

O'Brien's Prayers & News

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

December Year End 2007 - The Lord has brought another year to pass before His imminent return. The year began with us being 'home' on furlough in sunny Arizona and ended with us already having returned to chilly Kharkov, Ukraine! We were greatly refreshed on our first full furlough, we were treated to the best in the Lord's kingdom with His saints and we watched His mighty hand in so many diverse situations. The strain of our absence was really manifesting itself back in Kharkov, and we were *very* happy to be back in September where we busily began to rebuild, rekindle, redirect and recapture wayward sheep. We are beyond grateful to the goodness of our Lord for the extremely-needed increase in support and we are so thankful to the new churches who've come on board, joining our team in the great Gospel endeavor of preaching Jesus as Lord to the lost.

PRAISES: After 7 years, one of the twin sons of Alla, our eldest church member, was finally saved! Yura has been struggling with the Spirit over his soul's condition and in Nov he finally repented, saying "Now I see Jesus as my only hope of Heaven." The change has been immediate & immense! We sent him along with John-Steven to the Faithful Men's Conference down in Crimea for 3 solid days of preaching & fellowship. **Pictured right:** Zhenya was anointed in church before being sent by our church to Odessa to a specialty eye clinic for surgery. Hallelujah her sight has been spared and Jesus reigns! She has been such a faithful witness & testimony. The operation was a great expense to us, but we are convinced that it was the absolute right thing to do. Since then, she's been a witnessing fireball at school!



PRAYERS: Though the Lord quickly gathered many deaf back together (we broke attendance record), the Devil used 1 deaf lady to pull out all but 3. Please pray her repentance & that the Lord will help us

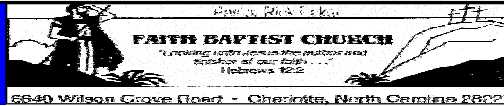


gather more Ukrainian deaf. ***Church building:** Pray for all the documents to get approved for the building, as costs are totally skyrocketing, so we can start construction this Spring '08. **Adjoining property:** We remain about \$8,000 short from pledged to actual received monies to buy the adjacent property to us. This is a necessary step, especially in the government's eyes, so as to provide sufficient area for the new building. We are needing to wrap that up as quickly as possible to assist in the final approval of all the plans at the City Architect. We are planning on a group of believers from Moldova to come Summer '08 to do much of the block work and are hoping some good men from the States will likewise come this summer and be strategic helpers as the Lord would provide. Please pray!

**** New Bible Lessons:** As new small groups are formed, we need the Lord's presence & power. We are greatly praying for a new ministry opportunity in a village about 1 hour from the church. Pray for us.

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Dec. 21st, students of sixteen foreign nations assembled at the University of Kharkov. Our daughters, Brittaini and Noelle, had the honor & privilege of representing the United States of America. Instead of glorifying our nation's economic status, our girls instead boldly praised our God alone for being the one true God & keeper of our nation & the giver of all our nation's blessings in their speech. "Our nation's God is alive!" Then they sang a patriotic song. To our amazement their speech was received well though they were speaking before a mixed group of Muslim, Buddhist, atheist, and Orthodox students.



We started an **English service** and God blessed right away, bringing us Kathryn, who is working here as an English teacher and was glad to find a Baptist church where she could come & worship.



Salvation of Yura !!!
Nov. 13, 2007

Men's Conference:
John Seven & Yura were blessed to attend with about 35 other men from around Ukraine in Crimea.



New International Chronologic Bible Students!

Sao is a student from China (on left) and Hilda is a student from Uganda (on right). Both girls have braved the sub-freezing temperatures to come for Bible lessons. Pray with us for their salvations



Deaf conference Dec. 31-Jan. 1st!

Our guest speaker, Slava, a deaf pastor from Simferopol, Ukraine. 13 deaf visitors this month; eight attended the conference. Satan openly used one deaf lady to oppose the preaching of the Word. After the last meeting was over we found two of our tires slashed and had to hitch-hike home along with our guest, Slava, in 20 below zero weather, arriving at 3:30am! Slava summed it all up: "Satan is VERY angry we are preaching to the lost!"



Thank you.

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