

Merry Christmas from John and Jackie!



December 14, 2009

Dear friends,

Our Father loved the world so much that He sent His only Son Jesus to be our Savior. That is why we can heartily shout, "Merry Christmas"!

I (John) arrived home from Ukraine a few days ago, where I again saw the power of this great gospel that we celebrate. During the last several weeks, people from the 22 Churches of Praise within the city of Krivoy Rog have been out on the streets and in the marketplaces announcing good news to all who will listen.

They have been talking to people like this: "We have heard that families can have problems that are like a curse going from generation to generation -- sickness, poverty, premature death, addiction, depression, etc. Do you have something like that in your family?" Most people immediately say yes, and are very interested.

Instead of leading them to Christ on the street, they are given the Church of Praise newspaper with articles on how to change a cursed life into a blessed life. They are also invited to church where they can be prayed for and the curse broken.

Once in the church, the plan is to keep them coming for at least ten weeks. The Sunday services are designed just for these people: teaching in simple non-religious language on changing a cursed family into a blessed family. The goal is to "make disciples" as Jesus said to do, not only praying for people on the street.

Many new people have come into the 22 city churches because of this recent effort. A couple of the churches have almost doubled in size, packed out on Sunday mornings, and now are looking how to enlarge their meeting space!

Unusual numbers of people have come to the altars for salvation, and the churches are full of enthusiasm with this fresh moving of God. The plan is now in motion to take the fresh wave to the village churches.

The power of the gospel is great: it sets people free from their past, heals their bodies and their families, takes them out of poverty gives them purpose for this life and an eternal destiny with God!

What a privilege it is to teach and preach the power packed good news!

I preached and taught morning and evening on most of the 17 days I was in Krivoy Rog, in the Bible College, at several of the churches, and in leaders gatherings.

The atmosphere of Churches of Praise is vibrant; there is a fresh fire for evangelism and church planting.

Our part is as it has always been: to help the churches in any way we can, especially to teach the foundations of the Word of God to the next wave of young ministers.

Thank you for helping us.

With love,

John and Jackie

p.s. on the back are some photos taken while I was in Krivoy Rog Nov. 23 - Dec. 9.

*For unto Us,
a Child is born...*



**It's not really "all about me".
I just wanted to show you what I was doing
most of the time Nov. 23 - Dec. 9.
John**



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