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O'Brien's Prayers & News

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Spring has sprung!! Though still cold in March, we continued delivering needed food, humanitarian aid and Gospel literature to needy elderly around the city and out in the countryside. All this in spite of Russia increasing it's missile attacks on us here in/around Kharkov. April continued along the same, being hindered only by rocket activity as well as health setbacks for John. Still God is faithful. Russia continues to hit numerous civilian targets, mostly apartment buildings killing dozens of people in our city, but also targeting our electrical grid where over 85% of Ukraine's electrical power generating ability has been damaged, leaving us in massive blackouts. Combined with the fact that businesses close when air raid sirens are active, it's become impossible to receive our support here at the banks because they are closed constantly, so we're left to drive hundreds of miles away from the war towards Kiev to find a bank, order dollars, and hopefully receive some on a limited basis. To say the least, simple daily routine life has become significantly more challenging. We were able to drive across Ukraine over the Carpathian mountains to visit Brittaini & Jonathan & the grandkids, with the privilege to speak to both groups of refugees who come weekly for humanitarian aid. We also used that opportunity to secure a "safe house" for Cathy in the event the situation here in Kharkov deteriorates further. We've had a few visitors coming, 2 of which have come under conviction and now asking many questions about salvation. Please pray for those we're able to reach that God would open their eyes. Cathy continues her weekly sign language class and we're excited to see a fledging group of deaf refugees in Uzhgorod with Brittaini practicing her sign language. Praise God. The repair bills for last year's major wreck with the Hilux (not us) are coming due. We are asking for designated funds to cover the \$9,000 bill. Thanks for praying/supporting the Gospel in Ukraine.

Cathy's Corner

Humbly sent by: AITH BAPTIST CHURCH Charlotte, N.C. Pastor Rick Baker

> March 8 we celebrated the spiritual birthdays of Sveta, Vita & Rita (L-R), now 2yrs in the Lord. They are such a blessing. In April we celebrated Elena's 1st spiritual birthday as well. Fruit during wartime is precious! My neck!! On the leftside are 4 circles highlighting 4 disks that have protruded into spinal cord canal, pushing against the cord. On the right is the edge of



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a vertebrae likewise pushing into the canal, hence all my nerve issues since late last year. Please pray, this is serious.

Your missionaries in Ukraine - John and Cathy O