

# O'Brien's Prayers & News

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

September-October: **CULTURE SHOCK!** Now that we are all back in Ukraine we are once again realizing that we are "not in Kansas anymore", enduring through the numerous readjustments of the "norm" of being here. The church's warm welcome was wonderful and each in their own way have expressed their heart gratitude regarding our finally returning 'home' to Ukraine. What a blessing when your church folks say that you are "home" when you are here with them. Please pray with us as we do undergo these adjustments and inconveniences, ranging from sporadic water supplies at home and frequent loss of electrical power to the absolute anarchic chaos of the Ukrainian drivers and the roads which are fit only for tanks & airplanes (so say the Ukrainians!). Regardless of the sacrifices, we are forever grateful that the Lord would use us here for HIS eternal glory!

**PRAISES:** "Thou art worthy ... for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood" (Rev 5:9)

**KHARKOV:** "Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks" we are told in Prov 27:23, and this is exactly what we are spending much time doing. Furloughs are extremely tough on the mission works and the toll which our first full furlough has taken on the believers here is evident in many areas. We see a 6-12 month period of regrouping, rekindling and reviving with much in-home person-to-person ministering. We rejoice with those who stood the whole time and our hearts are heavy over those who couldn't keep their heads above water in our long absence. This is especially true in the Teens, with the Youth Group down to but a few. Bro Sasha and the core group did a valiant job in our absence, but they too are utterly exhausted and enjoying the rest.

**TRACTS:** By the end of October, we had already distributed over **10,000** pieces of Gospel literature and have visited dozens of homes. We have had some sweet after-evangelism fellowships and have seen the Spirit of the Lord begin to awaken many.

♦ **Souls Saved:** During our regular Saturday Evangelism, we have seen a few teen boys come to Christ. With so much of the Word's seed being sown here, we hope to see some more harvesting of precious Ukrainian souls for the glory of our Lord Jesus. That's why we're here!!

♦ **Harvest Day:** We were blessed to have an all-time record attendance of "first time" visitors at our Harvest Day BBQ & Fellowship. I cooked 'shashleek', a famous BBQ dish here, and used the cooking time to witness to our visitors. Pictured here is Seow, a Chinese student who's subsequently started the Chronological Bible Lessons along with a half-dozen others!

**PRAYERS:** All of our documents, including visas for Cathy & Noelle. Also for safe transit of all the boxes we shipped from America. We thank you all SO much for kneeling with us!

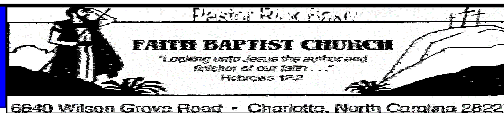
**BUILDING:** For the Lord to give us an architect and guidance so we may begin in Spring 08.

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## Cathy's Corner



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**Graduation ceremony** for 3 Bible Course graduates! **Zhenya, Karina & Natalia.** They successfully completed all 65 Bible Chronological Bible lessons and received a certificate & nice Bible cover for their diligence to study God's word. Now Natalia will be training with Cathy in the children's lessons. What a joy to see fruit that remains & matures.

**3 souls were saved** since our last news letter. One is the cousin of Luda during a visit home and two were boys met out on evangelism.

**Car accident** - God shielded our four children who were all involved in a major car accident. All are fine & doing well except the car which was totaled. I can't thank our Lord enough for His faithful watchcare. Ps 33:20



### Gospel Service & BBQ!

**6 Ukrainian, 4 African, & 9 Chinese** visitors hearing the gospel for the first time! God brought the sunshine in for the very two days that we needed to be warm for the scheduled church BBQ. We ate, played volleyball & baseball and then had a special GOSPEL preaching service. 4 of the visitors have signed up for Bible lessons. Praise! Through our daughters efforts at the Foreign Student Dept at the University the Lord has started an International outreach here. Our thanks for the supply of Bibles in Chinese & English for this cause.



**Noelle turned 18! & Cathy turned 42.**



Thank you for your prayers & support.  
**Cathy!**

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