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O'Brien's Prayers & News

"A missions conference is a business meeting of the church deciding the fate of the heathen."

March-April: From TN to CO to KY to OH to GA to NC - 5,800 miles, the Lord's hand has been with us each mile for each meeting, as He says: "be thou valiant for me, and fight the LORD's battles" (1Sam 18:17). The Lord's presence has been manifested and His watch-care over our family and ministries has been visible. We have seen souls saved in different meetings, folks surrendering for fulltime service and saints challenged & exhorted for the glory & praise of our most blessed Redeemer! What a joy & privilege it is to be in the service of the King!!!!

PRAISES: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain" they cried in Rev 5. Christ surely is worthy of all we have to give.

- ◆ **Kharkov:** March was unusually snowy but we rejoice by the fruit from the active street evangelism ministries, seeing a lost Ukrainian sinner coming to Christ almost each Saturday. There was also a special series taught in the church on prayer as the prerequisite for powerful evangelism. The Ukrainians who were saved evidenced the application of what was being taught! April brought warmer weather and much sickness to Kharkov, but Jesus still sought the lost of Ukraine, desiring to bring His light into the darkness of our vast city. They're struggling, but are growing.
- FURLOUGH:** We have thoroughly enjoyed these 2 months, though they have been the very busiest yet on our furlough schedule. It is amazing to think that the Lord privileged us to be in 26 pulpits proclaiming Jesus as the precious Saviour of mankind and the immensity of His ascension! Half of those are already part of our supporting team, but the Lord moved in 11 of the 13 "new" churches to take us on for support immediately, partnering with us for the eternal weight of glory. We are exceedingly grateful to the goodness of our great God and humbled by His power!
- PRAYER REQUESTS:** "Ye have not because ye ask not" - Jesus. "Call unto me and I will answer ..."
- ◆ **Building Fund:** A huge thank you to all who have participated in helping us gather the necessary funds for the new building in Kharkov. Please pray that those who've pledged will "follow through" and also that *ALL* the vast amounts of necessary paperwork can be obtained in Ukraine in a timely and cost-efficient manner. THANK YOU!!!!
- ◆ **Passports/Visas:** We will be needing new passports and new visas for our return. Cost estimates are \$600
- ◆ **Shipping Boxes:** We have already sent over to Ukraine 4 boxes of necessary supplies and have 7 more boxes waiting to go out. These items include medicines, medical supplies, vitamins, hygiene items, etc. The cost so far has topped \$2400 and we still need to ship the remaining boxes. We would greatly appreciate if the Lord would burden some hearts to assist us in getting these much-needed items sent to Ukraine. We thank you all so much for your love! Pray for the present political crisis in Ukraine and that the Gospel would not be hindered by it. John for the O'Briens

Support must be made out to PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH to the address below. Visit www.missions2ukraine.com too!

Cathy's Corner

Sending Church:
 Peoples Baptist Church
 1200 Cedar Road
 Chesapeake, VA 23322
 Pastor Michael Wetherington

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Mic 6:8 ... *what is good; & what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, & to love mercy, & to walk humbly with thy God?* Over the last 2 months we have been in meetings in 8 States and 26 churches. We have had 12 new churches take us on for support, 2 are keeping us under consideration and all the rest are our faithful supporting churches. John-Steven has gotten so good at packing all our suitcases into a small trunk & trailer that I fear the Marines will try to recruit him to come work for them by the time we are done! ☺ Our 3 teenage drivers are doing well now driving us all over the place. I hardly ever get a chance to drive myself anymore. Brittaini's back/spine is mending well but I still ache from my back injury from our accident in February. Please keep this in your prayers a while longer. *The Lord has been busy saving souls both in our work in Ukraine (4 souls) and here (2 souls) while on furlough.* John and Brittaini attended a Missions Conference in Colorado where John was invited to be a speaker. The most blessed thing happened: the pastor's 17 year old son came forward and took a hold of Christ for **salvation!** HALLELUJAH!!

April 1st Kendon preached for our meeting at Mt. Zion Baptist. This church really put their heart into helping us with the Building Project as did Grace I.B.C. in Eatonton and Grace B.C. of Louisville which we visited recently. Then in April during a week of Revival & a Passover Seder which John was conducting for Pastor Vaughn in Georgia the Lord birthed Josh Heath into the Lamb's Book of Life (**salvation**) after the Lord used Brittaini to open Josh's heart to his soul's need. Noelle and I talked with a lady named Betsy Hardin while out on evangelism and we are asking you to join with us in prayer for her salvation. John has had two men come very close to accepting Christ while out on evangelism as well. We were privileged to be a part of the Homecoming Services for Faith BC, Pastor Rick Baker, John being one of the invited guest speakers. What a great honor this was to our hearts. Huge praise: Thru a gift that came thru this church we were able to pay for all 6 of our tickets to **return to Ukraine on August 7th!** Special thanks to the Gaston Family, Elena Marian, Mrs. Witt, Faith Bible Church of Columbus, GA., and Calvary BC in Byrdstown, for housing us during these two months.



Thank you for your prayers and your support, without which many souls would remain untold of Christ Jesus. *Cathy*

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