



Manna Messenger

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Praise & Prayer Requests

- ◆ Judy's mom and sister Mary are here from Sept. 26 – Oct. 13. YES!
- ◆ Praise God for the grace we find in Jesus! Pray that we have success in learning Russian so we can share His grace to these dear people.
- ◆ Pray for our new youth ministry students and their studies.
- ◆ Pray for our dear friend, Oksana, as she translates youth ministry material from English to Russian for Mike's classes. We've just hired her full-time to do written translation, as there is a lack of youth ministry material available in Russian.
- ◆ A month ago, our building turned off the hot water. When they turned it on again a few days later, a hot water tap was "on" in the downstairs bathroom of our apt. We were gone, and the sink overflowed for hours. The sheet rock ceilings and wallpaper in the apt. below us were ruined. Pray for a resolution to this problem. We have friends doing the repair.

Youth Pastoral Classes Have Begun from Mike

On September 2, I began my relationship with "my nine guys" - nine young Ukrainians whom God has led into youth ministry. On that day, I taught my first class, "Intro to Youth Ministry" with my translator. It felt like a great culmination of a year of preparation. We have put each of their pictures and a short description of their ministries on the next page. You might want to hang their pictures up somewhere and pray for them.

Judy and I are continuing in language school four times a week - and I am teaching at the seminary twice a week. Every Tuesday and Thursday, I am armed with my notes for class which have been translated into Russian for the students and my computer to project these notes on the white board. I am also accompanied by my faithful assistant, Lena,



Mike in a discussion with students after class at seminary.

who translates each session for me. Our first textbook is "Purpose-Driven Church" by Rick Warren, since it outlines the principles we will use in our next textbook, "Purpose-Driven Youth Ministry." My students are helping me put the everything into the context of the Ukrainian youth culture. We have 4 years of materials to translate; so pray for God's wisdom to be granted in this project!

Summer's Already Over ?? from Judy

What a fast and fantastic summer we had! In June, we purchased and moved into our lovely new apartment. July found us on the shore of the Black Sea, teaching English classes in the Alushta church with our American team. My first cousin, Steve, a pastor from North Dakota, and our trip leader, Renee Motter, brought several of Steve's youth group here to teach English classes as a means of sharing the gospel. And what an excellent "means" it turned out to be! We developed very close relationships with our students; therefore it was natural to share the gospel with them. Seeds were planted in the hearts of all 50 students - and in some parents' hearts. Several students received Christ as their Savior. It was hard to say goodbye to our students and to our team members.



Judy gets a squeeze from Olasia, one of her dear students.

In August, our family drove to the Austrian Alps and a Christian conference center CASTLE where we stayed and enjoyed a marvelous vacation. No room here to describe our incredible time. It was refreshing spiritually, physically, and emotionally. We thank the Lord for a truly amazing summer!

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