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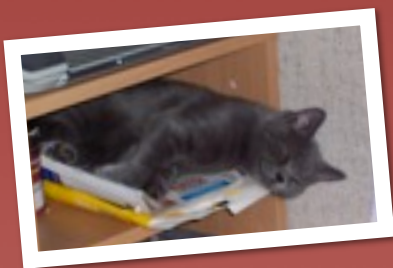
New Look

At the beginning of this month, our main computer died, and we have been using an old laptop from the late 90s. Thankfully, someone was able to bring a new laptop from the US. This is our first attempt at using the new publishing software.



New Addition

This summer we added a kitten to the family. Joy calls him "Meow," and we love watching them chase each other around the house.



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Dear Friends,

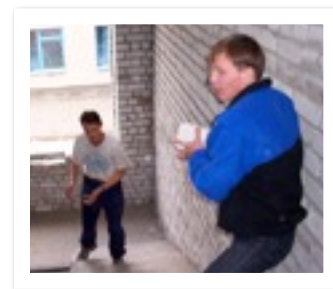
God is doing great things in the world. We are excited to participate in what He is doing here in Kremenchuk, Ukraine. Below are a few areas where we have seen His grace. Thank you for your consistent prayers and support on our behalf.

CLASSES

Kremenchuk Bible College accepted capacity classes in September for the two main programs of study. I am teaching these students Old Testament Survey. Many of the students are experienced in reading the Bible and in ministry. They expressed a full range of opinions and interpretations in our first session. Students in the Bachelor programs come for one week, six times a year.

Third year students are studying the book of Isaiah with me this fall. One student, Oleg, told me how much he enjoyed the assignment that required him to make observations on each chapter of Isaiah. One of the observation questions was, "What do we learn about God in this chapter?" Oleg said that he had never seen so many new things about God's greatness.

In October we welcomed a new group of students for the Church Planters program. After lunch each day we all helped toss the last bricks to the third floor of the new building. Because of a gas-line explosion in a neighboring region, the city refused to turn on gas for heating the college until a safety review could be done. Tossing bricks helped us all warm up between classes.



Visitors

We love visitors! Jim and Dena Orr visited on their way to Russia in July. We had a wonderful time, though all five of us (including Joy) caught the flu bug and suffered together.

Trevor, a friend from Chicago, stopped in for a week while traveling around the world with YWAM. He took some great pictures, like the one at right at an Orthodox procession. He also was able to share his testimony at a church retreat.





Orphanage Ministry

Andrea began ministering at a local orphanage once a week with a group from church. The kids appreciate the attention, and are overjoyed that she brings colored pencils for the craft projects. Although this ministry has been challenging because of the lack of planning on the part of the team, the heart and desire to help is clearly evident in our church. Zhenya, one man in our church, recently shared that one of the girls at this school was discouraged because God had not answered her prayer for her mother to come take her out of the “orphan” home. In Ukraine, the orphanage exists as a last resort when parents have lost the ability or refuse to take care of their children. Zhenya was convicted that although he had prayed for this little girl, he had never done anything about it. So, he found her mother’s address and went to visit her and encouraged her to get her life in order. We rejoice at Zhenya’s desire to be the means of God’s answered prayers.



Summer Camps

Late summer is prime-time for VBS camps. We spent a week in a small town with Sergei Zaharshuk, who is a teacher at the college and the pastor in this town. Their church had a long tradition of having guests participate in the VBS, and we were happy to oblige as the token Americans. They had Jon do the announcements and help lead game time, while Joy and Andrea were kept occupied with the other little kids. We were most thankful for the opportunity to minister to Sergei and his wife by taking their older kids to swim in the river every afternoon since the weather was in the high 90s.

Youth Bible Study

On Friday nights, we have begun hosting a youth small group from church. The youth wanted both a small group prayer time and an opportunity for bringing friends and unbelievers to a comfortable place for fellowship. We decided the best way to do this would be to study the Bible in English for an hour and then discuss it in Russian and pray for each other afterwards. Please pray for this effort. Seven students from church came on the first night and we are excited to get involved in their lives.

