Aug '03

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grve the Lord with gladness,

O'Brien's Prayers & News

"And the LORD said ... Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart." (1Kings 8:18). We plant with all diligence, you water with prayers & support, but God gives the increase! Boris & Alla were our first wedding, and Lina gave birth to Maxim our first baby. Christ is truly building His church here in Kharkov thru conversions and baptisms, as He continually calls out a people for His name.

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

- ◆ Salvations: 4 adults Vasiliy (deaf), Elena, Alla &; and 2 teens Slavik & Natasha came to a saving knowledge of Christ. 3 have already been baptized into membership here.
- Lord's Supper: We observed this blessed Ordinance in August & it brought a purifying fire thru the church. Much resistance was given by Satan all month leading up to the service, but God's Spirit prevailed & thru much weeping, confessing & forgiving, there were many relationships restored inside the church body. Praises be given unto God for the sobriety in which Communion was taken by all.
- **Discipleship:** Sunday at 5PM and Thursdays we are busy training to raise up Godly grounded believers. We have both hearing and deaf folks attending these lessons. The Thursday Lessons are strictly for our deaf, & are being taught by Luda and Larissa together. An opportunity for their own ministry growth & bonds amongst each other.
- VISAs: In August we traveled to Poland for our new visas. The manifest presence of God was clearly present during the 3,100km trek. We were given actual "Religious Visas" for 12 months, including multi-entry. So many obstacles, but Jesus gave victory in each instance, firmly placing His stamp of ownership upon our work here. Glory to Jesus.

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

- Church Property: The need for securing our own building still looms. We humbly seek the assistance from all our faithful supporters & ministry friends to assist us. Let's all join together and put a solid, Bible-believing church here.
- Button/Badge press: We'd really like to get badge maker for our differing activities. If a single church would be burdened & contact us regarding this, it would be a great blessing here. Some ask of ways to help - here's one. :-)
- Co-labourers: Please pray for the Aubrey Mapp Family as they are presently on deputation to come work here in Kharkov with us. As a former member of our home church, we've known the Mapps for 7 years and rejoice in God's calling them to work alongside us here. Their target date is Fall 2004, pray for all to be accomplished by then.

NOTES: All support must be made out to Sun & SHIELD BAPTIST MISSIONS & mailed to the address below, please.

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July 2-5, 5 teens earned a trip to a youth conference run by Simferopol Baptist Church, down in Kaktebel, Ukraine. They were challenged to live for God by 9 missionaries working in Ukraine.

> below: August 10, Lena being baptized after her salvation on 7/30. below: After Natasha saw Mom (Ludmila) baptized on 7/27 she sought out help for

Baptizing: Vacili (deaf), Rita, Ludmila, Karina on July 27th.

her own soul and was born again! Aug. 10, Natasha being baptized. Fruit, fruit, fruit!

In Krakow, Poland on Aug. 14 for new Visas

Maxim & Mom

12 deaf come! Slava, deaf deacon from Simferopol BC preaches to our deaf group!



Baptist Missions

Sun & Shield

God gives Lena a boy! 1st church baby Aug. 24 Special Deaf services 62 year old Alla gets saved on 8/24!

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