

С Новым годом и Рождеством Христовым!: Happy New Years & Merry Christmas! The Orthodox celebrate Christmas on Jan 7th, therefore for us here it's Happy New Years and then Merry Christmas! The Lord has brought to close another year of service here in Kharkov, Ukraine. 2005 was certainly our busiest year, as you will see on the back a few pictures showing His mighty working amongst us. From Field Survey Trips to arriving new missionaries, from nationals surrendering to full-time service to building the house of God - 2005 has been a year of great expansion and new challenges.

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

◆ **Evangelism:** We fell short of our 60,000 tracts goal for the year, coming in around **58,000!** With more of our membership in the workforce, we had less hands each week, but the Lord greatly blessed the spreading of the seed! Remember, with each tract is also a Gospel booklet and an informational map to our church services. We also distributed 10,000 gospel calendars!

◆ **Ministry:** Chron Bible Lessons continued at 3 different locations. Bro Sasha began to teach a new group 3x weekly. It is a blessing to see them stepping forward & serving Christ. Pray for all those studying His word, whether for salvation or growth.

PRINTING: we finally printed bound-copies of Stinnett Ballew's Basic Baptist Doctrines which we translated our first 2 years. We've sent copies of it to 3 countries to 15 different missionaries. This was the largest printing undertaking to date for us. Praise Jesus for excellent materials like this which we can translate, print & get into the hands of these hungry people. Glory!

◆ **Salvations:** The Holy Spirit brought to salvation **3 adults** in November, including a husband/wife (Sergei & Tanya) who are recipients of the Chron Bible Lessons. Please pray for the life-long task of discipleship as well as for more fruit, all for Jesus!

◆ **New Church Plant:** *The Mapps* have officially stepped out from Faith BBC-Kharkov to begin a **new work** in a previously unreached region of our city. With Lina (whom we trained for 6+ years) & recently saved Sergei & Tanya (husband/wife) as the seed-group, we also donated hymn books & tons of our translated literature to see this *new church plant* take deep root. Please pray for this second outreach of Peoples Baptist Church and praise Jesus that there will now be 2 lighthouses for Jesus!!

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

◆ **Building Fund:** We completed the renovation of the existing structure as a temporary sanctuary until we can come home on furlough and personally raise the funds for the new building. Our annual New Year's Eve prayer service was our inaugural service in the new location and we had 14 saints praying/preaching/eating/gaming/fellowshipping the New Year in with peace!

◆ **Housing:** In addition to raising up much-needed support during our upcoming furlough, we will also be seeking the Lord's face regarding purchasing a home here in Kharkov. We thank Jesus for Pastor Hollingsworth & Baptist Church of Between, Ga for their generous gift towards this need. **Furlough:** We expect to be able to return Stateside within the next few months and would like to begin scheduling meetings. Please contact us if you want us in your Conference or Missions Emphasis week. Bro John will also be available to preach missions conferences. We look forward to seeing YOU our faithful supporters. **Bro John**

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1Kings 8:18b "Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart." It's winter here & no heat for the workers yet the men of the church all pitched in working side by side to transform this old shack into a beautiful house of worship! This has become our temporary sanctuary until we are able to build a permanent one. This house was gutted top to bottom & then remodeled by the hands that will worship here each week. As God has given ability we are using it so there can be a place for those who come to know Christ to meet in, but only temporary due to a decrepit foundation, waiting for God to give us the funds & the laborers to build with more skill than we possess. Is that you? What a sweet relief to worship without the booming blasts that the bar beneath our old place used to thunder thru the walls during our services. We ended this year by moving into our new temporary shelter. We celebrated our 6th jubilee (below) in November. Eleven adults & four children have come to Christ this year because you sent missionaries here to tell them of Christ. The true Christ. Maria was saved on Nov. 26th when Cathy & Natasha while on evangelism & two more souls were saved on Dec. 6th - Tanya & Sergei. John, Aubrey & Luda had held Bible lessons with them for 22 weeks. Egor is again working on finishing his 50 chronologic Bible lessons. Tanya, saved earlier this year & her son Sergei have submitted themselves for baptism. With below freezing temperatures now we'll be baptizing in the early spring! Aleksandra continues to mature in her faith, even taking an interest in learning sign language & is very active in it with our girls. Our deaf couple Tanya & Slava have gotten active again in church but his poor health & the bitter winter here just don't mix well. Please pray for him. We have had some special preachers lately,



Missionary Bob Vansant & wife Judy, Sasha a lay preacher in our church and our own son **John Steven** who preached his 1st sermon New Years Eve! We are preparing the church for our furlough departure. Strengthening what we can & trusting the Lord for the rest. We thank you for supporting us so we could minister here in 2005, Happy Holidays! *Cathy*

