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O'Brien's Prayers & News

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"as many as were willing hearted" - Ex. 35:22

Busy summer! We're so thankful to be able to remain here in eastern Ukraine and minister to the souls who've either not evacuated or have returned to our vast city. The war wages night & day, casualties continue to climb, especially amongst civilians as Russia hammers away at every village artillery can reach or missiles can fly to. Even amongst the death & destruction, the word of God continues to work in hearts & lives. We've recently started the **Chronological Bible lessons**, teaching them twice weekly, Wednesdays outside in a village and Saturdays in the safety of the church basement. Please pray for the work of the Holy Spirit in the hearts & lives of those diligently seeking the truth in God's word. **One of the innumerable shut-ins that we have been ministering to over the past 2.5 years finally came to Christ for **salvation**!! It was unbearably hot, no electricity due to Russian bombing our power station, record temps breaking 100F and yet we sat in Gripina's little sweltering apartment sharing with her, once again, the Good News of salvation through Christ alone by faith. She prayed so earnestly and sweetly from her heart, I wept the whole time as she called upon Jesus. Cathy & Rita have begun the task of **discipling** her with follow-up visits which include health checkups due to tender age of 92. *One Sunday Russia hit a building supply store 20 minutes from us, killing dozens. Pure terrorism. The son of a neighbor to whom we have been ministering to asked us for help, so we bought him wheelchair (both legs were broken in the attack). **With immense **sadness** we must report the unexpected home-going of deaf Larissa on 12 July during the heatwave peak. Pray for husband deaf Vasiliy. So sad!!!



Cathy's Corner

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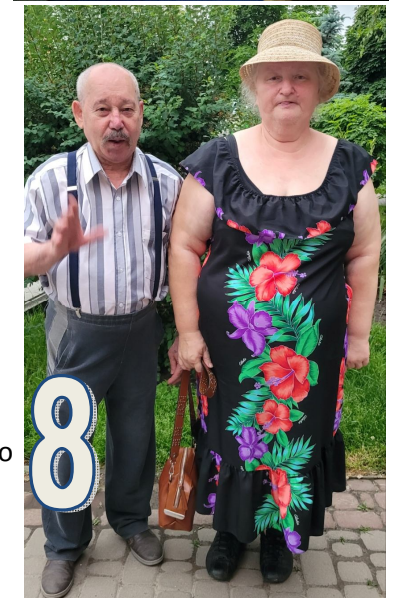
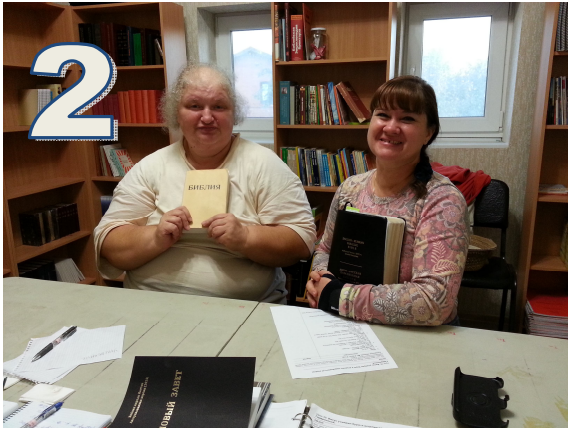
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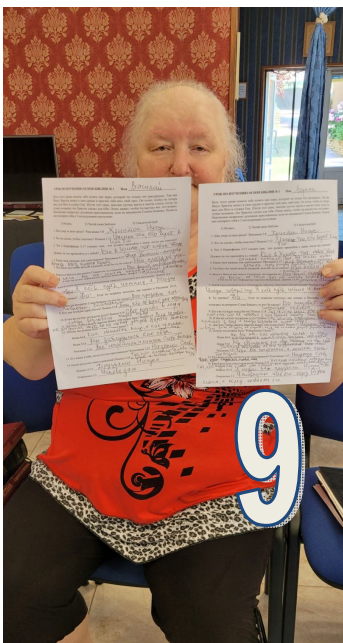


Top left clockwise: able to deliver a wheelchair & Bible to neighbor injured in Russian missile attack on building material store. *Rita, Tanya & Cathy preparing a "care package" for Sergei in Romania. Humanitarian supplies being prepared for delivery. Able to lead a 92yr old babushka, Gripina, to the Lord. Alone & shut-in, she's heaven bound!!!

Your missionaries in Ukraine - John and Cathy O'Brien



#1 Larissa first started coming in September 2011, brought her deaf husband Vasily in 2013.
 #2 September 2014 she finally accepted Jesus!!
 #3-#4-#5 in October 2014 she was baptized.
 She was incredibly faithful, studious in God's word & great friend to Cathy, always helping her with signs and keeping our deaf in line.
 #6 Our annual Sweetheart Banquet, 2020 with Vasily. She was always happy to be in God's house with other believers.
 #7 She forged a special friendship with Cathy. Winter 2023
 #8 June 2024. Vasily had finally gotten saved in January '22 and they were quite the couple at church functions.
 #9 Though deaf, she took loads of note during Bible lessons and sermons. She was extremely well educated for a deaf person & highly respected amongst the deaf community in Kharkov.
 #10 Just one week before her passing, we took her needed food.



Bye dear sister

