

# O'Brien's in Ukraine

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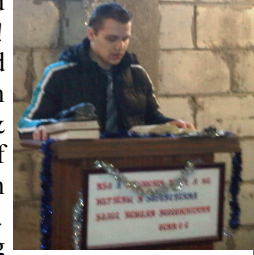
"Striving together for the faith of the Gospel." ~ Php 1:27

GREETINGS from sub-zero eastern Ukraine! February is always our coldest month, but it's the deadliest winter on record with sustained -30F (wind chill is far worse), which claimed more than 200 lives across our country, precious souls freezing to death and entering eternity wholly unprepared to meet God. It was low 40s inside Cathy's kitchen at home & 25F or so inside the new sanctuary. Even after all these many years, sitting through Sunday services in a 25 or 30 degree hall is very difficult. Thankful for the passion of a couple dozen devoted Ukrainian church members who braved the frigid temps and walked to services, sometimes over 45 minutes one-way. Our sweet folks are forever a challenge to us in their simple, pure faith & devotion to the Lord Jesus & the Bible.

**PRAISES:** January blanketed us with snow, reminding us of God's unending love towards us, though our sins be as scarlet. We were privileged to have a mini Deaf Conference, but with the icy temps attendance was really hindered. The Lord continues to work amongst our deaf & we're looking forward to "next year" when we can have heat inside the new building. We also enjoyed Kendon preaching for us, as well as Sergei, a joy to see the Lord raising up godly young men to preach forth the word of life. Our single greatest need is for Russian/Ukrainian \*MEN\* to get saved & called to the Gospel ministry!

**Evangelism:** Weekly we continue to distribute 300 Gospel pamphlets at the massive train station here and have been using this as further growth/development of nationals in reaching their own. **\*\*John** was given an official diplomatic invitation to the opening ceremony of the US Embassy over in Kiev, where he mixed & mingled with high-ranking government officials & ambassadors. A great opportunity to have the cause of Baptist missions raised up. **ANNIVERSARY:** John & Cathy quietly celebrated another year of blessed union on Feb 12 & we want to thank all those who kindly sent us cards. Your love & prayers are greatly appreciated.

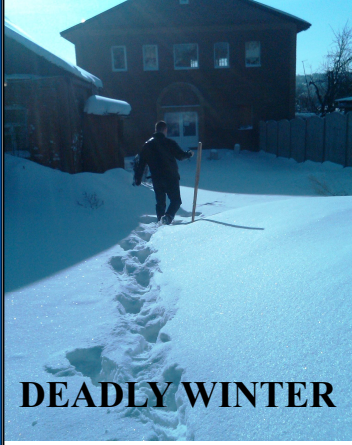
**PRAYERS: \*\*Building:** Government approval for gas. Heating system (2 furnaces & 44 radiators). Helping hands to work inside the building. We hope to have 2 different groups coming in April & May to help, as we are praying to have our official Dedication Service in June! **\*\*Mission Trips:** If you would like to come over on a short-term MISSIONS TRIP (2 weeks to 3 months), you need a Passport and a plane ticket (about \$1,200). Instead of Teen Camp, send your Youth to impact eternity on the mission field, where souls can be reached. **\*\*Visas:** the new Visa laws are difficult & application/requirements are conflicting & difficult. Cathy & Kendon's are due end of March. **\*CO-LABORERS\*** - please remember the Brian & Juanita Faulkner Family as they raise support to come HERE to Kharkov to work WITH us. The tough economic times has greatly affected churches in America, making it harder on everyone, especially those trying to raise support to go serve the Lord overseas with their lives. We hope to see them in 2012! **SKYPE:** [hosea66](#) **FACEBOOK** - See updates & new pictures!



## Cathy's Corner

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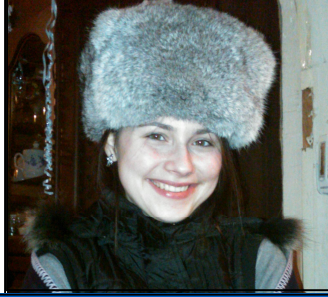
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### DEADLY WINTER

**2012 starts off hard!**  
Ukraine experienced prolonged, extreme temperatures, resulting in approx. 200 souls who died without the knowledge that God sent His Son Jesus Christ to save them from their sins.

Nina, our future daughter-in-law, came up to Kharkov to visit & accepted our invitation to receive the Chronologic Bible Lessons which our church uses for discipleship. Amazingly she soaked them up like a sponge having 19 two-hour lessons in just ten days! She plans to return in March for more & also to help with wedding preparations too! :-)



HAPPY 45th BIRTHDAY to my wonderful husband!



February 12th John & I celebrated our wedding anniversary. We thank the Lord for His grace & daily blessings & we thank you all for praying for us & supporting us these many years.

**Cathy!**



Deaf ministry - We were blessed to have Slava & Oleg from Simferopol BC (a deaf church) come for two days of teaching & preaching to our deaf church. **Below,** I am teaching deaf Lena and deaf Sveta a Bible lesson. Lena's hearing daughter has asked to translate for our services. Amen :)



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