



Lifeline

...a prayer letter from John and Jackie

October 24, 1999



Dear friends,

It is a privilege to write you once again and we greet you in the wonderful name of Jesus! Thank you for continuing to be our "Lifeline" of communication and prayer! You are a great blessing to us, and we carry you in our hearts always!

The big event...

Well, THE WEDDING has come and gone!! It seems it was over in a flash. After all the weeks and hours of preparation, the event itself seemed but a "wink of an eye". A wisp of time and it was done!

Many, many wonderful memories remain from the wedding and events surrounding it. Jennifer looked gorgeous in her beautiful wedding dress. All the work in choosing exactly the right style, fabric, color, texture, trim and sparkle came together and produced an exquisite looking bride in a perfectly sewn, pressed and spotless dress.

Scott and Jen prepared their hearts towards God and each other with as much care as their wedding garments were prepared.

"Lord, may we be as single minded (hard working, ardent) in our pursuit of getting ourselves (the Church) ready for your return. Holy Spirit, empower us to ready ourselves. Shine Your light inside each of us. Grant us repentance from anything that hinders us from being the perfect bride ready for the return of the Bridegroom."

The groom, Scott, was so very handsome in his wedding tuxedo as he waited for his bride to walk down the aisle, with a tear and love in his eye.

Jesus waits for us His Church in the same way.

We were honored and thankful for the many, many people who came to help us celebrate and by their generous gifts to the new couple. (Many of you came.) We were especially honored by the people who travelled great distances to come. It was a pleasure to meet Scott's family and friends; we are enriched as they enter our lives. For Jackie, whose family came from California and Michigan, it was an "over the top" blessing and joy. We had one celebration after another!

And now, life after the wedding proceeds...

We had a wonderful time of teaching at YWAM Rockford this week, three days instead of five due to a scheduling mix up. Two days were spent on the theme of living in His presence, and one day teaching the students how to function as a team in intercession and spiritual warfare. (They will be doing outreach among the gypsies in Spain.) The hours went too fast, but as always, it was a great blessing to teach those who are hungry for God.

October 30 - Nov 2:

We will be at Big Bear Christian Center in Big Bear, California participating in their mission conference. It is the desire of this church to be more involved in the Ukraine ministry, and it will be our joy to meet them for the first time. (They have already sent two pastors to Krivoy Rog.) Pray that God would anoint us to share the vision for Ukraine as it is in HIS heart.

Ukraine outreach...

Tues., November 2:

Arriving back at our Twin Cities International Airport from California at 5:30 p.m., we will meet Ann Jamison, meet the rest of our luggage, meet our passports and Ukrainian visas, and then we three will board the 9:25 KLM flight 664 to Amsterdam.

Wed. - Fri., Nov. 3-5:

We arrive in Amsterdam at 12:20 p.m. to be with Steve and Marilyn Hill for three days, exploring and praying with them concerning their new phase of outreach in Belgium.

Sat., Nov. 6:

Pastor Roger Sutch will meet us in Amsterdam, and the four of us fly at 10:25 a.m. arriving in Kiev at 2:20 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. we board the overnight train to Krivoy Rog.

Sun., Nov. 7:

At 7 a.m. the train will arrive in Krivoy Rog. A full day of ministry will begin at 10 a.m.

Nov. 8-19:

We will minister daily in the Bible School from

10 a.m. till 4 p.m. Monday through Fridays, for two weeks. There are 100 full time students. Two evenings a week we will teach in the evening Bible School, where there are 200 other students. The rest of the evenings we will be ministering in the churches. All available time will be spent ministering to the saints, to the pastors, to new believers, to the sick, and doing the unexpected!

Sat., Nov. 20:

At 3:20 p.m. we fly from Kiev to Amsterdam, and stay there overnight.

Sun., Nov. 21:

At 10:50 a.m. we board KLM flight 6055 and arrive at 1:05 p.m. in Minneapolis.

Prayer needs for our journey...

1. The rest of our travel funds. More than half is still needed for Jackie and myself as of the mailing of this letter. Funds can be received as late as Nov. 2!

2. Our Ukrainian visas. New rules from the Ukrainian embassy have complicated the process, and our visas and passports may not arrive back in town until Nov. 2. That's OK, we don't need them until that day -- just pray that they arrive in time!

3. Fresh energy, fresh wisdom, fresh anointing for teaching and ministry to so many hungry people.

4. Harmony in our team of four. What a blessing that Ann and Roger can be with us!

Pray for the 16 "Churches of Praise" and "Praise Bible College".

1. For pastors Gregori and Galina Sukhina, who are the leaders over these churches and the Bible School. They and the other pastors have become dear friends to us, and we wish you could all meet them. You would love them as we do.

2. For the hundreds of new believers among these churches, people just saved in the last few months. Pray that they will be well grounded in the Word, know their security and identity in Christ, and be rooted deep in His love.

3. For the pastors, both men and women, who minister long hours, living on very little income. They are all heroes to us!

4. For the Bible School students, that they will know the call of God clearly, be well equipped to fulfill the ministry that God has prepared for them.

5. For the teachers in the Bible School, both those who are travelling there to teach, and also the Ukrainian staff.

6. For the many dozens of new home groups and home group leaders in the churches, that the believers will love each other and grow, and that the leaders will have God's wisdom and grace to care for so many who have so many problems.

7. For marriages and families to become strengthened. Almost all new believers come from broken homes.

8. For multiplication of ministries for restoration from drug addiction and alcoholism. Krivoy Rog has the highest rate of drug addiction in the nation. All new converts have known these problems in their homes.

After we return...

A mixture of burdens and plans for ministry locally and internationally is in our hearts for the months ahead. Please pray with us as we seek God's perfect will in these matters. Each new year is a new chapter for all of us. The year 2000 somehow feels especially new, needing the mind of the Lord for sure. Thanks for praying.

Another big thanks to you...

We are glad that it is the Lord who burdens people to pray, and who inspires and enables people to give. We pray for you, that He will bless you in every way. Please accept our thanksgiving for the times you have responded on our behalf, whether known to us, or known only to the Lord. Thanks for praying, and thanks for giving financially as the Lord leads you.

May you know more and more the life lived in His Presence, and may you know the joy that comes from following Jesus.

With love,

John and Jackie