

O'Brien's in Ukraine

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"whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever." - Eccl 3:14

GREETINGS from eastern Ukraine! May & June have been the busiest months in the history of our 13+ yrs here in Ukraine! We had a total of 17 guests including my dad from Alaska, Cathy's mom from Tucson & our beloved Pastor Rick Baker & wife Vickie. While working 90hr weeks preparing the building for 2 weddings & the official Dedication ceremony, God was busy building His church with folks making professions, decisions to be faithful, obedience in baptism, Bible studies and more. Come share with us!

PRAISES: Katrina turned 24 in May and then *graduated* with honors from Heartland Baptist College! We're very thankful that Cathy could fly to OKC for that special event. Deaf Svetlana followed the Lord in Believer's *baptism* (she was saved last summer during our Deaf Conference). We accomplished massive amounts of work on the church building thanks to folks like Pastors Lawrence Richardson, Barry Rackley, Rick Simpson, Doug Duffett and **MANY** others who've given & sacrificed to see a Bible-believing church in eastern Ukraine! Truly what God does shall be forever (Eccl 3:14). ***I* was honored to perform John-Steven's *wedding* to Nina Andreevits in the new building on June 2nd with the reception in the almost-finished sanctuary! Then we were privileged to have our Pastor conduct the official *Building Dedication* ceremony the very next day. How holy & blessed were these events! Then guests from America began arriving for Brittaini Katrina's wedding to Jonathan Skean, including his parents & sister. BIMI missionaries Bob & Judy Van Sant came from Crimea to perform this special ceremony with Judy translating for our deaf so Cathy could just be "mom" for a day! Their wedding was so Christ-centered & honoring to God and the church. Their reception was



beautiful & held in the freshly-tiled basement sanctuary for our Deaf.

PRAYERS: The time has come for *FURLOUGH!* It's been 5+ years since our only other Furlough in 13+ years. We are planning for late October thru February/March 2013. John-Steven has agreed to stay in my place and both keep the church & ministries going as well as continue the work on the building (so much still remains: insulation, siding, drywall, lighting, plumbing, landscaping and more). We're asking our supporting churches to prayerfully consider taking on John-Steven as a *SHORT TERM*, 6 month missions project. No pastor could leave his pulpit for 6 months, so the need is very clear. We're thankful the following churches who've voted to support him: DesertView BC (Sahuarita, AZ), East Mesa BC (Mesa, AZ), Ambassador BC (Wadsworth, OH), Clear Fork BC (Albany, KY), Bible BC (Fairbanks, AK). He needs support for September-February. Thanks!



Cathy's Corner

Humbly sent by:
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"What GOD hath joined together ..."



John Steven & Nina O'Brien!
June 2, 2012

A Christ-centered wedding service replaced the traditional Ukrainian one. Saints & lost souls who had never come before filled the church house to witness a true Christian Wedding.

(left) John Steven met Nina three years ago at a Christian youth camp in Odessa, Ukraine shortly after her salvation. As she grew in the Lord, so did John Steven's heart toward her and his prayers. The long distance Godly courtship has come to the happiest of endings. Now together they are serving the cause of Christ - taking over our youth ministries here in Ukraine & daily working on the church construction site.

(right) Brittaini Katrina met Jonathan at church last year when she was a junior @ Heartland Baptist College. He is a Heartland graduate who had already surrendered to the calling of God on his life to be a missionary to Russian speaking peoples. Brittaini unwaveringly surrendered her life to missions as a child. Together they are planning to begin a Stateside internship followed by deputation, and then here to Ukraine for their first term on the field!



Jonathan A. & Brittaini Katrina Skean!
June 21, 2012

A second Christ-centered wedding service! It was a sight to see as Ukrainians & Americans sat side by side glorifying God in the union of a new family who will be serving the Lord to reach souls for Christ in Ukraine and Russia.

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

Kharkov Building - May/June 2012



Deaf Sanctuary flooring



Main Entrance in-floor heating



Main Sanctuary flooring prep



Main entrance foyer drywall & tile work

Pastor Rick Baker Faith Bible Baptist Kharkov Building Dedication June 2012

