

Kachuk's annual newsletter for 2010:

Dear brothers and sisters, Julie and I are very thankful for your love, care, kindness, patience and understanding. God is telling us stories every day and each individual has a different story. One of my favorite authors is John Eldredge. Some of you may hear of him and some of you may read all of his books. Ha! I am reading his book 'EPIC' *"The Story God is Telling and the Role That is Yours to Play."* By the way, John lives in Colorado. Ha! Colorado is one of my favorite states in US. Ha! There is his web site: www.EpicReality.com

I am going to share with you and encourage you with one story out of his book:

"Life, you'll notice, is a story. Life doesn't come to us like a math problem. It comes to us the way that a story does, scene by scene. You wake up. What will happen next? You don't get to know-you have enter in, take the journey as it comes. The sun might be shining. There might be a tornado outside. Your friends might call and invite you to go sailing. You might loose your job.

Life unfolds like a drama. Doesn't it? Each day has a beginning and an end. There are all sorts of characters, all sorts of settings. A year goes by like a chapter from a novel. Something is seems like a tragedy. Sometimes like a comedy. Most of it feels like a soap opera. Whatever happens, it's a story through and through.

'All of life is a story,' Madeleine L'Engle reminds us. That is helpful to know. When it comes to figuring out this life you're living , you'd do well to know the rest of the story.

You come home one night to find out that your car has been totaled. Now, all you know is that you loaned it for a couple of hours to a friend or your teenage daughter, and now here it is, all smashed up. Isn't the first thing out of your mouth, "What happened?"

In other words, "Tell me the story."

Somebody has some explaining to do, and that can be done only in hearing the tale they have to tell. Careful now – you might jump to the wrong conclusion. Doesn't it make a difference to know that she wasn't speeding, that the fact the other car ran a red light? It changes the way you feel about the whole thing. Thank God, she's all right.

Truth to be told, you need to know the rest of the story if you want to understand just about anything in life. Jokes are like that. There's nothing to them at all if you walk in on the punch line. "Then she said, 'That's not my dog!'" Everyone else is in stitches. What is so dang funny? I think I missed something.

Love affairs, layoffs, the collapse of empires, your child's day at school – none of it make sense without a story."

Dear brothers, sisters and friends don't you like this little story, written by John Eldredge. Julie and I have already punched in the Lord's business. We have been working as missionaries since 2001. We have had our ups and downs since then.

This little story was chosen not by an accident. 2010 was another chapter in our lives. We would like to make it as a tradition to share important events that have happened during the 2010. So a tradition of an annual newsletter will help us Kachuk's family to remember important events and will help you to know about us and to care for us and to pray about us and the Lord's work in Kharkov fervently.

Chapter 9: "WE VISIT and ENCOURAGE MINISTRY"; 2010 in Kachuk's family.

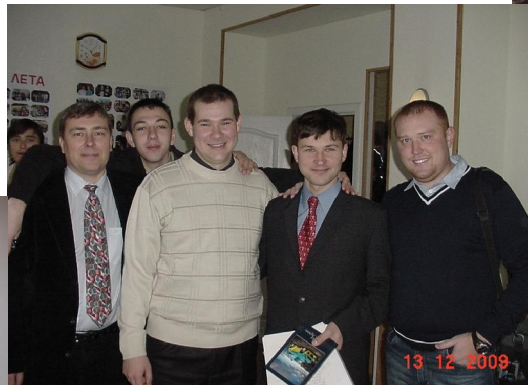
"Whoever speaks, {is to do so} as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves {is to do so} as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (1Peter4:11)"

I had a wonderful trip to Almaty during the Christmas holidays last year 2009-10. I was really blessed not only to see my relatives over there my mom, my sister, my cousins but was blessed returning a better health back. Thank you, thank you dear friends for praying about me. I know missionaries of here in Kharkov prayed a lot for me and so I am very thankful to Rob, Mike, David, Brandon and their families for keeping me in their prayers. Most of all I am very thankful to my sweet wife for praying for me and my quick return to Ukraine.

Mission work has never been easy for us. Julie and I got to be very flexible with a culture that is making big progress from socialism to capitalism. People are changing but it takes time. Christianity spread is not easy in Ukraine whether you are a missionary from US or a missionary from Kazakhstan or Russia.

So Julie and I entered in the second stage of our combined course of life. In this course of life we rethought about some visions, ideas and goals in our Christian growth. Where our main goal was to surround us with wonderful Christians who would be willing to support us spiritually and encourage us as well.

God surrounded us with wonderful friends from Ukraine and US:



Camp preparation and camp itself was also something very important that we can't miss. Julie and I have been working in summer Christian camps in the Ukraine for Julie since 1999 for me from 2002 (not including two years in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 1998-1999).

