

Jesus Blesses the Children.

*"And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. "Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all." And He took them in His arms and began blessing them, laying His hands on them **Mark 10: 13-16**"*

While children are the focus of these passages, they are the only people in the story that do and say nothing of themselves. They are brought by their parents, blocked by the disciples, called and welcomed by Jesus. They are simply obedient and humble participants. Jesus said that of all the people involved, we should be like them. We should go where the Father wills, trusting in his love, blessing, and wisdom. Jesus said that without this attitude it is impossible to receive the kingdom. We cannot decide who will enter the kingdom. We can not decide what will happen in the kingdom. We are not in charge. God is. We are to accept Christ's rule as king, obey the laws of the kingdom and honor our fellow-citizens. Like children, we must humbly accept our place and do our best to please the Father.

Pleasing the Father in Kharkov.

Dear brothers and sisters, 'God is listening to our prayers'! I've used this specific sentence more than 10 times when I was teaching English children's class as well as adults. "God is listening to our prayers!" During our theme 'helping verbs' I used this sentence as a main example of a 'helping verb'. A helping verb is a verb that helps the main verb tells when or how something happens. As was noted above, "is listening" is a verb phrase and "listening" is the main verb. "IS" is the helping verb. As a result God heard our prayers, your prayers, my prayers, Churches prayers and individual prayers. In October we were praying for this program to start in Alexeevka. It has been started. Amen! It is in the process of its development. We called this project as "English based on the Bible" or "Bible through English language." This program helps a person to hear the Gospel and improve his or her knowledge in English language as well.

How are we pleasing to the Father? We treat kids right by teaching them about the Father and specifically we treat strangers with Jesus' love and His attitude. Children's class in Alexeevka: Vika – 15 years old, Alexey -13 years old, Nastya – 9 years old, Shahnaza -9 years old, Caroline – 14 years old, Denis – 14 years old and famous Bogdan – 9 years old. Why Bogdan is so famous? Well, first of all he travels through the whole city of Kharkov by himself just to come to study some English through the Bible. He lives not so far from the airport but takes a bus and goes to Alexeevka, the distance is about 20 miles through the traffic it takes him about an hour to get to Alexeevka Church Building. Wow! Praise the Lord. You may say his mama is crazy. You may ask the question: where is doubt and skepticism? She gave me a call definitely I talked with Bogdan's mother. Is it important to think critically? Yes, parents and children I think shouldn't give up on doubts and skepticism but if they will examine with a critical eye they will see a difference. In fact I am encouraging people questioning me or Robert or anybody else in Alexeevka or Novye Doma about the Gospel that saves and about the Church that belongs to God.

You may or may not agree with the following statement: *"A religion which has something positive and worthwhile to offer people is a religion that can stand up to doubt and meet the challenges of skeptics. For a religion to discourage questioning is to admit that there is something to hide."* Both Julie and I just the tools in God's arms to fulfill His commandments and to please Him.

Jesus Blesses the Children, class in Alexeevka:



Jesus Blesses the Children, showing drama theatre in Liza's school, fellowship at Valeriy's and Lesya's Gaidash and Evangelism in Alexeevka:





Classes with adults are going great as well. We have several who have made a commitment to come and we have consistency as far as meetings. Those are: Alexey – 25 year old young man, Julie who started recently, Evgeniy Yakovlevich, Robert who is helping me a lot, Vlad and Imoh who comes from time to time. Imoh's English is great so I asked him instead of just simple listen to what I will say to teach a class. So he did he taught a great lesson on Evangelism and example of how Jesus was making his disciples or rather how the news was spreading about Jesus in **John 1:35ff**.

