



Lifeline

...a prayer letter from John and Jackie

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Dear friends,

We greet you on this fine spring day in Minnesota in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

"No other name but the name of Jesus!"

No other name but the name of the Lord!

No other name but the name of Jesus is worthy of glory,

And worthy of honor, and worthy of power and all praise!"

Unknown change is coming for us...

Lately we have felt like boiling pots with the lid on. It feels like major change is coming for us, and we do not have the understanding of what it means. Oh, we know some things: It will continue to be pressing in to the Lord. It will be continuing to taking the gospel to the nations, and helping others to go. This call is settled. Matthew 28:18-20 and Psalms 2:8 are inscribed on our hearts. The "when and where" of this will now doubt also continue to be a one step at a time adventure with the Holy Spirit!

But something new is coming, and we are excited and scared! Please pray with us about this: God is up to something inside of us, and it isn't clear yet what it is.

Yes, by God's grace, we are going to Ukraine May 19!

We do believe that the Spirit is directing us to return to Ukraine on May 19. God can easily keep us home if we aren't hearing right. He has to supply all the funds!

Pastor Judy Sutch will accompany us (She's a great Bible teacher) and Marcia LaRock, missionary based in Holland, will also travel with us from Amsterdam to Ukraine.

Our purposes for going are to:

1. Minister in the Bible School
2. Minister in the churches and to the pastors
3. Assist in further development of the Bible School
4. Help pastors Gregori and Galena with problem solving.
5. Pray for the sick, lead people to Christ, and counsel all who come to us with needs.
6. Help lead the graduation ceremonies for the Bible School. 35 full time students and 100 evening students have finished two years of training.

Our needs for the journey:

You probably realize it is never just routine for us trust God for a mission outreach! We start with God's word to "go" (which we believe we have) and God must send in the dollars. We haven't seen one of those travel dollars yet...but we believe they will come when we need them! Thanks for praying for us, and standing with us in faith for every need to be supplied.

Opportunities to give to the Ukrainian church:

1. **Children's summer camps:** \$20 Scholarship per child for several hundred poor children, athletic equipment, craft and recreation supplies. (They have none.)
2. **Feeding of 180 people each day** at the main church: Bible School students, staff, construction workers, and homeless people. (\$1000 per month)
3. **Antibiotics and vitamins**

A summer study of our Twin City harvest fields...

Please pray for us as we let God readjust our hearts and our view of the future. After coming back from Ukraine in early June, we hope to give considerable time during July and August to research, to evangelism, and to prayer concerning the harvest fields of the Twin Cities.

With most of our attention in the last few years going overseas or to our home church, we believe it is time to get a fresh understanding of what God is now doing in our city and how we and others can be best involved.

Henry Blackaby taught us to *"find out what God is doing, and adjust your life to be involved with Him in His work."* We want our life to be adjusted to Him and His work! Don't you? *To Asia in August/September?*

We are praying about going to Asia the latter part of August and September to be among the yet unreached Chantik people and to bring encouragement to our friends who work among them.

To Ukraine and Argentina in October/November?

Just three or four weeks after possibly going to Asia, we are planning an October trip to Ukraine. We'd like to take a larger team on that trip. Would you like to go? Immediately following that, we are planning to take pastors Gregori and Galena from Ukraine with us to Argentina to participate in the international conference and outreach of Harvest Evangelism with Ed Silviso and many revival leaders. This is a connection into the great Argentine revival that has swept millions into the kingdom and produced rapidly growing churches in many denominations during the last twenty years.

We believe the best is yet to come...for us and for you!!

Many friends our age seem to be preparing for retirement. Some are already retired. Jackie and I are not thinking that way. We feel like we are coming to a new beginning, like we are just coming to the starting gate. It's a little scary, since we do get out of bed with more effort than in earlier years. But we think there is a mountain for us to take, and we want the spirit of Caleb. We think that the best is yet to come in our walk with God. And we think that for you as well. Whether you are young or old, with God's abundant grace, the best is yet to come in your life and in your service for Him!

A big thank you!!

We thank you deeply for your friendship and for your prayer! To those of you who are led and able to give financially, a special thanks. We had some unexpected gifts that have helped us through a difficult time! Thanks for agreeing with us for ongoing and increased supply! Thanks for doing whatever He tells you to do! We carry you in our hearts, and are believing for the Lord to bless you abundantly and use you to be a blessing to many!

With love,

John and Jackie