

July-September: from VA to SC to NC to VA to FL to WashDC to UKRAINE! We finished our furlough by having the honor to present Missions2Ukraine in 5 new churches (2 voted immediately to support us, 2 pledged to support us) and also the privilege of seeing 8 of our precious supporting churches and pastors. We spent our last services at our dear home church in Charlotte under the great preaching of Pastor Rick Baker and the special saints at Faith Baptist. We so much appreciate the great men of God whom the Lord has used to counsel us during our time of fiery trial and we thank the Lord for refining us as He has. **SPECIAL THANKS:** Pastors Rick Baker, James Knox, Rick Simpson & Lawrence Richardson; saints Ted Reigel, Farron Moss & Greg Kershaw for your many sacrifices. Great will be your reward and we are so grateful to have known you this side of glory. **PRAISES:** "Thou art worthy ... for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood" (Rev 5:9)

◆ **KHARKOV:** The Evangelism Marathon ended with over 200 recorded new contacts and **16 precious** Ukrainians turning from their sins and trusting Christ Jesus as their Saviour! Given the number of Saturdays, the church folks had prayed specifically for 16 souls to come to Christ - and the Spirit bore into the family of God just that many! (I told them: "Next time pray for 100!!!"). The ex-mormon woman Sveta who was saved in June took Natasha to a friend and was able to lead her to Christ Jesus also. The Travis Decker Family has left Kharkov & returned to Russia to start their ministries there about 6 hours north of us. We are exceedingly grateful to the Lord for their service & sacrifices & their great help here for the past 2 months.

◆ God blessed both times as we departed from WashDC, allowing all our extra baggage & overweight bags at NO CHARGE!!!

◆ Our **Microbus** for our bus route and other church transportation needs has totally given up the ghost. Special thanks to Bible Baptist - Fairbanks & Emmanuel BC - Lansing for sponsoring the new engine and related parts. Please pray diligently that all the necessary parts can be found & brought into Ukraine. We have more elderly now than ever before and praise GOD that He knows the needs of His own! We hope to restart Sat Bus Route in Oct/Nov and regather the many Youth. Pray for them. We are having a special meeting in Oct.

◆ **Fruit that remains:** while teaching Personal Evangelism in Chesapeake in Aug06, I was able to lead Stefan to Christ. While visiting Chesapeake in July07, a man ran up to me in a store hugging me. It was Stefan! He was so happy to see us and said he has enrolled in Bible College to seek the will of God for his life. Wow! What a blessing!

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

◆ **SUPPORT** must send to: CMC Box 219228, Houston, TX 77218 "For OBRIENS"



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Thank you to all who supported, comforted, and helped counsel and guide us through our fiery trial. Your love and support helped us through the most difficult time in our ministry. Our family is standing on 1 Pet. 2:23 "... When he was reviled, he reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not: but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously." Pray that we will continue to shine for Jesus, keep our eyes on HIS will, and not let circumstances, accusations, enemies or weariness cause our hearts to wander from serving Christ and His will to save the lost. The Lord has delivered us into the loving hands of **Faith Baptist Church**, in Mint Hill, NC, which has been part of our supporting team faithfully for 10 years. Pastor Rick Baker, his wife Vicky and the entire body of Faith Baptist Church along with many other mighty churches have ministered greatly to us. How can we ever thank you enough? In Jesus' name we do thank you all who stood with us as we wrestled not with flesh and blood.... Your loyalty and love have glorified our Father who is compassionate and merciful and YOU have reflected that to us in word AND IN DEED. **THANK YOU!**

As our Lord is perfect in all His doings, as the trials began to unfold, the Lord Himself raised up **2 churches** who took it upon themselves to gather the funds to purchase the property adjacent to our present church property. May the Lord continue His mighty work at Faith BC - Walterboro, SC and also Lighthouse BC - Easley, SC for their pledging to purchase the property. Glory to God in the church!

On Aug. 22 & Sept. 4, **we flew back to Ukraine.** Once again in our field of service, we were met by the most beautiful and precious saints, our loving flock of young Ukrainian believers. What a sweet reunion! They received great care from veteran Missionaries Travis & Coleen Decker who were sent by God to care for the church in our absence these last 2 months. We give them our deepest thanks.

Our girls are attending the Kharkov State University to complete their Russian Language studies. The girls passed every placement test the University gave them so they were promoted from the foreign student department to the national student classes. Shining there for Jesus they have already had 3 fellow students visit our church with them and their professor promising to come too. **Our boys** have started their home schooling with Mom again. John Steven is a Junior and Kendon a Freshman. Pray for the many adjustments.

The ladies desired **a devotion** the first week I was back but jet lag hit us worse than ever before due to the intensely hot weather here and no air conditioning in home, church, or car to escape it. So we held a ladies meeting my second week back and the Lord truly blessed. This time of separation has been hard on these young believers, many of the ladies had tears streaming down their cheeks as I taught on Luke 22:31-32. Please pray for us for healing and steadfastness while we "strengthen thy brethren" and visit with each one to know the state of the flock and feed it while reaching the lost who are dying in sin here in Kharkov. **Thank you. cathy!**