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O'Brien's Prayers & News

"man hath no preeminence" (Ecc1 3:19)

"Together for the faith of the gospel" (Php 1:27). This certainly describes the past seven years that you've partnered with us in presenting Jesus Christ to Ukrainian souls. But this now extends to our precious church folks at Faith Bible Baptist in Kharkov who are now standing in the gap in our absence and taking the Gospel forward to others in our city & villages.

PRaises: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain..." Christ is worthy of all we have to give.

◆ **Evangelism:** The Lord has brought to salvation 4 more precious Ukrainian souls: an elderly communist Nikolai, then Ludmila who lives adjacent to the church and then a Teen girl Olya and then a babooshka Vera was led to the Lord by Miss Luda through many weeks of faithful bible study. She is the elderly mother of Tatiana, who was recently baptized. What a blessing, an encouragement to us hearing how our sheep in Kharkov continue in the work in our absence!

◆ **Ministry:** Natasha's Sunday School class of the Chron. Bible Lessons has grown with new visitors. A solid foundation is necessary to right faith & living. Bro Sasha continues to preach each Sunday and Wednesdays he is going thru Dr Stinnett Ballew's Baptist Doctrines book which we translated & printed last year. Miss Luda is very busy discipling converts during the week, where Bible studies are being held in different locations in 2 villages. She doesn't drive, either.

◆ **Growth:** Faith Bible BC grew by another member when Tatiana was baptized by Bro Sasha. She was saved in March '05. Her son, Sergei, was saved 2 years ago at our first annual Baseball Conference and has remained faithful. Another saved family!

FURLOUGH: A time of great adjustment, furlough has been full of challenges. We are very thankful to those who have sent special gifts & support in meeting the needs at hand. We've endeavored to be as fully "plugged in" at our home church as physically possible. We've enjoyed greatly the privilege of getting to know these dear saints & partners with us in the ministry which Christ gave to us. Sharing photos, videos, cards & letters from Ukraine has really expanded folks' understanding of our work.

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

◆ **Building Fund:** We are enlisting our supporting team of churches & friends to join our home church in Virginia in constructing Kharkov's very first Independent Baptist Church building for the precious saints, present & future, of Faith Bible Baptist. As we come visit you, our supporting churches, over the next 6 months, we would ask of you to prayerfully begin now preparing for this overwhelming need. Our 18'x18' structure is very insufficient and hinders visitors. We're very thankful for being able to purchase the land 2 years ago, & now we all look forward with strong faith towards the construction of a building..

◆ **Support:** No longer able to minister effectively at the 68% level of support which we have had, we ask you to pray for Christ the Lord of the Harvest to open doors divinely so we might be able to present our ministries in Kharkov and raise our support.

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



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Chesapeake, Va 23322**

Cathy's Corner

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Special thanks to our Pastor Michael Wetherington, to Assist. Pastor Phil King & church membership at Peoples BC as they have worked very hard to help us get settled in & adjusted for our time of furlough. Thru their efforts & your prayers the Lord has provided us with shelter & transportation. A Crown Victoria, (in excellent mechanical condition) was donated for us to drive the entire time we are home on furlough. Huge praise! Our thanks to John & Kathleen VanNess who opened up a five bedroom home for us to use for the summer while we were in the Virginia area. Again, huge praise! We have received a tremendous outpouring of fellowship with the staff & families of our home church here & it has made our time away from our own home & ministry a time of precious memories. In July my parents drove up to Virginia from Arizona to visit us & stayed with us for a week! Our children were treated (along with all the teens of Peoples BC) to the Bill Rice Ranch Camp. They had a great time of spiritual challenge & received good ideas for our further work with teens in Ukraine. Working in VBS, nursery & choir this summer has equipped us further still for Ukraine. Pastor approached John about teaching on Saturdays Personal Evangelism classes here & John began an evangelism program to take those from the class out into the housing developments to reach this area. Immediately the Lord blessed and while in Ukraine our younger brothers & sisters-in-the-Lord are being faithful on weekend evangelism and are reaping in souls there, we were able to be used of God here & the Lord has saved two neighborhood teen boys (14 & 17) and even two children from homes here inside the church, plus new visitors have come to church as a result. Many saints are now equipped to evangelize on their own & their testimonies are sweet about their new confidence. In Ukraine 4 souls have been saved & 1 baptized while discipleship lessons continue on! We made our report to Central BC in Va during their missions conference. There Pastor Stegall gave John the privilege of speaking to the new missionaries to strengthen & encourage them. Many hearts were greatly moved and the Lord gave much help to these young soldiers of Calvary. Please pray for our furlough & needs while traveling. We can't wait to see you as we visit our supporting churches. You've been so faithful! Thanks all so much. *Cathy*

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