

O'Brien's Prayers & News

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

GREETINGS from sweltering hot summery Kharkov! This summer is surely the most demanding and busiest that we've had since first coming more than a decade ago to eastern Ukraine. The highlights: 3-day, 1,500mile trip to Poland for new Visas; new Sunday Bible Class with Brittaini & Noelle; new "Evening Evangelism" at Faith; our container of Russian literature from CFC is cleared!



PRAISES: Besides daily tract distribution and witnessing, we've ramped up the outreach of the main church work by starting "Evening Evangelism" - going out from 6pm-9pm when almost all Russian families are out walking & socializing, taking advantage of the very long summer days. This change of approach has yielded more visitors these 2 months than all year combined! Plus, we've targeted the 4-10yr children group for the new Sunday Bible Class with Brittaini & Noelle, where both girls are doing an incredible job teaching in Russian to these youth, but we're also using this to train & equip Natalia to teach this Fall. Cathy rotates some of the Teens to work under Natalia expanding the effectiveness of discipleship. **CONTAINER** - as pictured above, all the Russian literature sent from Couriers for Christ has finally been released by Customs after 9 grueling months of Ukrainian bureaucracy and *much* prayer. Customs Storage director became the first recipient of a whole Russian bible, & we've already delivered cases of it to the work in Zhitomir.

Special Blessing (pictured below/left): Igor & Ludmila in Zhitomir wanted their 10th wedding anniversary to be an actual Christ-centered "rededication of vows" now that they've become Christians. It was the sweetest most precious, heart-stirring ceremony! Many unsaved family & friends came, it's such a blessing to see the FRUIT of genuine conversion & the work of God in lives.

PRAYERS: Church Building: Preparations are being made for the Spring of 2010: would you come & help build the first Bible-believing church in eastern Ukraine? This is our greatest need of all. Join with us in diligent prayer for this need. **Pray for Souls; Discipleship; Safety; Health** (Especially Cathy's back). **Pictured bottom right:** Ludmila, a 82yr old babooshka reached while distributing booklets & flyers. **Brittaini & Noelle** - If the Lord would burden your heart for these 2 godly soul winners, we'd all



appreciate some help offsetting the costs of Bible College, especially with the airfare. Your sacrificial kindness towards our family is genuinely appreciated. Thank you!

Designated gifts in appreciation of their many years of sacrifice here can be sent to our Clearinghouse. **SUPPORT:** CMC Box 219228, Houston, Texas 77218 "For OBRIENS" Thank you for your prayers & giving!

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**Thank you for your prayers and your support. Luke 6:38
God is answering and giving fruit to your account!**



← **Youth Camp** - near Odessa, Ukraine (4 days). What a great time! "The BEST life: Seek PURITY— in mind and in body". What a great theme for youth. John & I were pleased to take six youth (Kendon, John Steven, Sergei, Zhenia, Brittaini and Noelle). The camp had a powerful impact on these young lives. Deep thanks to missionary Chris Rue for the invitation.



Big step for Sergei! He is an 18 year old disciple in our church, who surrendered his life to the service of the Lord back in February, seen here as he leads the Wed Night Bible Devotion for the first time. A very exciting event for us and the church as we watch God raise up a young Ukrainian man desiring to be trained for the work of the ministry. Please pray for him. ↑

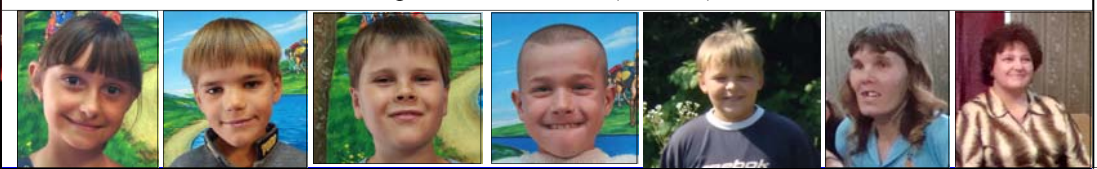


Fourth of July! Our church gathered in a park for a picnic. We sang the American hymns which give Glory to God for the birth of our great nation, through which the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ has been sent out to Ukraine for the salvation of souls here. Happy Birthday America - shine for Jesus!



Evangelism efforts resulted in two groups of five attending services. Luda, has returned several times! →

Brittaini & Noelle continue to teach our new Summer class for ages 4 - 8. Thrice a week the entire church body canvases the area with new invitations. Natalia & Zhenia are training to step in once the girls return to college. In Sept., John will take the girls back to start school at Fairhaven and will be visiting with our home church while Stateside.



Pictured below: Yulia, Daniel, Joseph and Sasha, Stac, (unsaved) mothers Oksana and Vita.

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