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O'Brien's Prayers & News

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Winter 2020! What a long, arduous year of labor in the Lord's vineyard, but yet so many praises! Winter temps held off till October, which was nice, but with varying degrees of quarantine and waves of **COVID19** sickness across Ukraine, evangelism was relegated to stuffing mailboxes (which we did profusely) and one-on-one relationship building. One such example, pictured below left, is **Igor** a young man Steven's age. The Lord arranged for us to have numerous opportunities daily to meet and each day God faithfully opened a door for me to talk with him about spiritual matters. Having served in the Ukrainian armed services at the beginning of the war with Russia in '14-'15, he was impressed that we have been so active in providing humanitarian aid to soldiers & vets. He accepted our invitation to Thanksgiving and half the day was spent explaining the foundations of the holiday and necessity to give thanks to our Creator. Please pray for Igor's soul as the Holy Spirit works in his young heart. Steven likewise has been engaged with a young man on our street named **Max**. It is our earnest praver that the Lord would save souls but especially Ukrainian men. My beloved helpmeet and deaf translator celebrated her "double nickel" Bday this late Fall. Considering where she was in March with COVID-like viral double pneumonia which wreaked havoc on her heart (still enlarged and not functioning properly), we are grateful for her recover, albeit rather slow. She must make another **700 mile** trip to Kiev for another heart scan soon. Gas is \$6/gallon. Lastly, we want to thank the Lord Jesus and all of you dear churches & saints for supporting the Gospel here in eastern Ukraine. Our ministry celebrated 21 years of unrelenting battles against darkness. Only by the grace of God and your fervent prayers have we been able to labor these many years. Join with us in expecting great things in 2021-and attempting greater heights for Christ!



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