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O'Brien's Prayers & News

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Spring has been put on hold as we have record snowfall for March-April. In a way, this is a blessing considering the horrific drought we faced last year, with many of our church's impoverished suffering from a lack of harvest. We are looking forward to Spring when street outreach can start again. March 8th our church had it's annual Ladies Day celebration and Katrina was our special speaker. Amazing to see the Lord's work in the lives of our grown children serving the Lord on the field! 2 women we've been reaching out to attended but the deep snow prevented many who wanted to. In April we conducted our annual **Passover** Seder followed by sunrise service to celebrate the glorious Resurrection!

Also in April the gov't Residence Office ultimately declined my religious visa extension making it necessary for me to fly to Poland & apply for a whole **new visa**, thereby negating ALL of my paperwork. In May will begin the long expensive bureaucratic process of getting all new papers. Please pray for patience & provision for these unexpected expenses.

Steven & Nina are doing great with the Youth, though transportation remains a huge hurdle. Possibly in October when Cathy & I come Stateside, we might raise funds - finally - for a church van. **Ministry Focus** has been on training the church men to be godly leaders both at church and in the home. Sadly the lazy Adamic nature coupled with a dictator spirit has proven difficult to deal with over the years. Please make this a point of prayer & supplication. Ukraine needly godly qualified leadership in the churches. The war still rages but our city continues to be spared. Some days it's hard to imagine that a massive battlefront is only 130 miles away! Grateful we get to help periodically with humanitarian needs thru volunteer groups, including NT distribution & medicines. AMEN



Your missionaries in Ukraine - John and Cathy O'Brien