



...a prayer letter from John and Jackie

September 7, 2011

Dear friends,

We greet you once again in the Wonderful Name of Jesus!

Having arrived back in Minnesota a few days ago, I (John) want to report that I, along with pastor Roger Sutch and Ken Beaudry, had a great time in Ukraine. We were in events surrounding the annual Congress of Churches of Praise during the first days after our arrival. I put a few pictures of the Congress on the back of this letter, rather than use a lot of words. It was a great time of refreshing for everyone!

Roger and I then headed north to the Poltava region of the Churches of Praise, where we had the privilege of being in new church plants in various villages and towns.

It was an honor to be in these places, knowing well the challenging ministry of the church planters, who each work with a network of five or six villages evangelizing, loving, caring, and praying for the people.

A memorable place on the trip was a tiny village of approximately 25 people. A faithful lady named Anna is starting the ministry there with her five small children, using a house purchased for just \$240 dollars. We held a Saturday afternoon meeting in the yard. Since the house is not directly on any road, we had to drive through the backyards of several houses from the main road to get to the house, and drive into its small yard.

Vanya and his wife, Church of Praise evangelists, came with us. They, with Anna and the children, walked around the village inviting people. 16 of the 25 people came to the meeting. There were simple narrow benches set up in the yard. The people all knew each other, of course, and bantered back and forth in conversation before the meeting began. My translator was Yanna, who is also an excellent worship leader, keyboard player, singer and music composer - from the main church in Krivoy Rog. A keyboard and loudspeaker were set up in the yard, and Yanna's singing, playing and worship was like music from heaven in that little village yard. Of course, the people loved her. After her testimony, I taught the gospel -- what Jesus accomplished on the

cross. As I often do, I had them use their fingers to remember the five great things that Jesus completed for them in the shedding of his blood. I had the whole group of sixteen pray the sinners prayer, with most of them saying they had never prayed that prayer before. *They prayed loudly and with great enthusiasm!* All of them then wanted prayer for various things: sickness, family problems, etc. It was great honor to pray for and bless them. This village group is pictured on the back of this letter. As on other days, Roger was at that time ministering in another village.

The church planters are all heroes to us. In the Poltava region, 52 churches have been opened and six more are scheduled to begin soon. None of the planters have cars. Each are responsible for several villages which may be 5 to 15 miles apart. Two such female church planters had been using old bicycles which collapsed some weeks ago, and now they walk to their villages.

I asked the senior pastor Vadim, who oversees these 52 churches plus his own church, how many bicycles were needed right now. He said seven. They want to buy the medium quality bicycle for \$110; the cheaper model falls apart in a few months from the heavy use.

In one of the towns a house has been given to the church that has started there, a very good house from the point of view of the young congregation. For them, it was a miracle. But it needs repairs in order to be used as a meeting place for the church. Those repairs will cost \$2500. It will be a building worth more than \$10,000 when repaired.

We could tell many stories from the fifteen towns in which we ministered. People came to Christ in every meeting. We also laid hands and prayed with individuals for their needs in every meeting, sometimes everyone present. It was a pleasure!

Thank you for praying for us, and thank you for continuing to support us and the ministry financially. The Lord's richest blessing on you and your family!

With love,
John and Jackie

"Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession." Ps. 2:8

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The village meeting reported in the letter



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Roger and I baptized 40 new believers