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# O'Brien's Prayers & News

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PRAISES: Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! Cathy finally was able to join me in America flying in on Christmas night, so we're finally able now to get out these prayer letters! In these closing 2 months, I was able to present our 14-yr ministry in Ukraine to 6 churches in PA, 2 in OH, 3 in TN & 3 in KY, 2 in SC & 2 NC, 3 in TX and 5 in AZ! What a privilege to share with our supporting churches and in some new churches too the great faithfulness of our Lord over all these many years in Ukraine. Seeing the state of America has renewed our burden to pray even more fervently for our supporting churches that the power of God's word would have it's full affect by the Holy Spirit of God. \*\* **BIGGEST PRAISE**: the heat is on! The gov't finally connected the gas so now the church building has HEAT! Cathy was not able to procure the \*STILL\* needed remaining document, but at least services are now without parkas! Special thanks to Zion BC - Post Falls, Emmanuel BC - Lansing and Rogersville BC - Rogersville for each providing a key part in slaying this giant. We've battled over 3 years for it and what a blessing to have a warm, heated sanctuary! \*\* Youth: we are weekly encouraged by what the Lord is doing thru John-Steven & Nina as they take our place while we're Stateside. Amazing to see the power of God upon someone the way we see the Spirit working amongst our church and the

Youth. The devil has taken notice too, and sadly 2 ladies were disciplined from the fellowship because of unrepentant sin. What a heart breaking but needful step. Nevertheless, visitors are still coming and the Gospel work continue. \*BUILDING: John-Steven continues working daily on the building. **PRAYERS**: Gas document! We still need the Lord's intervention to get this one last document regarding the heat in the new building. \*\*New supporting churches while on our very brief Furlough this winter. The Lord knows our needs. **\*\***John-Steven's hand: pray for divine intervention regarding his hand, which after 2 operations still has much pain and little motion.

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## Cathy Corner







These are the ladies in our church who are taking part in our Secret Sister Ministry. John 13:35. To be a secret prayer partner and to encourage one another. Yeah! This time the group includes two of our deaf ladies!

Pastor

Steven, Nina, Sergei continue to witness to Pasha, a teen from the park activity outreach. Pasha is attending the services and asking good questions. Please pray for his understanding and receiving of the Gospel message into his heart of hearts.

Luda, Nina and I had the pleasure of giving Bible lessons to Lena, a new contact and Steven reviewed Bible truths with her boyfriend, Mark, from America. Please pray too for her understanding and salvation.



Noelle and Kendon spent their Christmas break from Heartland Baptist Bible College with John and I at Jonathan & Brittaini's home in Mesa, Arizona. What a gift it was to see our Stateside children and hear how God was working and blessing in their lives. Noelle will graduate from college in May, and Jonathan & Brittaini move to PA in Feb. to begin an internship at Grace Baptist Church Steven and Nina still stand in the gap in Ukraine as John & I furlough. Steven's hand surgery did NOT heal right, therefore they had to re-break and re-pin it. OUCH! Please pray for healing as he serves the Lord in the pulpit and with continued church construction.



# 2012 in review



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Sunday School, deaf Sveta's baptism, Pastor Keith Troyer



< — Brittaini graduates from Heartland Baptist College Our pastor, Rick Baker, during the Building Dedication —>

Brittaini's wedding to Jonathan Skean at our church in June



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<— John-Steven returned from Heartland to marry Nina Andreevits at our church. What a blessed ceremony!

"Marriage is honorable in all" - Heb 13:4

Brittaini returned home to Ukraine after graduating from Heartland to marry Jonathan Skean. "Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favor of the Lord."



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Pastor Rick Baker & miss Vickie









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Pastor Troyer & Peter Uhl



Music Special Allen Huffman Paul Perucki, Peter & Kendon

