



## *Lifeline*

...a prayer letter from John and Jackie

September 20, 2005



Dear friends,

Greetings in the name of Jesus! We love and appreciate you and pray for you. With so many monumental things occurring in the world, and perhaps in your life as well, it always seems a supernatural event to us that you would find time to read our letters and pray for us! If you are reading this, you are part of our miracle!!

Here are three things for your information and for prayer.

**1. *The Blood Covenant Seminar is next week, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1.*** You are of course invited, if you are near enough to our city to come! Please pray for the Lord's presence and anointing, and for us to communicate the Word of God clearly. Pray that the Lord Himself will refresh people and strengthen foundations for faith and life in Christ. In these days of tumult and uncertainty, the security and provision found in our blood bought redemption in Christ are more important than ever!

**2. *The meeting with Gregory and Galena on October 1 is cancelled.*** They are not coming now, but they will come later. The good news is that they (finally) received five year visas to the USA, so they can come whenever their schedule permits. Before that happened, however, their travel to Canada had to be put in place, and they did not get the USA visas in time to make arrangements to go to both countries on the same trip. Pray with us for God's perfect timing for them to come to the USA. We know their eventual coming is important -- in order to strengthen relationships with people in this country who can assist in the continuing harvest.

**3. *By God's grace, we leave for Ukraine on October 7.*** We will teach new students in the Bible College, the mission college, and the evening college. That is a great joy to us! Another of our great pleasures is time with some of the leaders and their churches! In addition, we'll spend considerable time with Gregory reviewing the condition and process of church planting in each region of the country. What a great privilege it is to be part of such a wonderful harvest for the past twelve years. From one church to several hundred churches has been a whirlwind, and yet it still seems to be only the beginning, with greater work yet ahead.

After this tremendous advancement of God's kingdom, it is time for evaluation and some change. The last three years of rapid church planting have resulted in many victories and some failures. In some villages, up to a hundred people gather. In other villages, the work has been closed – for various reasons. Very young leadership is one of those reasons. But very young leadership is also the reason so many churches have been opened!

In our opinion, the effort of evangelism in a village is never a failure, even if a church did not get planted. Witnessing for Christ and praying for the sick where there was no gospel cannot be called failure. However, the goal is to establish the church, and that goal hasn't been reached in every place. It is necessary to learn from the experience of the past, and receive God's wisdom for the future.

Please pray for our travel, and our schedule in Ukraine. It seems especially important to be there at this time. Pray that we will be able to be of help to Gregory and the leaders. Jesus said, "*Apart from Me you can do nothing.*" Never do we feel that to be more true than in our relationship with the Churches of Praise. Apart from God's enabling power, we know we can do nothing.

*As of today, we are trusting God for ALL the travel funds, AND for what is needed to support the home base while we are gone.* It requires a supernatural release of funds; thanks for agreeing with us in faith for the needs to be met.

***Thank you!!***

As always, we are extremely grateful for your friendship, your prayer, and your financial support, as the Lord enables and leads you. Thanks!

*"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."* Jude 20,21

With love,

***John and Jackie***