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O'Brien's Prayers & News

March-April: Spring has finally arrived! Things are thawing from the lengthy snow-filled winter and it's not just the land that is coming out of hybernation, but spiritually too here in Kharkov. As the angel declared: "HE HAS RISEN!" and with Him each Believer has likewise unto newness of life. We've stayed busy: hosting Bro Mapp in March during his house-hunting/preparation; hosting Eric & Jessica Curtis on their Field Survey, a missionary couple that the Lord Almighty has called to work here in Kharkov with us through Faith Bible Baptist; our Passover Seder & Resurrection Sunday & much more! **PRAISES**: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain..." Christ is worthy of all we have to give.

- ◆ Salvations: the Resurrected Lamb has "passed over" 4 more souls here, saving a Teen girl and then her mother; another Teen girl and also an elderly lady. Praise: 3 of these were reached for Him through our intensive discipleship program: equipping them for the work of the ministry. Always trying to teach them to reach others. This is indigenous church planting.
- ♦ Baptisms: Faith Bible Baptist Kharkov grew by *3 new members* through Believer's Baptism. Water was frigidly cold.
- ◆ Evangelism: 5,000 more tracts/maps/Gospel booklets have been distributed amonst the masses. There have been some visitors from these labours, including an elderly deaf man who came, literally clinging to the tract/map that was given to him.
- ♦ Family: John-Steven turned 14 (just shy of 6 feet tall) and our youngest, Kendon, is now 12 & legally allowed to "sit up front" in the microbus. They've stayed so faithful in reaching out & doing follow-up with our Youth Group. Our ministry would be significantly hindered without the Lord using our children. In May, Brittaini turns 17! Only 10 more years for her! :-)
- ♦ Co-labourers: The Mapps have arrived & are settling in. The church folks here just love them and we believe that Jesus specifically molded their character & gifts to fulfill the great pressing needs that this ministry has. Please pray for them as the long process of culture shock is overcome & that Christ would give them special grace through the years necessary to properly learn this language & culture. We were blessed to have them live in our home for nearly a month while they found their place, as it showed us all that thru Resurrection power our new ministry team here is more than able to overcome obstacles that the flesh, devil & the world can place before us. We're so thankful to Christ Jesus for the Mapps & all He will do thru them here.
- ◆ PRAYER REQUESTS: "Ye have not because ye ask not" Jesus. "Call unto me and I will answer thee ..."
- Building Fund: With great faith & hopeful expectation we're going forward with the building project. We still await for the County to meet to approve the privatization papers for the property before we can re-zone and begin laying brick. We still need upwards of \$20,000 towards the construction costs. This new building will be a beacon for Jesus. Please sacrifice with us.
- Housing: We're asking Jesus to provide the means to buy a house here. As Ukraine becomes more integrated with Europe, housing is skyrocketing. Therefore, this is a distinct supplication that we have to the Lord: a short-term loan thru someone willing to help us get a small home here. Additionally it secures for us our mandatory Housing Registration too. Please pray. **NOTES:** All support must be made out to Sun & SHIELD BAPTIST MISSIONS & mailed to the address below, please.
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MINSTRY: Luke 19:10

Evangelism Teaching Activities







Family News: birthdays & a visit

John Steven - 14 Kendon 12 Cathy's family







Salvations: 2 Pet. 3:9 Evgenia - March 3,2005 Natasha - March 6, 2005 Aleona - March 9, 2005 Nina - March 20, 2005









Eccl. 4:9-10, 12 Mapps - arrive to stav! Curtis' - come for a survey trip April 13

Co-laborers:







"What then shall [we] do when God riseth up?" (lob 5

Baptisms: Mat. 28:19 Evgenia - March 20 Aleona - March 20 Natasha - March 27







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