the room we rent to make it into a nice place. It's amazing what wallpaper and paint can do! As the adults prepared to room, the children prepared a papermache lamb to use during the reenactment of the passover's death during the dinner. The lamb was constructed over four weeks and had a hidden pocket of paint under it's neck. When John put the knife to it's throat, it looked like blood and added to the realism of the death of the Passover lamb. Everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves. We were happy for the three visitors who came. The Passover is a time to prepare the heart for the Lord's Supper which follows on Resurrection Sunday. *We've started up two new classes on Sunday, one evangelistic class for young teens and one discipleship class for our deaf group



and the newly saved. Now we teach for eight hours total each Sunday. It's a challenge keeping on top of it all. Two of our Bible students graduated from the 50 chronological lessons, Larissa and Natasha, both are saved and awaiting baptism. *Finding a pool to baptize in over the winter turned out to be a block wall. Each time a pool's director heard the word, "Baptist" the door was slammed shut. Kharkov is still very much in the hands of communist-minded leaders. So God has supplied through the change of seasons for the lake to be available again. We have scheduled the baptisms for May. On the homefront, the kids are working hard to finish school and have really been a blessing in evangelism and children's church. Now that the snow is gone we are walking all the time to thaw out our frozen bones! We are all glad that spring has finally arrived. Thank you again for your prayers and support!!!

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