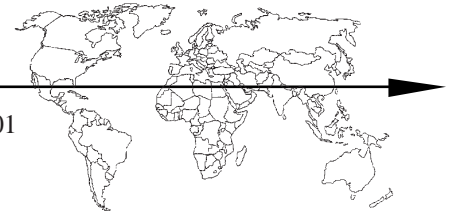




Lifeline

...a prayer letter from John and Jackie

March 27, 2001



Dear friends,

Jackie and I say hello again, with great thanks for the faithfulness of the Lord and for your friendship!

A fresh report of open doors in Krivoy Rog...

We want to pass on to you a report from pastor Gregori about new doors God is opening for outreach into the schools of the city. The churches have been trying hard to get into the schools to do evangelism, and many of the teachers have wanted them to come. But there was always the fear in the teachers that the city authorities would not approve. Gregori writes:

“So God captured our hearts, and we desperately prayed to God about the hearts of the city rulers. And now we see God’s answers! We are now working together with the city youth committee! We lead a program together with them — a program against drugs, alcohol, AIDS. In this program we work together with area doctors and psychologists, and they say that our quality of work is high. Because of this the city government is now allowing us to work independently, going to the schools and technical-colleges. We have already created 15 teams from Bible School students and ministers, so they can go to the schools with these programs. The final purpose is to preach the gospel.

“We are also preparing for a government sponsored conference (it is their idea), to which the following people are invited: students of the institutes, chief doctor of the city, midwives, doctors, and psychiatrists. The doctors, psychologist, teachers, who will take part in this conference will speak their opinion to the students. Then we will show the (abortion) video, and we will explain to them what God says about this. At future planned conferences the themes will be the “Sex before the marriage.”, “Homosexuality”, and so on. The people want to know what Christians say and how they live!

So praise God the “ice has moved”! In the spiritual atmosphere around us everything is getting hot! I SEE REVIVAL COMING!!! Please pray with us. With fire, Gregory.”

Thank God for the favor these “Churches of Praise” have received with the city, and for these great open doors. Pray with us that many people will be brought to the Lord!

A gift received to purchase a church building...

We are thanking the Lord for a very large gift (\$15,000) given by a businessman in our area to purchase a church building for one of the larger daughter churches in Krivoy Rog. This church of 450 is pastored by Galena, the wife of Gregori who pastors the mother church and oversees all the churches. This gift is enough to buy the building (two floors, 5000 square feet per floor). It will take another \$15,000 to remodel it, providing a sanctuary for 700, classrooms, offices and a drug/alcohol rehabilitation center. Praise God for this sacrificial gift, and pray with us that the money for remodeling will come!

Other daughter churches are trying to build or buy buildings. For each one it is a great need and a great challenge, and we are asking God for a release of funds for all of them. These young churches are excellent places to “sow seed” for a great harvest!

Family time...

We were able to have some days this month to visit family members: our son Jeff and his wife Jermaine in Arizona, and Jackie’s family – her sister and two brothers and their families, and her mom Alice – all of whom live in California. It was an unexpected trip, and it was good to be with all of them. I helped Jeff build a patio cover, and Jackie helped Jermaine sew and put up curtains. With several pressing needs in Jackie’s family, we are grateful to the Lord that He arranged for us to go at this time. We even had some fun!

Ministry events during April...

During April (11-13 and 22,23) we will be holding a “Living in His Presence” event at two churches, and speaking at another church (April 7) as well. Please pray with us that people would experience His presence and His anointing. Are we all not more desperately in need of His power and His presence than ever before?

May in Ukraine...

The first week in May, by God’s grace, we will return to Ukraine. Pastor Jean Lund from our home church hopes to accompany us. We need (again) God’s supernatural provision, and His supernatural anointing for busy days and nights of teaching, preaching, praying for the sick, leader’s meetings, and evangelism. Thank you for praying with us for this next journey.

Ministry in Holland...

Following our time in Ukraine, near the end of May, we will be in Holland ministering in the Discipleship Training School which is being led by our missionary friend Marcia LaRock (who has gone with us to Ukraine several times.) Thanks for praying for this time. We will be teaching people from several countries who are preparing themselves for ministry and missions. We expect to be home again in early June.

Thank you!

We wish that we could spend time with each of you who receives our prayer letter — to thank you personally, and to somehow let you know what a blessing you are to us. (If you even read our letters, we know you are! They are usually long!)

We know that some friends pray for us every day. This is awesome! But God may not lead you that way. Thank you for praying in whatever way He does lead you.

And, of course, we are very grateful to each one who is able and led to support us financially and to support the work in Ukraine. We see increasing opportunities for God’s abundant supply, both in our personal support and in the work of missions! Thank God for the oil (the supply of the Spirit) that keeps flowing — as long as there is another empty jar to fill, and as long as we keep trusting God and stay obedient to His voice. Thanks for your part in being the “supply of the Spirit” in our lives!

May you continue to know grace of the Father, the peace of Jesus and the joy of the Holy Spirit!

With love,

John and Jackie