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# **O'Brien's in Ukraine**

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GREETINGS from eastern Ukraine! This summer continued being the busiest ever! We're still logging 80hrs each week on the building trying to get it done by winter, which is fast approaching. Here are some highlights of the Lord's work here for July-August **PRAISES**: Our very 1st member, Lina, came under conviction for all the harm she helped cause against us back in '07 and came & repented, confessing all she did with the Mapps and asked to be <u>restored</u>. We embraced her warmly & with Christian charity and are thankful for God's faithfulness. We can't recall a more sweeter spirit in our church and family in many years. Truly God has healed! \*Missionary Paul Perucki returned from Romania and helped finish the heating system and the plumbing. A monumental amount of work was accomplished while he was here, his spirit and testimony were especially encouraging. He preached some great messages



too which I believe helped us all. Grateful to have the whole building **PLUMBED**! © \*Noelle & Kendon are back at Heartland, working for their Fall tuition, growing in the Lord. We appreciate your prayers for their safety, growth and for their financial needs. **PRAYERS**: GAS DOCUMENT! For 2+yrs we've been trying to get gas onto the church property so we can have heat. We have a stack of docs but lack ONE final document before we can get it turned on. Please pray for this very necessary piece of paper \*\* The time has come for <u>FURLOUGH</u>! We are planning for late October thru March 2013. John-Steven has agreed to stay in my place and both keep the church & ministries going as well as continue the work on the building (so much still remains: insula-

tion, siding, drywall, lighting, landscaping and more). We're asking our supporting churches to prayerfully consider taking on John-Steven as a *SHORT TERM*, 6 month missions project.

**\*\*VEHICLE\*\*** - we are still needing reliable transportation while home and also need some help in getting NEW churches, as we'd like to get our support up to 80% at least before returning. If a few pastors could call a few pastors, we could accomplish that. See you all soon!



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John Steven and his bride Nina have taken over as our Youth Pastor. First, they took our Youth to the summer youth camp in Simferopol. Now they have expanded the weekly Bible memory and Sword Drill exercises. Bravely, they've have started a nightly soccer campaign to reach out to local teens & win them to Christ. Bruises aside they are have tremendous success with this. Pray for our Youth as they are the future and we want to see a strong presence of faithful Christians in Ukraine in the years ahead!

Lina stands before the church and shares with us how the Lord has worked in her heart over the last six years and has shown her the error of her way. She asked forgiveness & for restoration with all those whom she deeply hurt and from those she tried to destroy. Though we have prayed for this, it was hard to believe that this day would ever come. God is FAITHFUL!

Starting up the Secret Sister ministry again! Encouraging the ladies to love one another and not self, self, self. This is vital for the health of the church and brings a sweet spirit into the services as we follow His example of love.

(Left) Lena is a deaf church member with such a heart and desire to see the deaf in Kharkov won to Christ. She has been faithful in attendance and a huge support to me in my translating for the deaf. Now I'm teaching her how to teach the Bible to others in a chronologic fashion as we seek to begin a new Sunday School class for the deaf so we will have a solid base to build on as the deaf grow in faith. Please pray for her as her health greatly hinders her.

Noelle & Kendon returned to Heartland Bible School, Brittaini & Jonathan to Oklahoma. Our family thanks you for your faithful love, prayers and support!

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





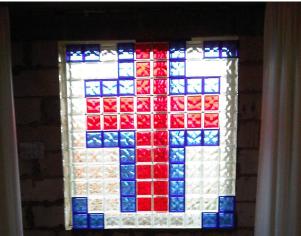




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