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# O'Brien's Prayers & News

fellow helpers to the truth (3Jn 8)

“So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered all as many as they found.” (Mat 22:10). And

that best describes what has been happening in Kharkov in our absence. Faith BBC continues to grow and reach out, functioning as a sound, healthy NT church body. We're so grateful to the Lord Jesus for Him building His church, being the Chief Shepherd. From September, we've driven from VA to NC to IL to WI to ID to WA to Alaska to UT to Arizona! We've begun visiting you, our Support Team, and also been invited to new churches and the Lord's hand of Providence has been evident all along. Example: while driving all night across ND, we stopped for gasoline crossing into Montana. There the Lord put in our path a husband/wife from Ukraine! And not only that, but they're from the little village outside Kharkov where we live!! We spent an hour conversing in Russian and gave them a faithful Gospel witness. Small world - BIG God. He is so committed to exalting His Son!

**PRAISES:** “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain...” they cried in Rev 5. Christ most surely is worthy of all we have to give.

◆ **Kharkov:** Having received our final required document to meet on the church property, Faith BBC has become increasingly active in reaching surrounding homes & high-rise apartments. The church has added a new SS group & also expanded it's Bible Study outreach to 2 new homes. They continue printing & distributing 1,000-1,500 tracts & booklets each week on Evangelism.

◆ **Ministry:** While reporting to our supporters, the Lord has used us to bring some souls to Christ. AMEN! Glad to be used of Him here for His glory. Because we'll be in Arizona for a while, we've begun Bible Lessons with a neighbor family that we led to the Lord 4 years ago. Cathy is being used greatly to encourage ladies and moms and teens, our family serving Christ together.

◆ **Growth:** Faith Bible BC grew via salvations and baptisms! The Lord saved Nikolai, Ludmila, Olya, Vera and Oksana; baptized into the church were Ludmila (Bro Sasha's 68yr old mother) and Tanya (Sergei's mom). Abiding in Christ produces fruit.

**FURLOUGH:** What a blessing it is visiting our supporting team of churches & friends whom the Lord uses. Groups have gathered in homes to see our video presentation & have an increased understanding of missions & also of our ministries in Ukraine.

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** “Ye have not because ye ask not” - Jesus. “Call unto me and I will answer ...”

◆ **Building Fund:** Our home church in Virginia is constructing Kharkov's very first Independent Baptist Church building for the precious saints, present & future, of Faith Bible Baptist. Therefore, we're offering “Memorial Stones” for \$1k each, given in honour of either your church or in memory of a loved one on a brass plaque in the new building. We have only 18 stones remaining thanks to a small supporting church in NM that purchased 29 “stones”!! As we come visit you, our supporting churches, over the next 6 months, we ask of you to be prayerfully preparing to become a partner in this. The 18'x18' structure in Kharkov is very insufficient & hinders visitors. We hope you'll join us next Fall to help us in the block construction of the building too.

◆ **Support:** The Lord has increased our support to 75%, adding Bible Baptist in Fairbanks, AK, Berean Baptist in Winston-Salem, NC, Cornerstone Baptist in Phoenix & Florence Baptist in Florence, AZ. We thank the Lord Jesus for these new partners. **Support must be made out to PEOPLES BAPTIST CHURCH to the address below. Visit [www.missions2ukraine.com](http://www.missions2ukraine.com) too!**

**Support to : 1200 Cedar Rd  
Chesapeake, Va 23322**

**Cathy's Corner**

**NEW E-Mail :  
[furlough@missions2ukraine](mailto:furlough@missions2ukraine)**

We'd like to welcome into our ministry the following churches: Berean Baptist, Bible Baptist, Cornerstone Baptist and Florence Baptist. You are answers to our prayers. Thank you. “Whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.” 1 Cor. 10:31 \*Furlough is moving along like a freight train in high gear. From Sept. to Oct. we traveled approximately 12,000 miles according to our odometer. We traveled from Virginia to Washington to Alaska to Arizona. \*Brittaini, Noelle & John Steven all received drivers permits so with rotating drivers it is making the trip much easier in some ways though riding with student drivers can give you grey hair for sure & it's an intensive course in growing in patience for both the children & the parents. The Lord has really watched over us & we are so very thankful for the opportunity to be able to teach our children how to drive while in the United States where the roads are good & the other drivers try obey the road signs. A year of driving here & then they'll be ready to drive in Ukraine on the worst roads & with drivers who are suicidal, truly. On our way thru Canada (a 3-day drive) we saw very few wild animals. I was thinking to myself, “What's the big deal about Canada, there isn't anything here.” Well, the Lord must have heard me because on our way back down we saw more herds of you-name-it ON the road than we could count. It was worse than rush hour traffic with animals on the roads every mile of the way. I quickly repented of my first opinion & got busy praising the Lord for His wonderful creation & praised Him for keeping us safe without hitting any of them. \*While on our way to Idaho to report to churches there our computer crashed again - 4th time. Thank you to our Pastor for seeing our need & for supplying us with a new one. We've been able to make a power point presentation to help show all the great things that God has been doing in Ukraine for the glory of His Son's name. \*While reporting to you, our supporting churches, the Lord has blessed us with seeing those who are still faithful in the churches, serving the Lord & being a great encouragement to us. We have also been able to visit with many of our family members which we have not seen for a long time. It's important for us that our children get reacquainted with their family members along with all the church families while we are home in the States. Our children were very small when we left for Ukraine, then ages 5,8,9,11 now 13,15,17,18. \*We are looking at Baptist Bible colleges to send our girls to. Pray with us that God will show us which one is right for them. \*Meanwhile, we continue to keep in daily touch with our church in Ukraine & do all that we can to encourage them & aid them as they stand alone for Christ there while their shepherd is away on furlough. We have been amazed to see how strong they are in their faith & walk & we are seeing them do great things in our absence in the service of our Lord. Please pray over them, the Lord's enemy knows that they are without their missionary-pastor right now. We are planning a trip for John & Brittaini to Ukraine in December in order to give Sasha a well deserved rest for his holidays with his family & also to take care of some needed church/government business there. Please pray for their safe trip there & back. \*A special thank you to all those who have pledged to give to the Kharkov Church Building Fund. If all comes in that has been promised, then very little remains to see a church in Kharkov. BIG PRAISE!!! The Lord bless you all so much. *Cathy!*

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