Camp season usually lasts all June and July for us. We get so excited to teach kids, translate, learn, play games, participate in skits etc...By doing all of that you don't even see how

those two months are flying by. You share positive energy and thoughts with kids and receive it back, which lasts all year round.

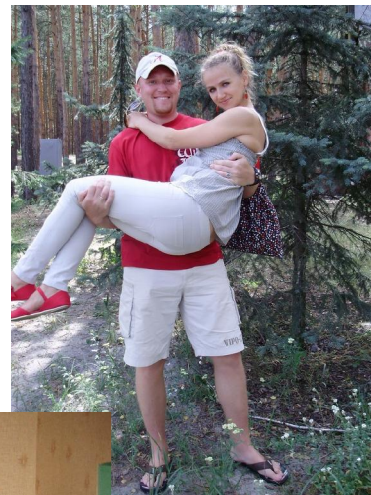
Both of us consider this work as a Lord's blessing and it is a privilege for us to stay active in those projects. *"Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of {our} God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, {and} to keep oneself unstained by the world."*

James 1:27. Our main priority is to visit orphans to encourage them and also encourage children from regular home by telling them the Good News from the Bible.

Thank you, thank you so much for all your prayers about Children of Ukraine and opportunity that those kids may have to hear the Gospel Message from our Lord, Jesus Christ. Please, please, please continue to pray for us Ukrainians so that God may keep the door open for us and that this wonderful country will have an open door for His Word and His people for many more years.

Camp Work In Donetsk region and Poltava region:







Furthermore, we would like to mention in our annual newsletter about the Lord's congregations in Kharkov. We are involved in the work of two Churches of Christ in Kharkov. Our main ministry is to encourage so that those two congregations will start growing and stay active. Of course by starting same programs, as we've started in Alexeevka Church of Christ (Bible in English) we would like to build the same opportunity in other areas of Kharkov. Our hopes are that in the area of Novye Doma where we live we will start a similar program what we do in Alexeevka, and we are hoping we will be able to start similar program in downtown congregation. With a help of our friends and having wonderful spiritual support group we hope we can move on towards realization of those plans, goals and visions. I personally preach and teach in both congregations from time to time and teach full time program Bible in English Language for kids and adults in Alexeevka. Also my responsibilities are camp preparation and organizing a camp for kids in Alexeevka. Along with that I am responsible to find translators for the upcoming summer 2011 for EEM work in Poltava, Mayak camp. As far as Julie she works in school and in March will start teaching Sunday school classes in Alexeevka. Hopefully something like that she can do in downtown Church of Christ. We have just 8 people in downtown in membership including us. We are very thankful for missionaries who live and Kharkov and help us to build friendship relationships with neighbors and friends. Any congregation should grow and that's the truth of it. We are hoping to see baptisms on the way but it all depends how we will be working as one team and teaching the lost. Right now we are in the process of learning each other characters so that our evangelism for downtown congregation would be more effective. Vanya's family and my family, including Andrew, Natasha and Katya support the idea to rent a place in downtown of Kharkov. Hopefully our friendly missionaries who work with us hand in hand will be active participants in this idea too.

May God bless all of us to work for the sake of His Kingdom.
Please, please keep this Lord's work in your prayers.

Lord's work in encouraging and establishing new congregations in Kharkov:







Kachuk's plans for 2011:

Kachuk's mission: "WE VISIT and ENCOURAGE MINISTRY." **2 Corinthians 2:15-17; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 1 Peter 4: 7-11; Philippians 4:6-8; 2 Timothy 2:2.**

Kachuk's vision:

1. Is to help local congregations to grow and encourage camp work in the Ukraine and US.
2. Our vision is to increase this work "*we visit and encourage ministry*" in Kharkov.

Kachuk's goals:

1. We will follow up with kids from Alexeevka and Poltava.
2. in the future to have or create VBS in Kharkov with those kids with whom we work in Alexeevka and other areas of Kharkov.
3. We will continue the Lord's summer camp work in Poltava, Donetsk and Kharkov regions.
4. We are hoping to increase Bible in English program in different areas of Kharkov. Church must leave a comfort zone and preach the gospel using new methods of Evangelism. One of them is to invite strangers and become friends with them. For example: Friendship Evangelism, gathering in apartments, helping orphans and widows, etc...
5. Also we would like to see several growing Churches of Christ in Kharkov. Continue on encourage and visit people so that they will be involved as much as they can in evangelism.

We are hoping this Lord's work is going to be accomplished. We definitely need your prayers on our behalf and we are thankful beforehand for your spiritual support as well as financial.

In Jesus' love, Valeriy and Julie Kachuk. Philippians 4:13.

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