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Dear Praying Friends,

Paul wrote, ***“God is faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.”*** (1 Cor. 1:9) Since we last wrote we have continued to experience our Father’s faithfulness in various aspects of our ministry here in Ukraine. In January’s general session of Slavic Baptist

Institute, we saw a number of new students with a good group of returning students who came ready to hear from God. One of our new enrolling students was deaf. In May we will have our Spring session of SBI, as well as graduation. Please continue in prayer for our deaf student body, for the Lord to call more new students to join us, and for our student body, in general, to continue growing in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord.

We have also experienced the Lord's faithfulness at Living Hope Baptist Church of Kyiv. In December we held a special service to celebrate Christmas and take opportunity to share the true purpose and Person of Christmas. It was a wonderful time in which we have some who have faithfully visited services since. We have begun a new study in Romans with the hope that the Lord will pierce the darkness of the works-based gospel that shrouds Ukrainian people and give understanding of justification by grace through faith alone in Christ alone. We are seeing the Lord call out a body of believers and we deeply covet your prayers for the Lord to build a strong and living assembly that will hold forth the "word of life" in Kyiv and the regions beyond.

The Lord's faithfulness is not limited to our past, and encourages us with opportunities in the future. In March we will hold our next session of SBI Advanced. The theme for our upcoming graduate program will be Missiology. Dr. Dwight Tomlinson (Barnabas 10/40) and other guests will be teaching and sharing their burdens for a gospel starved world. At our session's conclusion, SBI will be sponsoring a national mission conference (March 27-28) in Kyiv. We are inviting pastors, young people, and churches to come from all parts of Ukraine. Please join us in praying for eyes to be opened and hearts burdened for world evangelism. Ukrainian churches have great potential and much to offer to this end. One has said, ***"You can trust God with tomorrow because he was faithful with yesterday."*** This truth reassures us that we can ardently trust in our Lord's faithfulness and pray "that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

For the glory of Christ in Ukraine,

Derek and Julie

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The above pictures are from services at Living Hope Baptist Church of Kyiv. The top photo is from our Christmas service. We met many new friends on this Sunday and the gospel of Christ was proclaimed. The bottom left photo is from our service this

past Sunday. The three ladies pictured have been very faithful and the young man is an international student from the University. Last Sunday we had three students from the university in attendance. The bottom right photo is a student fellowship time in our home.



The top photo is our group photo from our general session at SBI in January. While the bottom left photo is from our time of student fellowship on Thursday evening. In the bottom right photo are Dema and Erica. Dema is a staff member at SBI and is

helping us with the church plant ministry also in Kyiv. Dema experienced God's faithfulness in the gift of his new bride. Pray for them as they begin a life together for the glory of Christ.





Remember to pray for Russia's undeclared war in Ukraine, which is now preparing to enter its seventh year! According to the United Nations a total of 14,000 have been killed and 1.5 million displaced. Pray for peace in Eastern Ukraine and for the Lord to use this tragedy to open hearts to the gospel of Christ.

John Stott wrote:

“Why is it that some Christians cross land and sea, continents and cultures, as missionaries?”



What on earth impels them? It is not in order to commend a civilization, an institution or an ideology, but rather a person, Jesus Christ, whom they believe to be unique.”

We are here to share the uniqueness of Christ and are very thankful for your partnership with us to this end. Julie's a little jealous of my new hair style. What do you think?



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