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O'Brien's Prayers & News

May-June: From VA to SC to KY to VA to TN to NC to PA to VA! 26 more churches have given us the distinct privilege of presenting Missions2Ukraine and the cause of worldwide evangelization. 6 of these were part of our faithful supporting team, dear saints who have seen the great work of Christ in Kharkov over these past 8 years! Of the other 20 "new" churches, 5 were moved by the Spirit to support us immediately and many of the others expressed great interest in joining the first truly Independent Baptist work in Kharkov. Thank you Jesus for your love. **PRAISES**: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain" they cried in Rev 5. Christ surely is worthy of all we have to give.

- ♦ Kharkov: Our annual Spring Evangelism Marathon started with the warmer weather and the Lord God has sought the souls of Ukrainian sinners. The saints of Faith Bible Baptist Kharkov have seen the Lord save quite a few people out on the streets while preaching & witnessing. One notable soul that was reached is Peter, who is the father of Bro Sasha, our national preacher!!!! Peter is 86 years old and both Sasha and his mother Ludmila have been praying over his soul for a couple years now. A fully saved family!!! Pray that his health will allow him to receive believer's baptism and that he'll grow in the grace & knowledge of Jesus Christ our Lord. Also a mother of some of our Teens, Sveta, was led to the Lord by Miss Luda and Natasha. What a glorious thing! She had studied with the Mormons and other cults & has been a work of God's patient seeking grace over these past 6+ years that we've known her. AMEN
- ♦ Co-Laborer: Veteran missionary **Travis Decker** and family (formerly in Belarus) have been working in our place in Kharkov and out in the villages since May. We are so thankful for their sweet spirit and diligence, their doctrinal purity and love for the saints. How refreshed our church folks are to see such dedication to the Cross of our Christ. **FURLOUGH**: With only a short time remaining before our August 7 departure for Ukraine, please pray that we'll be able to "wrap up" all that we need to complete, especially sufficient support, so we can continue all Jesus has ordained for His glory in Kharkov. May we each, in our own station of life, bring to full obedience, all of His will.

PRAYER REQUESTS: "Ye have not because ye ask not" - Jesus. "Call unto me and I will answer ..."

- ◆ Passports/Visas: We will be needing new passports and new visas for our return. Cost estimates are \$600
- ◆ Medical NEEDS: Complete physicals, OB/GYN and vaccinations are needed before leaving. \$670 is needed.
- Shipping Boxes: We are busily shipping needed items include medicines, medical supplies, vitamins, hygiene items, etc. The cost so far has topped \$2400 and we still need to ship the remaining boxes. We would greatly appreciate if the Lord would burden some hearts to assist us in getting these much-needed items sent to Ukraine.

Support must be made out to PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH to the address below. Visit www.missions2ukraine.com too!

Cathy's Corner



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"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye." Ps. 32:8

June 15th **Noelle graduated** from High School in a ceremony at our home church in Virginia.

Pastor Wetherington, Pastor Baker & wife Vicky from N.C., and her father John O'Brien all preached charges during the ceremony. All were wonderful! 5 family members from Alaska & Arizona were able to be present for the special day. Noelle had come down with pharyngitis the week of her graduation and had no voice. A doctor gave her shots of antibiotics & steroids to get her voice back in time to give her graduation speech & song. Everything went exactly as she had prayed for. We

are so thankful to all those, especially those within the church who prepared and served. It was extremely hard to plan out and put together a graduation service while we were hundreds of miles away from where the ceremony was to take place. Special thanks to the Johnson, Marian, and Lehman families for housing our families. God blessed and Noelle will always cherish the memory of her High School Graduation. Praise the Lord! Our saints in Ukraine have

been busy evangelizing souls for Christ and reaped **seven souls for Christ!** Two of which we have been working on for several years now. **Sveta** was a woman who had allowed her 2 teenagers to attend our bible meetings back in 2001-2002 before we were forced to leave Ukraine. She herself was an avowed Mormon but still attended our services occasionally. Her 2 children were eventually led to the Lord by Cathy but the family didn't survive our forced departure. We all have kept working with them and the last



Saturday of June, Sveta abandoned salvation by works and trusted Christ alone to save her soul eternally!! Glory to the Risen Saviour! We are all so very excited to see the Lord's mighty miracle! During an alter call at Grace B.C, a teenager, "TJ", came forward & after about 15 min. of being dealt with by John repented of his sins and called upon the name of the risen Jesus for *salvation*! For the most part, our preaching in the States has not been to the lost sinners but to idle saints on the pews. We have seen packed altars for most of our meetings as the Lord's message is asked, "Where is *your* fruit?" We are praying with all our hearts that the churches will become fruitful once more as saints respond & that during our next furlough these precious saints will be able to say, "Behold my fruit to the glory and praise of God my Savior." Phil. 1:9-11!!! In the last two months we have visited churches in six States, 23 cities and 5 new churches have taken us on for support. *Special praises*: Crossroads B.C. not only took us on for support but also gave sacrificially for a printing press for our ministry

in Ukraine which we will purchase back in Ukraine!!! Emmanuel B.C. has pledged money towards the need to repair the engine our van. We have enjoyed each reunion with each church during furlough. Thank you for your prayers & your support. *Cathyl*

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