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O'Brien's Prayers & News

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Fall is here in eastern Ukraine! After record-setting heat & drought here, new weather is a blessing! Sergei finally received all his paperwork to go to the States, so I hopped a quick flight over, surprised him at the airport in Charlotte and began immediately driving the next day to supporting churches. Our goal is to see **20 churches** take Sergei on for monthly support and in the 4 weeks I was there, God gave him 8. He's staying at our home church and driving to meetings, though now because of the hurricane damage in NC, trying to raise support is harder. Would you pray with us for God to help him get the remaining 12 churches needed so he can return to the field? Cathy stayed in Uzhgorod helping & being a blessing to Katrina. We'd really like to see a deaf group flourish there. When I returned back to Ukraine, we returned together back to Kharkov where we jumped back in delivering humanitarian aid & Gospel tracts. **Discipleship** with 92yr Gripina continues as well as Chron Bible lessons outside in a village & in our church basement, as our city continues getting pummeled night & day by Russia. Sadly mostly civilian targets, killing dozens of innocent people daily. So thankful for the Lord's continued protection over our church, as one missile hit an apartment just a mile away & across the street from Sveta/Vita/Rita. **Tragic news: former missionary in Siberia and on deputation to work in Ukraine to help, bro Jim Brackeen at our dinner table passed into glory. He brought 50 IFAKs and was with me in the morning underground while I conducted TCCC medical training to 60 police, helping me deliver food/meds to 2 elderly with cancer and as we enjoyed dinner the Lord promptly called him home. I spent the next 2 weeks working with the morgue and police to gather all documents to ship his body back home. Cathy traveled with his wife Phyllis back to Georgia and we are grateful to be allowed to minister at such a difficult time.

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L-R John & Jim w/ IFAKS, 60 police trained; Cathy ministering to widow Elena; Jim giving out IFAKS; Sergei our Pastor & John; Meeting Sergei at the airport. Jim's boots! He was raising support to come help: who is going to fill his boots? Who will hear the call? Who will take his place? Life is but a vapor, invest in eternity. Say: "Here am I, LORD, send me". We covet your prayers,

John & Cathy

Your missionaries in Ukraine - John and Cathy O'Brien