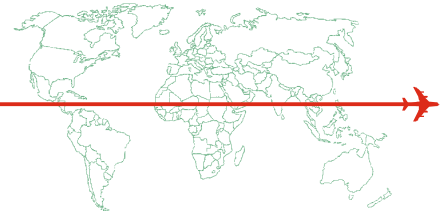




Celebrating 40 years married!

Lifeline
...a prayer letter from John and Jackie



May 16, 2003

Dear friends,

We say hello on a beautiful spring day here in Minnesota! Preparing to leave again in a few days for Ukraine, we decided to send off this brief letter, letting you know our schedule, current needs and prayer requests.

John and Jay will leave home on May 28. Jackie will leave home on June 1. We will return on June 17.

Pastor Jeff Orluck, Linda Kammerer, and Steve and Marilyn Hill will join us in Krivoy Rog.

The main event while we are there will be the first "International Congress of the Churches of Praise", and holding some regional seminars -- each a gathering of 30 or more of the new village churches. New churches continue to be opened at the rate of more than one a day!

Ministering to the new generation of leaders and church planters will be a frontline purpose of our time there. In addition, there will be a Bible College graduation celebration. We also plan to do as much video recording as we can, towards our goal of producing a video story of the Churches of Praise.

Of course, we will find ourselves in various other kinds of ministry while there as time allows and the Spirit leads.

Our needs:

1. A fresh anointing from the Lord
2. Good use of time and energy while in Ukraine.
3. Trouble-free processing of Jay's visa: favor at the embassy in spite of a slight clerical error in his letter of invitation from Ukraine.
4. \$900 more for transporting three church planting families to the congress from Kyrgyzstan and Armenia.
5. Funds to bring for children's summer camps.
6. The remainder of our travel funds, and for monthly home base commitments.
7. Strong vision and impartation of the Spirit during the congress into the 400 or more leaders of the Churches of Praise.

We want to thank you for praying for us during this trip (plus before and after!). **WITH YOUR PRAYER COVERING, EVERYTHING GOES MUCH BETTER!**

We believe this trip will be a significant time of ministry and preparation for the next year. The winning of the lost and the planting of new churches is expected to continue increasing among the Churches of Praise, and it is our privilege to partner with them in this vision. It is also a privilege for us to have the partnership of your prayer and giving. May the Lord continue to bless you, and make you a blessing!

With love,

John and Jackie



Jackie and Mark Johnson, with TB Hospital outreach team and TB Ward Doctor



Sasha, prison outreach director



Prisoner/pastors with Gregory and Sasha

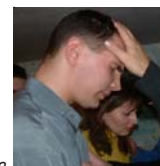


A new gypsy village church

Pastors Gregory and Galina



The main Church of Praise



Ordaining pastor Sergei and wife Tanya



Altar call for salvation, a common occurrence



Natasha, pastor and church planter



Gregory and John praying for Church of Praise missionaries