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O'Brien's Prayers & News

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"As a shepherd seeketh out his flock" - Ez. 34:12

December closes out our 17th year laboring in eastern Ukraine. We are grateful for so many who have stuck with us over these many years and prayed & supported the Gospel here. Here's some blessings to share: Just days before Thanksgiving, our attorney delivered ALL the church/land documents that we've been praying for over the past 6 years! How sweet & blessed to have all these papers at last! Upon receiving them, Cathy & I took off for America & are enjoying some thawing out in Arizona with family. Steven & Nina remain behind in frigid Ukraine working fulltime in the ministries in our absence. Please pray for more churches to support an MK who has proven himself over these very many years. Our deaf man, Artyom, has finished his chemo treatments and seems to be doing fair. His preteen daughter who has been working with Cathy for almost 2 years is now translating for all the services so our deaf can continue being ministered to. We are looking forward to this summer when Jonathan & Katrina finish deputation and come over to start working with us. Though this Fall he will begin at the university for Russian, they will start together almost immediately in the local orphanage sharing the love of Christ to those needy young abandoned souls. The war with Russia continues to rage and only brings new heartaches, bloodshed and death on a daily basis. As we enter our 18th year here, please join with us in prayer for protection and also for wisdom in reaching more souls before the door closes. Discipleship remains high, with Bible lessons continuing and the training of men for the Gospel ministry takes up much of our time. 2016 was a record year for us. We've seen more deaf visitors than in the past decade. Christ has conquered many strongholds in our people's lives and homes are healing by His grace. Cathy & I are planning NOW for a regular Furlough in 2018. If you would like a veteran church planter to speak in your 2018 Missions Conference, please contact us! We thank God for your giving & prayers.

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