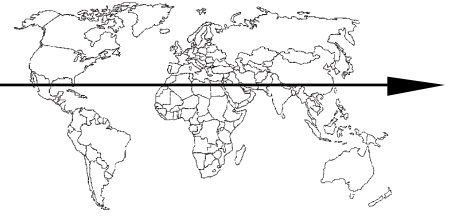




# Lifeline

...a prayer letter from John and Jackie

January 21, 2002



Dear friends,

Jackie and I greet you once again in the wonderful name of Jesus and thank you for your friendship, prayer and support. You are a great blessing to us!

I was meditating on the letters of Paul in the New Living Translation, and my attention was drawn to the following statements:

*“God’s secret plan has now been revealed to us; it is a plan centered on Christ.”* Eph. 1:9

*“For to me, living is for Christ, and dying is even better.”* Phil. 1:21

*“For this is the secret: Christ lives in you.”* Col. 1:27

*“Christ is all that matters.”* Col. 3:11

I was struck with the fact that in these simple statements we find everything we need to know. These words give the Great Answer to life’s biggest questions. Here is the plan of God, the truth of who we are and our purpose for living. Here is the key to making our life successful. We even see here that death is the doorway to something greater!

It is all about Jesus, of course.

*“So everywhere we go, we tell everyone about Christ. We warn them and teach them with all the wisdom God has given us, for we want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ. We work very hard at this, as we depend on Christ’s mighty power that works within us.”*

Colossians 1:28,29 NLT

I guess that sums up our desire and plan for living. We hope it is the same for you!

## Ten days ‘till our departure for Ukraine...

Here is our itinerary, trusting in God’s grace and wisdom. Please pray with us and for us.

### **Friday, Feb. 1:**

3 p.m.: Leave Minneapolis on Northwest #42

### **Saturday, February 2:**

7 a.m.: Arrive in Amsterdam

11 a.m.: Leave Amsterdam on KLM #1385

3 p.m.: Arrive in Kiev, Ukraine (8 hours ahead of Minnesota time)

11 p.m. Arrive in Krivoy Rog (6 hours by van)

### **Sunday, February 3:**

10:00 a.m.: The glorious whirlwind of ministry and activity begins...teaching in the Bible College, pastors meetings, and in as many churches as possible in Krivoy Rog, Dnepropetrovsk, Kharkov, and Cupiansk.

### **Tuesday, February 19:**

5 a.m.: Leave Krivoy Rog by church van

4 p.m.: Leave Kiev on KLM #1385

6 p.m.: Arrive in Amsterdam

### **Wednesday, February 20:**

11 a.m.: Leave Amsterdam on Northwest #6041

1 p.m.: Arrive in Minneapolis

It is possible that I (John) will stay in Ukraine for up to two weeks longer, for the purpose of more extensive ministry among the churches. Please agree with us for the wisdom of God about this.

### **Prayer requests:**

1. Strength and health during travel, and the intense schedule of preaching, teaching, evangelism, praying for the sick, counseling and encouraging leaders, etc.
2. The anointing of the Holy Spirit. Without that, why be there?
3. Peace and health for our family and friends at home.
4. The rest of our travel funds: *At present, we have about 30% of what we need.*
5. All bills paid at home. This is always as much an adventure as the funds for travel!
6. Confirmation about John staying longer in Ukraine.
7. For the health and growth of the nearly 30 "Churches of Praise" and Praise Bible College.
8. For plans for our return again to Ukraine in April with a team of ministers, for the purpose of more intensive training of the Ukrainian pastors.
9. For open doors of ministry in churches in the USA.

We love you and greatly appreciate your friendship, your prayer and your support of us and our ministry. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! May you experience the peace that passes all your understanding, as you keep your heart and mind fixed on Jesus!

With love,

**John and Jackie**

