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# O'Brien's Prayers & News

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September-October: The leaves have changed color and most have now fallen to the ground. They are collected together and burned in great heaps, emitting choking plumes of smoke. What a terribly accurate picture of the innumerable souls scattered all over our city who are dying into a Christless abyss, only to be gathered at that Great Day of judgment and suffer in the Lake of Fire for all eternity. May we run the race together and gather in the harvest while it is yet day. Over the many years here on the field, the Lord has taught us of the necessity to build relationships with the people in order to reach them with the message of salvation. Though always friendly towards us, it wasn't until a catastrophic accident befell our neighbors that they began to listen more intently to the Bible. Christ has given us now many occasions to sit at their table and go through the scriptures. Please pray for Andrei & Nadia that the Spirit will open their hearts & bring them to salvation.

**PRAISES**: "Worthy is the Lamb that was slain..." Christ is worthy of all we have to give. • Evangelism: Another bundle of 10,000 booklets have been distributed, plus maps and tracts. We have had some visitors from it, including an elderly pair Ivan & Eve, who ended up getting saved at the end of the preaching service. Pray for them, as we are directing our church ladies to do in-home followup with them, especially during the impending long snowy winter. Another lady was led to a saving knowledge of Jesus during street evangelism. Fruit to your account.

• Ministry: Chron Bible Lessons are charging forward at fullpace again. We are so grateful for being able to teach the Scriptures to these precious people. Also, our church had it's 2nd wedding in late September! The Lord united Bro Sasha & Natalia as husband & wife. It allowed us the opportunity to share Christ with their family & friends, many of whom we'd not had the chance to reach. They are a sweet couple and we look forward to Sasha's continued growth as he studies indepth doctrines with John and for Cathy and our church ladies active involvement



in the discipleship of Natalia. We believe that God has great things planned for them in the church here.

• Service: Miss Luda came forward before our church and surrendered herself to **fulltime** service. Since then, she's been used mightily of the Lord in witnessing & ministry inside the church. Christ is equipping the nationals for the work of this ministry. • Family: 2 more birthdays - our family just keeps getting older! The church ladies threw a special 40th birthday celebration for Cathy on her birthday in october. It just so blesses us to see these vibrant believers extending such kindness to us.

**PRAYER REQUESTS: Building Fund:** We have begun reconstructing the existing small building on our property to use temporarily during this year while we raise up the funds for the actual church building. This will save significant finances and is allowing us to redirect those monies directly into the project. There are some crucial documents which we are waiting for in order, which we hope to have in hand by February or March. Support must be made out to PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH below.

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Noelle, sweet 16.

*IPET 3:12A* "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers" God has been so good to us. Our ministry & family are growing up. Thank you for growing with us! \*Noelle turned 16 September 8th! God gave her a happy birthday. We thank the Lord for our children. They are growing up so fast! I, Cathy, turned 40 Oct. 30th. Wow! But in light of eternity, 16 & 40 are just babes yet. :o) \* An accident touched the lives of our neighbors. Their daughter was not expected to live. Much prayer was made on our part. John spent two separate days beside the family there at the hospital all day long. He was able to see Zhenia (the daughter) and pray with her twice. John shared with the parents (Hope and Andrew) as much as he could about our God but it was seeing a direct answer to John's prayer one day that made the most impact on our gospel witness. "HE heard your prayer! HE answered it! He did!" They witnessed that our God was a real God. It made such a huge impact on them. I was able to spend part of one day at the hospital with



Hope & Andrew. I was able to give Hope a bracelet of the gospel and I was able to use it to tell her the whole gospel. Andrew replied at the end of the gospel story, "Hope, that will be your story too." Zhenia is now recovering and we are watering the gospel seeds. We are grateful for those whom the Lord raised up to help cover her hospital expenses while in critical care. \* SALVATIONS: Miss Luda led a lady to the Lord while on evangelism right in front of our church on Sept 22nd. Then two elderly souls accepted Christ at the end of church service on Oct. 2nd. Fruit from Saturday evangelism. Camden Mapp (6) accepted Christ (at home) on Oct. 24th after hearing his grandfather in the States had gotten saved. All the glory to God! \*A church teen, Alexandria faced a physical assault and asked for help. John met with the boys that assaulted her. Thru this peaceful meeting a promise from each boy resulted not to cause any further harm. Saturday the two chief assailants met with

John to learn how to play basketball. God brought peace into the life of this teen. Alexandria reported Sunday that all is well between her & this group of boys now. She thanks JESUS for his help in time of trouble & prays for the boys salvations now. Several days later, God showed His hand of protection again thru an assault on one of our evangelism teams. Injuries were minor because God was their shield in the time of trouble. Thru this assault God conquered Kenyan's fear of man for the sake of the gospel. GLORY to GOD for the great things HE has done. Thank you for the privilege to serve here for Jesus and His glory. Without your constant prayers & support, this ministry could not continue. THanks for partnering with us. Cathy