



Lifeline

...a prayer letter from John and Jackie

September, 1998



Dear friends,

Jackie and I greet you again in Jesus' Wonderful Name! It's been a very long time since we have seen some of you who receive this letter, and it makes us wonder how you are doing. We continue to believe for God's blessings in your lives. Give us a call or drop us a note to let us know how things are with you!

The summer has passed quickly. I was able to get a little more remodeling done on our house during August-- this time it was finishing the new molding around the interior frames of our windows, and painting all of them. Very tedious work. I'm glad to have that part done.

We were able to visit Jeff and Jermaine in Arizona for a few days in early September, after a delay of many months. Two or three days were spent as tourists in the beauty of Arizona, but more time was spent, especially by Jackie, sewing and putting up new drapes and making covers for two sofas in their living room. She was at the sewing machine for many long hours. But it was a labor of love.

The Bible School in Ukraine has begun. Jeff Orluck, Mark Johnson, Rob Hastings and Jefferson Hasse are there now. They report that they are having a wonderful time. There are 50 full time students, and 40 more taking evening classes. In addition to the classes, they have taken the students out into the area on several occasions for intercession and worship. Saturday they took the students out for their first street meeting, and at least 50 people gave their hearts to the Lord!

Now it is our turn to go. Jackie and I will be going by ourselves this time. By God's grace we will leave on October 15, and will probably be in Krivoy Rog for three weeks together. Jackie may then return home, and I remain a little longer, since we have not yet found a teacher to travel there in November. Please pray with us for God's wisdom for the length of our stay.

We see these churches and the new Bible School, not primarily as a mission field, but as a mission sending center. The leaders there see things the same way. The students have come to the school for this purpose: to go into world and preach the gospel, and plant new churches. It is a significant stewardship for us and others to sow the Word into these lives.

We need an ongoing covering of prayer to maintain the energy and anointing for our task of ministry to these people. Not only will we teach in the Bible School daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., but evenings and weekends will find us ministering in the churches or reaching out into the community with the students.

WE VERY MUCH NEED YOUR PRAYER SUPPORT THESE NEXT WEEKS!

Prayer requests for our outreach to Ukraine, leaving October 15:

1. For the 90 students in the new Bible School:
...that good foundations will be laid in their lives for victorious living, and for long term service for the Lord.
2. For the health and growth of the 13 churches in Krivoy Rog, all called "Church of Praise".
3. For wisdom as we prepare for the classes, grace and strength for the demanding schedule, and anointing on our teaching, preaching, counseling and prayer ministry while there,
4. For health, strength, and anointing for our translators, who must work very hard.
5. For our travel funds, most of which are still needed.
6. For confirmation concerning the length of our stay in Krivoy Rog.
7. For the letter of invitation from Ukraine to arrive very soon, so that we can apply for visas; for the approval of our visas.
8. For the Ukrainian leaders who will be teaching in the school through the year.
9. For at least two more teachers to be found for November/December/January who can teach in the school.
10. For two laptop computers: one for the Ukrainian church and Bible School, and one greatly needed by us in our travels.

Many thanks again for praying for us, and for supporting us financially as the Lord enables you. We desire that He would bless you abundantly in every way, and we have confidence that He will do that for all of us as we keep our eyes on Him, and respond to Him and to His Word.

With love and gratitude,

John and Jackie

"Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession."

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