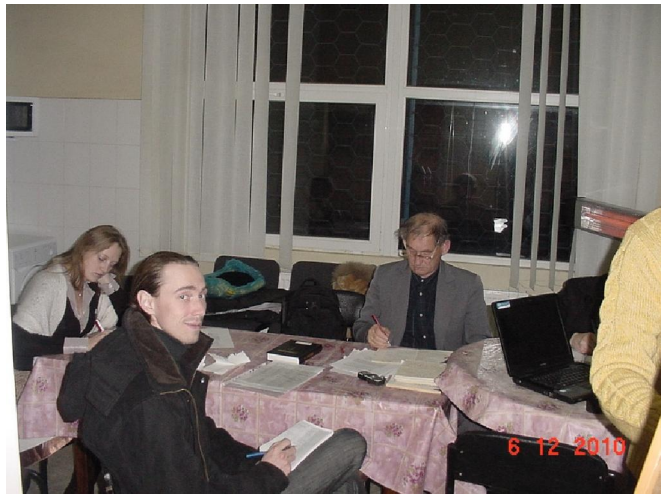
With that I was able to organize at the end of the month of November an Evangelism campaign. Total we had 18 people who came. But for evangelism we had 10. We had three groups by three in each group. We worked for one hour in Alexeevka community. Robert stayed at the building just inviting and welcoming in people. I worked with Nastya, Liza and Alexey. Vlad worked with Bimbo and Imoh (our Nigerian friends). Katya worked with Vika. By the way, Julie came because she saw this advertising in front of the entrance door. After the work was over we had a terrific dinner and fantastic fellowship. After which we had baptism and Bimbo was baptized. It was my privilege to baptize him. So many things have been done all praise and glory only to God. Thank you dear Father for ability to work with full capacity for the sake of Your Kingdome! Amen!

Along with that Julie and I continue our regular gathering in Novye Doma, Down Town, and Saltovka. We are happy that God gives an opportunity for me to speak, to preach for Julie to teach and play with kids and just have a great fellowship with our co-workers, Nigerian brothers and brothers from Alexeevka. Please keep this part of the Lord's work in your prayers also. It is so hard to start congregations from the scratch. So far we have our regular Sunday assembly at somebody's apt. Either it is going to be Vanya's place or Kachuk's apt, McDougles, Hindman's, and Nelsons. So, far our co-workers went back home so we are praying for them, wishing them well while they are back home in US traveling and missing them a lot here in their second home Kharkov. Please keep our Nigerian brothers in your prayers maybe we will have a new congregation out of only Nigerian brethren. Ha! I know Mike has already begun gathering at his place Imoh, Bimbo and Onome. Wonderful Lord's work!

May God bless all of us richly in fulfilling God's mission as it is written: in **Luke 19:10**.

Pleasing the Father in Kharkov; adult classes in Alexeevka English through the Bible:





Pleasing the Father in Kharkov; drama theatre skits for Liza's class and fellowship with Gaidashe's family:

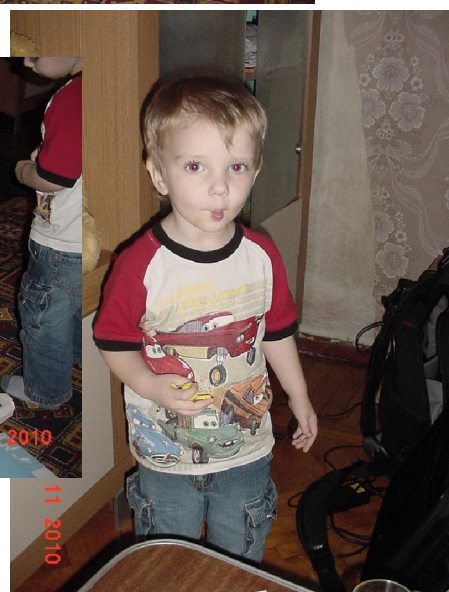
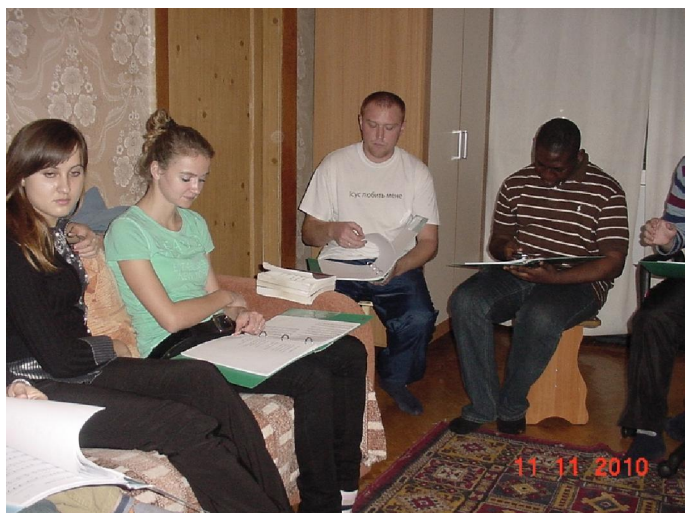


