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O'Brien's Prayers & News

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"For the truth's sake, which dwelleth in us" (2John 1:2)

July-August: This summer is quickly closing and the months of labour ought to yield some sweet harvests. Just days after returning from America, Faith Bible Baptist-Kharkov conducted it's 2nd Summer Baseball Conference in July. We had BIMI missionary John Spillman up from Odessa as our key speaker and his entire family just served & laboured & were such a blessing to our church. August drove us to Hungary for John's renewal of his Religious Visa. We were able to minister 2x with Tanya, stopping each way at her tiny apartment in far western Ukraine. She wept oft, overwhelmed to be able to see her "pastor".

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

◆ **Evangelism:** Another batch of 10,000 gospel booklets, with maps & tracts, were given across our region.

◆ **Ministry:** Chron Bible Lessons with Sergei & Tanya; Cathy giving lessons to Cheryl & Svetlana; Marriage & Family counseling, now that SASHA & NATASHA have announced their engagement! How precious to see the Lord's working. Sasha witnesses often while working as a Taxi, and Natasha was a client. He invited her & she came in March, then Natasha got saved, then baptized, then some months go by and some courtship started, with Sasha spending many hours in my office receiving God's counsel. Now - a **wedding** in September!

◆ **Compassion:** Karina brought in 14yr old Dima to church, a homeless orphan living in abandoned buildings. Having no shoes, the Mapps bought nice new ones; tattered clothes, John-Steven gave him jeans & shirts. But like Demas, he loved this present world more and after a short time around Christ, he departed back into sin. Aubrey searched diligently, but he's gone.

◆ **Co-labourers:** *The Mapps* are adjusting, though oft they recognize "we're not in Kansas anymore, Toto". Bro Aubrey will be starting fulltime russian language lessons in the Fall, as he focuses on this primary aspect of his ministry here: language & culture studies. They helped bunches during the Baseball Conference & especially while we were in Hungary for John's visa.

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

◆ **Building Fund:** We thank those who have given, for those who are preparing to give, and for those who will be used of Christ in the months to come. Also, for many hands to come Spring '06 to build.

◆ **Housing:** We're still seeking a short-term loan to purchase a **house** here. We know it's God's will for us to have more permanency here, but we trust His leadership as to "when".



◆ **Leadership:** Pray for future co-labourers Eric & Jessica Curtis as they travel on deputation. Pray God will help both Cathy & I become better Christ-like leaders by example for both the Mapps as well as the Curtis Family. What a grand Gospel Team that Jesus is putting here in Kharkov for HIS glory!

Support must be made out to PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH to the address below.



**NEW Support: 1200 Cedar Rd
Chesapeake, Va 23322**

Cathy's Corner

**NEW E-Mail:
hosea66@missions2ukraine.com**

2Tim 2:2 "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Praise for budding branches! Alexandra, saved and baptised from our first Baseball conference, this summer while staying in a village far from her church, wrote a letter begging for a visit because she was finding it very hard to stand all alone there in her new found faith. Our family & Luda took the long trip, twice, out to the village to encourage and support her. John witnessed extensively to her adult sister each time and the Spirit was able to loosen the grip that Russian Orthodoxy has on her beliefs. To aid Alexandra in her walk with Christ there, we felt it best for her to be busy about her Father's business. So she began a Bible study there for children. We supplied her with lesson sheets, crayons, a large bag of candy, and a Christian coloring book to use for pictures as she taught. She was able to teach a group of children thru Bible lessons to introduce them to her God. Once back in the city she handed me their sheets wanting me to see how they answered the questions & colored pictures of their own of what they learned. Please pray for the few, the faithful, who are standing strong here. It's not like America here, it's a very big deal to stand up for Christ here. Especially if you are a 14 year old girl! *July we held our Baseball conference. Special speaker was John Spillman & family. Between the Spillmans, Mapps, and O'Briens, we had quite a large presence. The purpose for this years conference ended up being for the strengthening of those who are devoted to the Lord's work here. For saints like Alexandra this was a needed time of refreshing and strengthening. Our weekly evangelism continued thru the summer. We still find the waterballoon volleyball to be the best way to gather curious children playing in the parks. After getting involved in the game they always want to stay for the Bible lesson which follows. We have two of our national teachers, Sasha and Luda, teaching together for this part. *John continues giving a man Sergei the Chron Bible lessons with Aubrey & is seeing God open the door of his heart week by week. We've planted a lot of seed this summer & we are praying we will see a harvest as we water these seeds. Thank you for your prayers & support! **Cathy**



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