

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

GREETINGS to everyone this wonderful new year! Jan-Feb have gone by us and brought us the coldest winter with the most snow in any of the many winters we've enjoyed here in eastern Ukraine. So much for "global warming"! Even in knee-deep snow, our little church stayed very busy for the sake of our Lord. We're always very humbled that God would place such a strong burden in His people here that even in such weather, dozens walk to church each week, go on Street Evangelism, and seek to glorify God in their daily lives, albeit bundled up in parkas! The O'Brien Family thank each of you for making it possible to labor here.

PRAISES: 4 months into the Chronological Bible lessons, **Vita asked the Lord to save her!** Once again, the Lord took His word, by His Spirit, and brought another soul under conviction and converted her soul. Pray for Vita: her husband Aleksandr, son Igor & daughter Yulia need God. Yulia is fruit from Brittaini & Noelle's new SS class last summer. 8 of our Youth braved the deep snow going Christmas caroling the 1st week of Jan. They blessed many of our families, like Peter & Luda (pictured) who are shut-ins. FEB was busy with Sweetheart Banquets. Faith BBC had a quaint Banquet with Pastor Vlad coming from Zhitomir, giving us another opportunity to reach new families. God blessed: 2 new couples attended! We then drive 500+ miles south to be guest speakers at BIMI missionaries Bob VanSant's work there (pictured below). I was privileged to both speak at their Banquet and also in church services. 3 other missionaries also work there and the fellowship was a great encouragement to Cathy & I. We then drove another 50 miles to the Black Sea, celebrating our Wedding Anniversary. While it was near zero back home in Kharkov, it was 50 there in Crimea. We thank the Lord for all that He is doing across Ukraine.



PRAYERS: Church Building: A group of men are prepared to come May 15-30 2010: **we are in desperate need** to cover their airfare and also the increased building materials costs. This is our greatest need of all. Join with us in diligent prayer for this need.

Pray for Souls; Discipleship; Safety; Health (Especially Cathy's back: she's awaiting to return Stateside for back surgery).

Brittaini & Noelle - If the Lord would burden your heart for these 2 godly soul winners, we'd all appreciate some help offsetting the costs of Bible College. Your sacrificial kindness towards our family is genuinely appreciated. Thank you! **Designated gifts** in appreciation of their many years of sacrifice here can be sent to the Clearinghouse. **SUPPORT:** CMC Box 219228, Houston, Texas 77218 "For OBRIENS" Thank sfor your prayers & giving! **WEBSITE:** www.missions2ukraine.com for pictures, videos & updates! Our **SKYPE:** "hosea66" **FACEBOOK** - Come see weekly updates!



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SALVATION BELLS ARE RINGING IN Kharkov!
We thank you for your prayers! Vita was featured in our last prayer letter and God has acted upon your faithful prayers for her as she takes Bible lessons with John. Vita repented, calling upon the Lord Jesus to save her by His grace through faith in His death, burial and resurrection on **February 9th, 2010 at 5:05!**

Happy birthday!
John turned 43. Our sweet church members surprised him with a beautiful bouquet of flowers!



Our first ever Sweetheart Banquet in Kharkov! Our guest speaker was national Pastor Vlad Kruchinin from Zhitomir. Six couples attended. Two (unsaved) couples cancelled at the last minute. Couple (#2) came all the way from Zhitomir with Pastor Vlad & Maya (#5) to attend and share their testimonies on Sunday in Church.



In picture #1 above is Konstantine & Natasha who are not saved and had never been in a non-Russian Orthodox church before. This was a big step! Please pray for their salvations. In pic #4 is Vita, who got saved just three days after this picture was taken! This was the first time her husband entered the church doors. Please continue to pray for his salvation. We want to thank Pastor Vlad & his wife Maya: they were a blessing beyond words & the preaching was ordained of God. A week later John was the guest speaker at Simferopol B.C. in southern Ukraine and then John & I spent two days celebrating our 22nd wedding anniversary in Yalta! *Thank you for your prayers!* **Cathy**



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