



April Adventures

Alcohol abuse is common in Ukraine. The local religions do not help the situation either, promoting the drinking of wine on the largest holidays. If only people would realize that religion cannot help anyone - only Jesus Christ can.

Remember when we delivered Christmas cookies to our neighbors (breaking cultural norms in the process)? They responded with giving us gifts for their Passover/Easter celebration. Hopefully, through interactions of friendliness, we can continue building a testimony and relationship for Christ.

What a blessing it is that the weather is clearing up here so we can hit the streets with more Gospel tracts! I was able to go together with Steven and distribute tracts to a good number of people, receiving a *plethora* of responses. Each time I go out offering tracts, I try to practice some more of the Russian that I am learning at the university.



In front of *hundreds of foreign students and university faculty*, Jonathan had the opportunity to tell people in Russian about the United States, giving God the glory for America's prosperity and freedoms. In the short video afterwards, Jonathan included several quotes from the Founding Fathers and past Presidents speaking to the theme of the importance of God's Word in America's heritage. The video closed with two verses of Scripture (James 1:25, John 8:32). Pray that some seed was planted.

With spring being upon us, so is the time for spring cleaning! We had a work day at the church to help prepare the property and grounds. Did you know that the law mandates an annual painting of the above-ground gas line?

A fresh coat of yellow was generously applied to meet yearly inspection. Baby Christians and older alike joined in the efforts. It was great to see the desire of these folks to serve the Lord.
(photo credit: Cathy O'Brien)

Update from Ukraine

Praise the Lord for *many* opportunities this month to witness to lost souls. Both Katrina and I have had multiple encounters with people that we pray were profitable.

The cultural surprises for this month were that we had to buy a locking gas cap because someone decided that they were in need. Hopefully, they read the Scripture magnets while they stole the gas!

I hired a Russian tutor to help with my studies. This will help me keep up in class and prepare me for the exams in June and August.

I also decided to start dropping in at the English clubs at the university. We desire that this will give us more chances to meet people and eventually reach them for Christ.

Jonathan
Katrina
&
Family

Prayer Requests

- For the Iranian and Chinese students - that God would work in their hearts
- For the American students that additional opportunities would be provided to witness to them
- For Russia's religious freedom
- For Ukraine's elections in May
- For the ministry here in Kharkov
- For our Unspoken requests

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Kharkov Threat Level

Risk of
invasion or
terrorist attack



Slavic Fact

Russians drink
six times more
hot tea than
Americans do.



Upcoming Events

Katrina's
Birthday
May 6th

Month's Messages

