

Поздравляем вас с Рождеством Христовым и с Новым Годом! (Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!).

Our favorite time of year has come upon us, when we reflect back upon a whole year and look forward to one full of potential! Our furlough has been a blessed time and these 2 months have kept us Arizona/New Mexico reporting to our faithful supporters & also to some new churches. John & Brittaini were able to spend the month of December back in Kharkov ministering to the saints of Faith Bible Baptist Church & Faith Baptist Mission our second work. We praise the Lord for His mighty hand & active work in the daily lives and most minute cares of His redeemed. Many tears were shed during our time there but the remnant has been strengthened & some wayward were brought back. Thanks to all who gave so we could go, especially East Mesa Baptist. We were also able to join Cathy's entire family for Thanksgiving in Tucson, seeing relatives & loved ones after so many years. **PRAISES:** "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain..." they cried in Rev 5. Christ most surely is worthy of all we have to give.

◆ **Kharkov:** Bro Sasha, along with Miss Luda & Natasha, is keeping the works going forward in a Christ-honoring fashion. Even thru their deep trials, the Lord's presence has been evident upon them. Though some have drifted & others fallen away, the core groups have grown both in number & in maturity. Winter has set in firmly & now most of the work is done in homes. The church's faithfulness in teaching new converts & the showing of Christ's love to many saints & sinners is encouraging to us.

◆ **Ministry:** We started a new evangelism "push" in December in Kharkov & also printed 2 more books which we translated (Pickering's 'Separation' & Gordon's 'Resurrection in Christ'). Pray with us that these materials will be greatly used & blessed.

◆ **Salvations:** Pictured is one of the young men John was able to lead to Christ recently. In total, 11 souls came to Christ thru our ministering in Nov-Dec. All glory to the Lord, for "salvation is of the Lord" (Jon 2:9).

FURLOUGH: We're 1/2 way thru and are planning our return for late July/August. We have started saving for the tickets but need some help. We've been so blessed by our supporting churches, seeing both the old & the new folks in each church. Praise the Lord for such loving & faithful "fellow helpers to the truth (3Jn 8).

◆ Both John-Steven & Kendon were invited to preach at a special New Year's Eve prayer service in Mesa, Az.

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

◆ **Building Fund:** Our home church in Virginia is constructing Kharkov's very first Independent Baptist Church building for the precious saints, present & future, of Faith Bible Baptist. Therefore, we're offering "Memorial Stones" for \$1k each, given in honour of either your church or in memory of a loved one on a brass plaque in the new building. We have only 16 stones remaining thanks to a small supporting church in NM that purchased 29 "stones"! As we come visit our supporting churches over the next 6 months, we beseech you to be prayerfully preparing to partner in this great Gospel endeavor for Jesus' namesake.

◆ **Support:** The Lord continues increasing our support, adding Western Hills BC in Glendale, AZ to our team to reach Ukraine! **Support must be made out to PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH to the address below. Visit www.missions2ukraine.com too!**



Cathy's Corner

Sending Church:
Peoples Baptist Church
1200 Cedar Road
Chesapeake, VA 23322
Pastor Michael Wetherington

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"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven". We were so blessed to spend November & December with my family & our friends in Arizona while we visited our churches in the



Southwest. The children have been well reacquainted with their relatives & we have had the pleasure of serving in some of our supporting churches while here. The Lord blessed us above ALL that we could even think thru our churches in New Mexico & their giving to the church building & their love for our family. John & Brittaini flew to Ukraine for the month of Dec. to provide a time of rest & rejuvenation to the Ukrainian saints who are serving in there so faithfully while we are home on furlough. They were also able to be a comfort & encouragement to brother Sasha & his wife Natalia who



have endured through some deep trials & heartache. John was also able to set everything in order that required pastoral attention after six months of absence. Our church folks greeted them with a very special fellowship gathering, gifts of love & stories of all their works of love toward the Lord while we have been gone. So good to see them standing steadfastly & abounding in the work of the Lord! Brittaini was asked to bring the Bible devotion in Russian at a special Ladies Fellowship just before leaving Ukraine. While I & the three younger children stayed behind we were blessed to participate in East Mesa B.C.'s annual Christmas evangelism outreach. Kendon, (pictured above), Noelle, John Steven, & I dressed in costumes to teach the Christmas story for a great group (ages 3-10) in Children's church. After John & Brittaini's return to America our boys, John Steven & Kendon, were both asked to preach in East Mesa's New Years service. They poured their hearts into study & time preparing for that & the Lord truly blessed as they delivered their sermons. Thank you to Pastor Hughes for his gracious heart. The Lord allowed us to speak in several new churches to help raise needed support for Kharkov. Thank you for your prayers. *Cathy!*

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

"Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations" (Dt 32:7)



New Ukrainian Believers - FRUIT in '06



2006 = Maturity
 This year more than any previous has brought a new level of spiritual growth, a love for the Bible and also real maturity in all the lives of the saints here in Kharkov.
 3 months at our home church and then furlough.
 THANKS to all who give & pray that these things could be. AMEN!
 The O'BRIENS

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