

"Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing" - Eccl 11:7

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! (**Again!**). Russians celebrate Christmas according to the Russian Orthodox tradition on January 7th and New Years on January 23rd using the old Julian calendar! One of numerous adjustments missionaries make while serving long-term on foreign fields. We've sent Brittaini & Noelle off to Heartland Baptist College as they continue their preparations to serve the Lord and are thankful for God's leading in their young lives. This winter started later than normal and has stayed later as well! The extended deep-freeze has really slowed things down everywhere but is part of being in Ukraine.

**PRAISES:** We are thrilled to see Vita get baptized and become a member of Faith-Kharkov! Between her husband & adult son persecuting her incessantly, it was a huge step of faith in her behalf and she's just got the sweetest joy all over her now!! **\*\*Deaf visitors:** we are seeing an unusual amount of deaf visitors to our services. Sadly most don't return, but we're **THANKFUL** that the Lord put a beacon of light in this vast city of spiritual darkness where they *\*can\** come and "hear" the Gospel of redemption. We finished 2010 with a total **tract & printed brochure distribution** of appx 55,000! We are praying to increase that in 2011.

**\*BUILDING:** after finishing the entire roof, then doors & windows just by New Year's, we began to put up drywall, but with temps hovering around -15 or worse (and around zero inside), it will have to wait till April!! A *\*special\** praise to the Lord for providing needed funding through Jehovah-Jireh Ministries. The Lord Jesus is determined to have a church in eastern Ukraine!

**\*Bible Lessons:** we've expanded the mid-week service into 2 in-home bible studies. What a great time of growth, communication & bonding we're seeing amongst the believers! Our overall attendance has increased and we're excited to see fruit this Spring!

**PRAYERS:** March we have to go to Louisiana for Cathy's long-awaited court case (accident from Feb '07). Cathy & Kendon will be flying out with John, Brittaini will be driving down from OkCity as well. We are asking the Lord for a favorable verdict so Cathy can get the needed back surgeries. Until then, she's limited to travel and how much deaf translation she can do, which greatly hinders the work here. **\*Building:** we will be starting once again after the snow thaws and will be needing to obtain government approval for natural gas, electricity, etc. These approvals are of monumental importance and will consume large portions of the building fund (what used to cost \$500 in '07 while raising funds now costs \$4,000). Pray with us for the Lord to economize these funds which He's provided. Also for available hands to come and help in the interior construction: if you can swing a hammer, we can sure use you here! This could be a great opportunity to visit the mission field and make a long-term impact amongst the Ukrainian believers. We're very excited to see how the Lord is bringing about this historic project and are getting a glimpse of incredible possibilities until the return of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ! **\*\*CO-LABORERS\*\*** - please remember the Brian & Juanita Faulkner Family as they raise support to come **HERE** to Kharkov to work **WITH** us. We are greatly in need of another family to labor with us in this vast harvest. Supporting the Faulkner Family is supporting us & our work here in Ukraine. We are *\*very\** confident that the Lord Himself has raised up this precious family to help us reach **MORE SOULS** for Jesus.

Our **SKYPE:** "hosea66" call us! **FACEBOOK** - Come see updates & new pictures & videos! (Missions2Ukraine on Facebook)

## Cathy's Corner

Humbly sent by:  
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**In Home Bible Study!** Due to the freezing temperatures making it too dangerous for many to reach the church, we moved 2 midweek services into the apartments of two of our members at their suggestion. The result: Attendance is soaring!!

**Deaf adult visitor!** Sergei, unsaved, has come three times. :)

A Happy Birthday to John!  
 Who turned 44 on January 26.



We thank the Lord Jesus for His many gifts to us: life, salvation, marriage, family, ministry, friends and supporting churches. We have so much to be thankful for. We pray He will find us faithfully glorifying Him in each of those gifts while we serve His holy name here in the darkness where there is so little light. He is worthy! Thank you for your effectual fervent prayers and support. They are making a difference here in the field of Ukraine!



**The first step of obedience taken!** Vita began Bible lessons in 2009 and received Jesus Christ as her Savior on Feb. 9, 2010. Vita has faced many trials since that day being the only believer in her home. By faith, despite mocking and scorn by her family, Vita submitted to the Lord's command and was **baptized on Feb. 1, 2011.**

Giving thanks to God for our 23rd Wedding Anniversary on Feb. 12!