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O'Brien's Prayers & News

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

GREETINGS! This year brings us into our 9th year of labour here in Ukraine - solely by the marvelous & majestic grace of our Lord & Saviour Jesus the King of glory. Ukraine has transformed so incredibly much over these many years both economically (from \$1/day wage to \$20/day; rent from a few hundred to nearly \$1,000) as well as spiritually (attendance at mission churches all over Ukraine is dwindling nationwide). Their new-found "wealth" (credit) is ensnaring them in materialism and a life of bondage (Prov 22:26). But the Lord still reigns and is still calling Ukrainians to a saving relationship with His beloved Son Jesus our Lord. Therefore, with great hope for 2008 with effectual labour, we beseech you all to kneel with us in fervent prayer for the souls of Kharkov & of Ukraine. As always, these 2 months have proven the coldest this winter.

PRAISES: In January, John & John-Steven took a trip to Odessa to retrieve a crate that we sent over last August! We were greatly privileged to meet with some of the Ukrainian saints who're part of mission churches there. It was a great time of fellowship for all of us & the Lord granted traveling mercies & favor in receiving our crate. *We were privileged to have BIMI missionary in Russia, Bro Don Ossewaarde, preach in our church and were blessed to have him in our home. ***SURPRISE!** For our 20th Anniversary, the Lord thru our children (and the gracious giving from some special churches & friends), gave Cathy & I a special week away in warmer weather. How exceeding is the blessing to have children who would pray together nightly (without exception) for 10 months (Prov 23:25)!



PRAYERS: ***Church building:** Pray for all the documents to get approved for the building, as costs are totally skyrocketing, so we can start construction. The team from Moldova has previous commitments, which leaves us wholly dependent upon 8-10 good men from the States who'll come. Y'all build the outside - we'll do the inside! ***SOULS:** As spring comes that the Lord would thaw some hearts and bring some more Ukrainians to salvation; specifically for saved MEN. ***Mission:** We were blessed to have Tanya X travel her 25 hrs to be with us for some services in February. May the Lord raise someone to start a genuine Bible-believing church in her village in far western Ukraine. Truly truly the harvest is plenteous.

Adjoining property: We still remain \$8,000 short from pledged to actual received monies to buy the adjacent property to us. Let's work that in as 8 more "bricks", memorial stones given in honor for \$1,000 each. This is needed as quickly as possible to assist in the final approval of all the plans at the City Architect. Please pray! All the funds & support have no power without the effectual fervent prayers of the Lord's army. After our drunkard neighbor shelled our church property with bricks, rocks & vodka bottles during our New Year's Conference, scaring our teens & kids entirely to death, we are *VERY* motivated to see this property in the hands of God's people. Amen! **SUPPORT:** CMC Box 219228, Houston, Texas 77218 "For OBRIENS". AMEN!

Cathy's Corner



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Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things:
O God, who is like unto thee! Psalms 71:19



Rita

Attendance soars!
Psa 86:10

We have begun a new Bible Study group on Sundays to teach the Chronological Bible lessons to the growing number of unsaved and new believers who come each week.



Bagdon

Pictured: New Bible students which we ask you to pray for.



Celebrating
Our
Wedding
Anniversary!

Yura has joined the Bible Study since his salvation and his mother attends for her own review as well. PRAISE!

Hilda, of Uganda, is still taking individual Bible lessons. Confused by her past religious experiences, we work diligently to help her learn to rightly divide the Word of Truth. Pray for her salvation in the end please.

Sao has been hindered by her uncle and is currently not taking lessons though she desires to. Pray that she resume lessons soon. **Thankful for prayers and support, Cathy!**

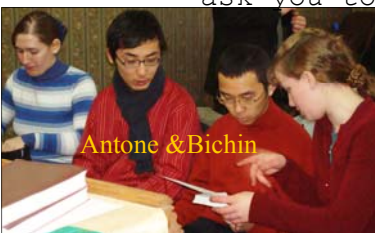
John turned 41!



Luda turned 31



Yura



Antone & Bichin



Bichin



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