

O'Brien's Prayers & News

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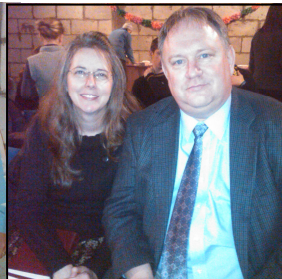
"Striving together for the faith of the Gospel." ~ Php 1:27

What a blazing finish to a very busy year in the Gospel ministry here in eastern Ukraine! As temperatures plummeted for the onset of another long Russian winter, we moved all of our services to the basement of the new building, and although we have no heat yet, we were able to use 2 small propane burners to keep the temperatures above freezing during all services. Amazing to think that we've closed our 12th year of service here, and though we look forward with great faith to a new year, we want to share briefly 2011

PRAISES: Lighthouse Baptist celebrated it's 3rd Jubilee in November. How wonderful to see their continued growth & adherence to the Gospel. Also we had a wonderful Thanksgiving (which isn't observed in eastern Europe) and have so much to be thankful for. In December, we hosted missionaries Roland & Vera Mitchum from Crimea, Ukraine and then joyfully received into our home our future colaborer Brian Faulkner who came for 3 weeks to be with us. We labored together on the building, we labored together in the church, we labored together on the streets. It really increased our burden to see the Lord raise their support so they can come work fulltime here with us in Kharkov. The fellowship with bro Brian was an unspeakable blessing! We also celebrated spiritual birthday for Tanya (6 years) and deaf Lena (1 year). The year ended with Noelle leaving for Heartland Baptist College and with John-Steven coming home from Heartland for the winter break! His 3 week return brought some exciting news for our family: John-Steven has become engaged to Nina and are working with us for a summer wedding here in Kharkov! We are so blessed & so thankful to the Lord, as He has brought a holy, chaste godly young woman into John-Steven's life. We are exceedingly proud of how proper & wisely John-Steven conducted his courtship & we just look forward to seeing the Lord glorify Jesus in their lives together.

PRAYERS: ****Building:** Government approval for gas/electricity. Helping hands to work inside the building. **** Mission Trips:** If you would like to come over on a short-term **MISSIONS TRIP** (2 weeks to 3 months), you need a Passport and a plane ticket (about \$1,200). Instead of Teen Camp, send the Youth to impact eternity on the mission field & change lives here.

CO-LABORERS - please remember the Brian & Juanita Faulkner Family as they raise support to come



HERE to Kharkov to work WITH us. The tough economic times has greatly affected churches in America, making it harder on everyone, especially those trying to raise support to go serve the Lord overseas with their lives. Lord willing, we hope to see them in 2012!



Cathy's Corner Humbly sent by: **FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH** Charlotte, N.C. Pastor Rick Baker

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We held a New Years Service to pray in 2012! We are holding services in the basement during the winter providing us warmth and space. We have added a new Sunday School class and pray for growth. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." **Matthew 5:16**



John Steven & Nina used the Christmas Break from college to officially become engaged! The wedding is planned for this summer



(above) Though it's winter here work is slowly progressing inside the church. Half the ceiling on the attic is up & with Bro Faulkner's help in the basement, we've put up a wall & two doors giving us two more class rooms & more lighting!



(Left) Praise: We have had several visitors to our Chronologic Lesson Sunday School class for children & Yulia continues to grow in the grace of the Lord after her salvation this past August (Right) Noelle has blessed our services with regular solo specials during her visit home as well as translating for me in the ladies class. She returns to Heartland B.B.C. to her studies in January. Thank you each one for your support and prayers in 2011! Cathy!



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

2011 in pictures



From new Choir to joining annual Youth Camps, we've seen Ukrainian believers growing in their faith walk with Christ.

Very bottom left is from our Passover fellowship, including 6 deaf. The bottom right is from our summer Deaf Conf where we saw 5 souls come to Christ.

It's been a fruitful year in all areas of our ministries here. THANK YOU for the great privilege to serve Jesus Christ here in eastern Ukraine.

John & Cathy Brittaini, Noelle John-Steven & Kendon



IN-HOME BIBLE STUDIES: Growing together in faith
COURTSHIPS (below & right): Growing closer in family

