

# O'Brien's Prayers & News

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"Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD." - Lam 3:40

Waiting on warmer weather, which never did come, as eastern Ukraine recorded it wettest ever summer season. Normally in August we have temps around 100, but this year sadly we barely broke 90, and that was but for a few solitary days! However southern Ukraine on the Crimea always affords gorgeous weather, so we participated in 2 Conferences there and our church folks enjoyed it. Our family went through more changes as John-Steven left in July for OKC to begin Heartland Baptist College. His help over this past year has been a tremendous & unspeakable blessing. We're so thankful to have a son who'd sacrifice a year away from College so he could work fulltime on the building construction and we pray that the Lord would recompense unto him for such a sacrifice!

**PRAISES:** Noelle was involved in a catastrophic, single-car accident on the 4th in OKC. Though our car was completely destroyed, miraculously she escaped relatively unharmed! We can't praise the Lord enough for His infinite mercies and for the saints of God who daily bathe us in their fervent prayers! Oddly, 2 days later, a guy driving the wrong way clipped the front of John's Niva 4x4 here in Ukraine. Thankfully it was only the front bumper & license plate that suffered damage. If John had not stopped, the car would have T-boned into the driver's door resulting in major injuries & tons of damage. Once again, God's gracious hand protected!

**\*\*In August, we sent some of our Youth down to Simferopol, Crimea for their annual Youth Conference. After much witnessing from Noelle (who went as a counselor) and Zhenya, our Vita's daughter Yula got saved! Kendon & Sergei were able to lead a teen to the Lord in their cabin. How precious to have young people with a heart for soul-winning! \*\*3 of our church ladies traveled to Odessa (16+hrs by train) for the annual Single Ladies' Conference, enjoying the fellowship with other godly Ukrainian women.**

**PRAYERS:** Winter is coming! We have piles of bureaucratic documents to receive for gas/heat/electricity on the building. Please pray for the Lord's provision. We thank the Lord daily for your prayers & support here in Ukraine **\*\*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!

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## Cathy's Corner

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### YOUTH CAMP 2011 in Simferopol

Hosted by Simferopol Baptist Church



**Watchmen for Christ**  
Kendon and Sergei took to heart our Sunday School challenge to be watchmen for the Lord sending out the gospel warning to lost souls. A lost boy named Vova (18), listened and then later was the first soul saved at camp!!!



### LADIES CONFERENCE

Lighthouse B.C.—Odessa  
We were blessed to attend this conference which was organized to encourage, strengthen, and challenge single women who are living for Christ in Ukraine. This is needed because single ladies face VERY strong opposition from their families and friends.

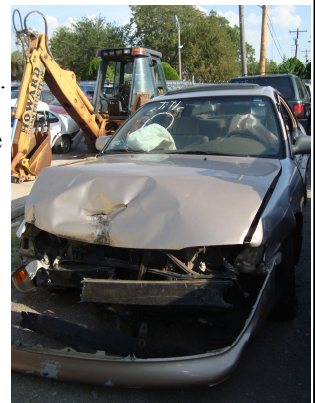
### Yula accepts Christ as her personal Savior!

Yula has been in our Sunday School for two years now and has seen her mother get saved and baptized. She has grown in her understanding of her lost condition and need for Jesus Christ to save her. Extremely shy, Yula could not bring herself to come forward at camp but tearfully held her hand up for prayer for salvation. Noelle and I assured Yula that Jesus could save her ANYWHERE at any time when she was ready to relieve her fears. On the bus ride home, Yula was ready & accepted Christ just like the Ethiopian Eunuch!



### A miracle—Noelle survives!

Our three eldest children are Stateside working in preparation for Bible college to resume. On July 4th, while driving home after the fireworks Noelle crashed! The car was completely totaled but to the shock of all who came to her rescue she sustained only minor injuries. The police said, "it's a MIRACLE she walked away!" Thank you for keeping us all lifted up in prayer. God is answering!



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



# Kharkov Building July-Aug '11



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July & August saw great progress on the building in Kharkov.  
 1) July flooding, basement fills up - again!  
 2) Kendon helping put up sheetrock walls in Sanctuary  
 3) Unloading cement, sheetrock and 9000 facing bricks.  
 4) John-Steven pouring flooring in Sanctuary.  
 5) Foamboard insulating.



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6) Facing bricks & insulation progress. 1000 bricks. Looking good!  
 7) Nursery room is sheetrocked.  
 8) Water well is dug 16m (53ft) deep and top 7ft get concrete rings.  
 9) Almost to top with foamboard insulation and facing bricks. Interesting building our own scaffolding to get up to the top. THANK



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you to everyone for their prayers & support!  
 We're sure thankful for the year that John-Steven gave to help us build here in Ukraine!



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