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O'Brien's Prayers & News

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"And the LORD God ... sent to them by his messengers ... because he had compassion." 2Chr.36:15

March/April have now been written permanently into God's record, and we praise His holy name for giving us the blessed privilege of laboring here. Having just celebrated our **5th Anniversary** here in Kharkov, we look at the many miracles which Christ has done here *all to His glory*, all according to the heart of God in reaching lost souls. Hallelujah! Amazing to think we've been here that long, humbling to see all that Christ is accomplishing for His name's sake.

PRAISES: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain..." Amen, Christ is worthy of all we give, lets offer all we have to give.

- ◆ **SPECIAL** thanks: Pastor Chambless/Grace Baptist for providing our Button/**Badge Press** in time for Summer Conference!
- ◆ **Evangelism:** We've handed out our *second* batch of **10K booklets** already this year! Pray we can continue to cover the printing needs of the church. The faithful here truly enjoy being out on Saturday's evangelizing our region. Pray for more.
- ◆ **Discipleship:** Added a new WednesdayPM bible class & Cathy's Chronological lessons with the Deaf are still all-day-long! Also, 2 new men visitors are requesting Chronological Bible Lessons too. Pray for God to open their eyes to Christ Jesus for salvation. Summer is so busy here with folks working in their dachas (country gardens), that few remain in town making the streets rather empty & the pews somewhat bare, but praise Jesus for those who remain and hunger for Him.
- ◆ **VISITORS:** As faithfully go out, God faithfully brings some in. We barely await when we can have a quiet, holy sanctuary where folks can come & hear the Word preached, where prayers are not drowned out by the vile Strip Bar/Club next to our room and visitors would be at liberty to stay/return. I'm asking God specifically for **MEN** to visit & be saved.

◆ **Passover Seder:** Faith Bible Baptist celebrated it's 4th annual Seder. Reserved seating of 35 didn't cover those who attended. We were blessed by having a small group from Odessa take the 12 hour train up to attend. The Christ-centered fellowship was great for both ours & theirs. There is no clearer opportunity to present the full redemptive work of Jesus our Passover. Instead of blood, I suggested posting a list of good works, or baptismal certificate. Would the Lord still passover & prevent the destroyer from entering? Many attending were greatly challenged by the all-sufficient sacrifice of Christ Jesus.

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

- ◆ **Church Property:** God has shown where He wants us. Many churches/individuals are now giving seeing that there is a specific place now. We are a few thousand into an approximately \$15-\$20K Building project. Come visit & see the need.
- ◆ **Summer Camp:** First week of July, Bro Mapp & his Pastor Wetherington will be coming to Kharkov to preach our very first Summer **Youth Camp**. Pray for clear weather, prepared hearts, for protection, effectual doors of ministry, salvations. Please pray for ease of travel *thru* Customs and liberty/safety while here ministering. May God hold back the Adversary and all his workers/volunteers who're determined to detract from the simplicity of Christ Jesus crucified. Lasting fruit too.
- ◆ **Helping Hands:** Will you *come to Ukraine* this summer? 2 weeks/2 months: the Lord needs your heart & hands for Him.

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Thank you all for your prayers on my behalf in regards to my neck injury. I know when our prayer letter was received by you all because that is when a miraculas thing happened, after many long months in a neck brace, I am now able to walk around without the aid of the brace. Glory! I still have a lot of severe pain from the nerve but I'm doing a lot better. Thank you! Our little church has gone through a pruning season and like a tree it never looks good when it's all peared back but the Lord is faithful and He knows what he is doing. Now that spring is here we see Him producing new shoots & branches and we thank Him so much. He has added a new lady to our deaf ministry, her name is Olya. She is 27. She was saved several years ago in a different city but has been starving for five years here without a church to feed her spiritually. She is now taking individual Bible lessons along with Tanya (40), my other deaf student. God has placed me in the position of 'deaf translator' for the church for the time being. It's very challenging but I am enjoying every minute of it. The Lord has also added several new visitors, men, (Igor, Sasha, Andrei) who are now taking individual Bible lessons as well. Plans are in the making for our first ever Youth Camp this July. Brother Aubry Mapp will be coming over to preach this camp. We are using baseball as our big attraction for the camp. This came after our family was playing baseball in the park recently & a huge crowd gathered to watch. Then the kids were playing at another park & had a huge group of teens amass asking to touch the bat, ball & glove. The kids here (and some men even) are just fascinated with the game. So for the camp we will end each day with a baseball game (following some instruction). The theme for the camp will be "Who is on the Lord's Side?" Please be praying over that, especially the necessary equipment. We had found a piece of property for sale we wished to buy to build a church on but it sold before we could get an email off to the States to raise up any money. Then after looking around & not finding anything else the Lord allowed this property to fall through & be put back up for sale. After prayer & some counsel we decided to seek the Lord's will in acquiring this land. If all goes well we will be building soon & away from the terrible location we are forced to meet at for this present time. Please pray with us to this end. Thank you for supporting this work here in Ukraine we see the Lord's hand blessing & without your prayers & support these souls would perish. Thank you!

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