## **July-Sept**

## O'Brien's Prayers & News

2023 Overwhelmingly busy summer! Since becoming the official chaplain for an all-foreign fighters unit, I've been down on base 3 hours away from home all week, then back home to get church work done before returning to base. 5am PT with the guys in full gear has helped me gain access to these brave men, most are veterans fighting in Ukraine since early 2022, all suffering severe PTSD. God has faithfully worked in hearts & we've seen a few "Nicodemus" soldiers come to Christ, after coming to my hut late evenings & opening up, receiving counseling, and constant Gospel witness. Amen! \* Numerous **tons** of humanitarian aid and Bibles continue to be delivered, though now we're down 2 of our Hilux trucks due to accidents. Due to the war, scarcity of parts & manpower, it wont be till next Spring when we hope to see them repaired, plus the financial burden. First truck severely damaged will cost appx \$8k to repair, this 2nd about \$3k. If you would pray & please designate for vehicle **repairs**, we'd be very grateful. We still use 3rd Hilux for daily deliveries, but one really limits. \*Ordination! We were privileged to ordain Sergei to the Gospel ministry! The church followed up the next week voting him as **Deacon**! Since surrendering Spring '22, he has been working side-by-side

Humbly sent by:



with me and has even applied to the Chaplain Corp to help me reach with soldiers with the Gospel. We disciple extensively and the Lord is growing him. If your church would like to support a doctrinally sound national, please contact our home church or email us. \*The **deaf** are thrilled that Cathy is back in Kharkov, we've had a few more deaf return from Europe, refugee life is very challenging for the deaf, no way to communicate! Please know our gratefulness for your continued support & prayers!

Cathy Cornei





Top Left CW: We purchased in Poland Sergei's car; medical training project with Parliamentarian in Kiev; Few of my 7th Recon Spartans; Sergei's Ordination was precious; continued bombing here; our combat medic wounded

Your missionaries in Ukraine - John and Cathy