

"A missions conference is a business meeting of the church deciding the fate of the heathen."

GREETINGS! Summer is upon Eastern Europe and we find ourselves with great opportunities for the Lord. First, we want to thank some special churches for some special blessings: 1) Grace BC in Madisonville, KY for the funding for our Russian Bible campaign. Pastor Richardson has been a dear faithful friend to our family & ministries over all these years and active supporter. We surely appreciate him and the saints there at Grace. 2) Zion Hill BC in Greenville, SC, along with Mountainview BC in Cowpens, SC and Lighthouse BC in Easley, SC for giving towards the adjacent property. Our family & ministries are always in debt to these Godly men & all God's people who give out of necessity for solely the glory of our Saviour. It was our honor & privilege to host a precious family from our home church, Greg & Heather Kershaw. The Lord so used them to refresh our spirits, stir the saints and open doors of opportunity amongst sinners. We're so thankful for their great sacrifice in coming over. Also, our girls finished their Russian language course at the State University, receiving high honors. The countless tracts they distributed and how impressively active they unashamedly stood for Christ and openly witnessed for Jesus has left a solid, pure testimony upon both the students as well as the Russian language faculty. They were once again invited to participate in the Upper Division benediction ceremonies, receiving an award among the nationals. The Lord use this preparation for further ministries for them.

PRAISES: The first week of May we celebrated 9 years being in Kharkov! Amazing to think that so much time has gone by since first pioneering this dark area of far eastern Ukraine. Everything here has changed—except the power of the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus! We now enjoy 2-ply toilet tissue, our neighbors all have indoor plumbing, the roads are now clogged with jillions of cars (all jockeying for the same spot!!), billboards beckon shoppers to new businesses popping up like mushrooms, new homes and electronics all choking the simple life out of the Ukrainians thru the bondage of debt and "instant credit".

Though we pass out far more literature now than ever before, we've seen a visible, significant change in the receptiveness of these souls towards spiritual matters. "Too busy!" and "No time!" are the rants of those driven by money. "Which god?" is the mockery from those disenchanted by the now-numerous false cults and religions which have flooded into Ukraine. "Let's just major on getting professions" is the cry of the compromisers, a wave of new missionaries across Ukraine who prefer to team up with the apostate Baptist Union or 'national churches' for "numbers" instead of earnestly contending for the faith! Lord bring us hands to labour here for your glory so that souls here would experience the power of the Gospel and see genuine NT baptist churches being birthed across this great land. America - 1 fundamental church for 27,500 people; Ukraine - 1 for 2.4 million!

PRAYERS: Church Building; Souls; Discipleship; Direction for new ministries; Safety; Health (Especially Cathy's back)

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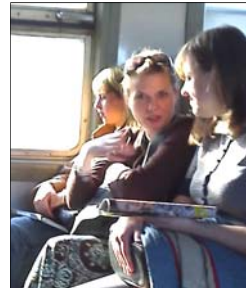
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Below: Our youth were paired up with the adults to practice and sharpen up for our fall evangelism program. Pray with us for a good harvest this fall. We are sending six youth to camp in July.



Above: We were honored and privileged to have Greg & Heather Kershaw, members of our home church Faith Baptist in Charlotte, stay with us for a missions trip. They shared their powerful testimonies, preached, visited homes, and experienced first hand God's work here & the need for the gospel in Ukraine. They were a blessing above measure! Above is a picture of Heather witnessing to a young Ukrainian girl as we rode on the train traveling home to our village.

May 6th
Happy Birthday
To Brittaini—the big 20



The church was packed with young and old to hear the preaching of the Word of God, and to welcome our special visitors from America - Greg & Heather Kershaw. Praise! The building documents will be signed, sealed, delivered in the coming weeks.



School is out so the international students are leaving and most will not return to Ukraine next year. Therefore, I gave them the gospel thru my own testimony and a salvation story bookmark for keeps.

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