Pleasing the Father in Kharkov; Envangelism in Alexeevka, youth group fellowship and Bimbo's baptism:





Pleasing the Father in Kharkov; new congregations in the area where Kachuk's family live, where Hindman's live, where Nesteroviches live:



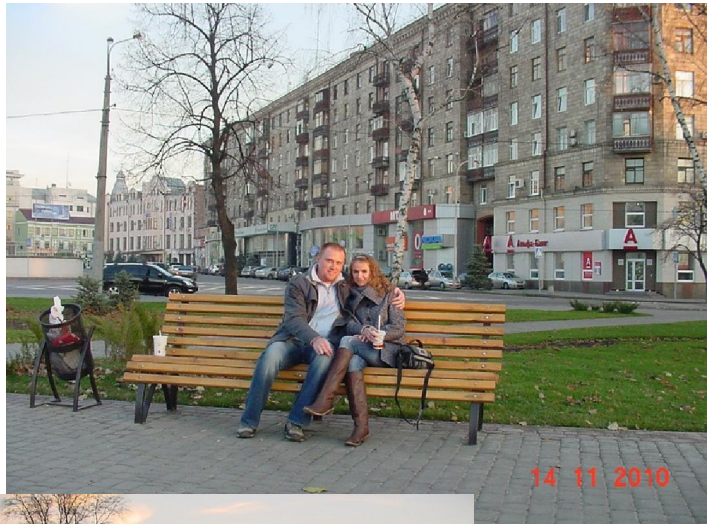


Julie and I are very busy as for her: she's got school, I've got several projects going in Kharkov. But even with our busy schedules we find some time to relax. We went with her to the exhibition of old antic cars in Kharkov and really liked it. Those cars Volgas, Volkswagen and UAZ were over 30 years old. Wow!

Also we enjoyed Julie's birthday and are thankful to you guys for congratulating her. I cooked at home stake T-bones. So, it was home restaurant a lot better than McDonalds. Nevertheless we went to McDonald's one time. We don't eat there very often just once a month. We think the food is not really healthy and second reason it is kinda expensive in Kharkov. But definitely one double cheese and coke was a good treat.

Ha! I personally miss Dr Pepper a lot. Ha! Then we had a great walk on the bank of a beautiful river in Kharkov.

Celebrating Julie's birthday, she is 27 years old now, for me she looks exactly as I met her the first time 18 years old, Ha! We went to down town to the main square to look at the old cars. Some pics of beautiful sunset in Kharkov:





Our plans for December are very simple to continue on standing on the promises of God.

I am responsible to preach on the 19th of December in Alexeevka. And Valeriy Gaidash will be preaching in Novye Doma at our place. Preaching is a big word for our apt, he will be sharing some things that are on his heart. We invited him and his family to our place. We are hoping Andrew will come, Vlad, Robert, Ivan and others.

On the 25th of December I will be cooking borsch for 100 people in Alexeevka I proposed the idea about charity dinner for Alexeevka community and everybody agreed. So on the 26th of December we are expecting 100 people in Alexeevka Church building.

My regular Evangelism on every second Saturday stays according to my plans. This coming Saturday I will again advertise and evangelize Alexeevka area.

Monday, Wednesday and Saturday are regular classes in Alexeevka. Thursday night and Sunday night is our regular assembly.

Both Julie and I got a key from Rob's Hindman apt in down town. They've asked us to keep an eye on it. Also we are taking care of Rob's dog Kona. She is a great dog Labrador and we like her a lot. She is staying with us and will be staying till the time Rob will come. Also Rob and his wife allowed us to use their apt for the New Year celebration. They have a fire place and big room with big flat TV. So, our plans and hopes to invite our friends from Kramtorsk; Vera and Denis Sopelniks, plus Julie's cousin and her son, plus Robert and of course us. We will watch fire works in down town and then come back have dinner and will have a great fellowship and celebration of 2011! Also Rob's got US TV through internet going so we may celebrate it twice watching online New York and celebration with US time and you dear brothers and sisters.

