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O'Brien's Prayers & News

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

JAN-FEB: Unlike the first **6 weeks** of furlough where we traveled from Virginia to Alaska to Arizona (nearly **11,000 miles!**), these past 2 months have taken us from 'home' in Tucson, AZ up to NV, to NM & TX, then LA to MS to TN to KY & back to TN (**merely 5,000 miles!**)! The Lord has blessed our way exceeding abundantly above all that we could ask or think: while preaching at Gateway Baptist in Las Vegas **3 precious souls** came to Jesus for salvation; while at Shining Light BC in Tucson a young soldier in the Army accepted Christ and another young man at Baptist Temple in Ft. Worth came forward to be saved too. AMEN! All the miles were well worth it! **PRAISES:** "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain" they cried in Rev 5. Christ surely is worthy of all we have to give.

♦ **Kharkov:** Sickness & city-wide quarantines have marked the new year in Kharkov, trying to hinder the fruit of Faith Bible Baptist's ministries. A church teen fell on the ice breaking her arm after a Sunday service but was back on Wednesday with her new cast. *The Mission work in the village is growing* with new inquirers & contacts. Sasha is leading the core group well which grows thru these testing times & they are all preparing for the coming Passover in April. This is our largest service of the year & again we will have members travel up to 25 hours via train to come.

♦ **Ministry:** More than 5,000 pieces of Gospel literature were printed & distributed in these 2 months, even though February dropped to -20 in Kharkov. Home Bible studies flourish during the cold & will produce fruit in the Spring.

FURLOUGH: January-February brought us to 20 churches in AZ, FL, NV, TX, LA, MS, TN & KY, 6 of which were prospective new supporters for the ministries in Kharkov! We've been so blessed by our supporting churches, seeing both the old & the new folks in each church. Praise Jesus for such loving "fellow helpers to the truth (3Jn 8). Some have just overwhelmed us with their outpouring of love & appreciation towards us, it so humbles us by it all.

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

♦ **Building Fund:** To build the very first Independent Baptist church in Kharkov, we're offering "Memorial Stones" for \$1,000 each given in honour of either your church or in memory of a loved one on a brass plaque in the new building. New fellow-helpers include: Calvary BC (Silver City, NM), Tabernacle BC (Kingsport, TN), Sugar Grove BC (Fordsville, KY), Berean BC (Oldfort, TN) & a "stone" in memorial of Dr Ron Gearis. THANK YOU!!!

♦ As we come visit our supporting churches over the next 4 months, we beseech you to be prayerfully preparing to partner in this Gospel endeavor for Jesus' namesake. "They glorify God for your ... liberal distribution." 2Cor 9:13

♦ **TICKETS:** We lack the funds for 6 plane tickets at \$860 each. We are on furlough thru July and then fly home. **Support must be made out to PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH to the address below. Visit www.missions2ukraine.com too!**

Cathy's Corner

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"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above" Jas 1:17. John turned the big **40**, and Luda (in Ukraine) turned the big **30** on January 26th! By God's grace in February John and I celebrated our **19th wedding anniversary!** God has been very good to us, our family and to our church over the years and we lift up His name in praise. **Our last meeting in Arizona was with Shining Light BC and at the end of the service a soldier stationed at Ft. Huachuca **ACCEPTED CHRIST!** Praise!! **John & I were privileged to attend a Bible Conference in Deland, Florida where John was a guest speaker. Pastor Knox, his wife & entire church took great care of us as my parents kept watch over our children in Arizona. The Conference was one of the very best I have ever had the honor to attend. While in Florida we checked out two Bible Colleges there for our daughters who are preparing for Bible School. Two weeks following the Conference a tornado leveled Deland but the church made it through safely. **Then we traveled to Nevada to report to Gateway BC and there **THREE SOULS WERE SAVED!** We thank Pastor Ellis & family for the warm welcome & blessed fellowship. **Traveling to Texas we reported & presented our ministry to six churches. Special thanks to the Leavenworth family, Pastor Mike & Robin Jones, AJ & Katia Vansant and Don & Dale Mills for their hospitality in Texas. **Then off to Louisiana where on Valentines Day we were involved in a minor car accident. Brittaini & I (Cathy) sustained injuries to our backs but God has put us in the hands of a good doctor & physical therapist. Traveling is now more uncomfortable due to our injuries so we would appreciate your prayers. We continued reporting to our churches in Miss, Tenn and Kentucky. Special thanks to those at Tabernacle BC in Tenn who helped us get to & from the hospital when it became needful & to get our car repaired enough to continue safely on our way. **Since we have been in Ukraine, two of our supporting pastors have gone home to glory. We were privileged to see their wives, Mrs. Farmer & Mrs. Wellborn, and also were with Mrs. Gearis - widow of Dr. Ron Gearis who founded Rock of Ages Prison Ministry, to share with them our deepest sympathies. **In March & April we will be attending a Missions Conference in Colorado and then visiting more of our churches in Tenn & Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, as well as Alabama, Georgia and NC. **Thank you to Crossroads Baptist for the package full of Christmas cards sent to us from each family there, & thank you to Bible Baptist in Deland for all the letters the youth sent to our children. Both of these were extra special blessings to our family. To all our supporters we thank you for your faithful fervent prayers as they have availed much. *Cathy!*

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