My short term goals are: 1) to build a team out of my co-workers in Alexeevka, Novye Doma, Saltovka and down town folks; 2) to come up with a drama theatre team and start helping orphans in Kharkov; 3) with that go to Poltava when Rob's back and maybe asking him to give us a ride all the way down to the orphanage with those who participated last summer with EEM, and show several skits; 4) to start English through the Bible in the area of Novye Doma, where Julie and I live.

God is great! He is taking care of us and wants the best for all of us.

Thank you so much for your friendship, your care, kindness, love and lots of help to us. You all are a big part of the Lord's work in Kharkov, Ukraine. Results of God's work in Kharkov are evident and we will continue to strive with one gear forward, with full capacity and ability what God provides.

We love you all.
You are always in our prayers.
May God bless you all dear brothers and sisters richly.
In Jesus' love, Valeriy and Julie Kachuk.

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This is something new I would like to add to Kachuk's Newsletter is a little article written by my friend and my instructor from Bear Valley, by Wayne Burger. He was teaching me the book of Acts at Bear Valley. Great teacher!

Meditating on the Word

"In His law he meditates day and night" Psalm 1:2

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Missionary Principles In the Book of Acts -Part 1

When a preacher begins to think about wanting to do mission work the book of Acts ought to be his first instructional resource. The Holy Spirit guided Luke to record the spread of the gospel and the establishment of churches during the church's first thirty years of existence. About half of that book (chapters 13-28) deals specifically with the missionary journeys of the apostle Paul.

Because Columbine is a mission-minded congregation, because we support several missionaries, and because Mike Olson and his colleagues are about to move to Vanuatu as missionaries, it is profitable for all of us to look closely at this wonderful inspired missionary manual. Many of the principles that we find in the book not only fit missionaries, but also any preacher.

Acts 1:8

Just before Jesus ascended back to the Heavenly Father, he said to His missionary apostles, ***"You shall be My witnesses, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth"*** (Acts 1:8). This is the outline of the book of Acts. The gospel was first preached in Jerusalem (2:1-7:60), then Judea (8:1-4), then Samaria (8:5-25), and then into the rest of the world (9:1-28:31).

The Principle: Missionaries must have a plan of work. Where are they going? What is their plan of evangelizing when they get there? What is the plan when the church has been established in that immediate area?

Acts 13:1-3

"Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas...and Saul (later to be called Paul) While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.' Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away" (Acts 13:1-3).

When some Christians, who had been scattered congregation before they left for the mission field. Paul and Barnabas spent over a year with the brethren in Antioch before the Lord sent them out. How appropriate it is for a "sponsoring" congregation to get to know the people they are sponsoring. By spending time together, the members of the sponsoring congregation does not see the mission team as a name in the budget, but rather as people they know and love. The missionaries also feel that the people back home know them and are concerned, not only about their work, but about their personal struggles. The prayers for the missionaries will be more fervent because there is that personal bond that has been formed.

A fourth principle is that there needs to be a formal ceremony when the team is sent out. Notice that before Paul and Barnabas were sent out there was prayer, fasting, and laying on of hands. The laying on of hands was not to impart these men with miraculous gifts, but as a symbolic act that the congregation is behind them. This is not a law, but a principle. Not only does it show unity, but it also declares the seriousness of this event. That is much more meaningful than just an announcement in the bulletin or from the pulpit saying "the missionary team left yesterday."

This is not the only example of having a public ceremony when putting people into positions of service. Paul makes references to the time the elders laid hands on Timothy (I Timothy 4:14). Again, this was not to give Timothy miraculous powers. Paul did when he laid hands on Timothy (II Timothy 1:6). Although we do not have a record of it in Acts, it must have been when Timothy joined Paul's missionary team (Acts 16:1-3).

There seems to have been a public ceremony when Paul and Barnabas appointed elders. God's word says, ***"When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with***

fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed” (Acts 14:23). (to be continued, in December newsletter)

I really like this article and thought I might share it with you too. Those things are not new for us but good to remind us about God’s acts and His plans.

Love ya’ll.

In Him, Always your soldier in Christ Valeriy Kachuk.