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The Gainer family serving in Ukraine

Verse of the Month

You, LORD, give true peace to those who depend on you, because they trust you. So, trust the LORD always, because he is our Rock forever. Isaiah 26:3-4

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Kid's Corner

Life with 3 boys. Yes, at times it is just a little crazy. But it is so wonderful!!!

Alex is 4, and is attending the local preschool. He is quite the social butterfly, and has a lot of friends. He looks forward to show-and-tell every week, and I have a hard time convincing him that he should bring something other than a train.

Jonah is 2 1/2, and likes to do anything that Alex does. That makes for lots of fun, and lots of, well, disagreements. Jonah has enjoyed getting a little more attention from Mommy, and he is almost potty trained!
YEAHHH!!!

Isaac is 1 1/2, and is talking more and more every day. He loves to play with his brothers, and sing and dance. He is the happiest little guy, and he always has a huge smile on his face.

Financial Report

Monthly Support Needed:
\$3000

*We have 6% Committed
Need to raise \$2820 more*

Start-up expenses:
\$25,000

*We have 17.6% Committed
Need to raise \$20,600 more*

Tis' the Season!!!

Christmas is typically thought of as the season of giving. Well, that has certainly been the case for us this year! We can't think of a time when we have felt more blessed than this last holiday season. It all started on Thanksgiving weekend, when Jon got the opportunity to preach at Bettendorf Christian Church for Missions Weekend. We were also asked to set up a table in the welcoming area full of information about our family, our mission and our needs. The response was overwhelming to say the least. These people, this amazing church family was able to account for 11% of our start-up costs in a single day! What a wonderful gift! The love and support we felt when we left that day was truly incredible. Because this is our last Christmas here for a while, some of the most precious gifts that we received were the most simple. The new coat is



great, and the boys look adorable in their matching train vests. But the best gift was just time. Time with the people we love the most, our family and friends. A game of cards with Jon's brothers, singing Christmas carols at my grandma's, the white elephant gift exchange with Jon's family, watching the boys play with all of their cousins.... These are

the gifts that I treasure the most. The ones that I will be able to fondly remember next year when we are half a world away. Thank you all so much for making our last Christmas in the States so wonderful. Thank you for the gift of your time, your laughter, your support and your love.

And who could forget the greatest and most amazing gift that anyone could receive, the gift of Jesus Christ.. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude go out to all of you. May God bless you as he has us.

The Hands and Feet

Many people have been asking what we need and how they can help us with our preparations to leave for Ukraine. The answer is simple. **We need you!** We desperately need teammates who will be willing to support us through prayer and financial support. Your support is essential for us to be able to follow God's call to the mission field!!!

"I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel..." Philippians 1:3-5.

Our largest need right now is people who will join our team on a monthly basis, both finan-

cially, and in prayer. We cannot do this without you! Our monthly costs are \$3000. This includes taxes, a language tutor, ministry expenses, visas, and food and shelter. **Would you please prayerfully consider how God might be calling you to partner with us?** If you feel God calling you to be a monthly financial supporter, we would encourage you to begin giving **now**. Any money given before we leave will be used to offset some of our start-up costs. We have enclosed an envelope where you can indicate what part you would like to play on our team. We thank you in advance for your support!

See our Prayer Calendar on the back >>

JANUARY 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pray that Jon would focused with schoolwork.	2 Pray that for the Gainers marriage	3 Pray for the lost in the Ukraine that God would draw them closer to himself.
4 Pray for ministers safety as they travel to new churches	5 Pray for the unwed mothers that they would look to God for strength.	6 Pray for us to focus on our support raising	7 Pray for Alex's eczema	8 Pray for Jonah's Potty Training	9 Pray for Isaac's learning to talk better	10 Jonah turns 3 today!
11 Pray for the preaching at Bettendorf Christian Church	12 Pray for those who have lost loved ones	13 Pray for the Ladies of Mount Pulaski	14 Pray for the children's programs at Bettendorf Christian.	15 Pray for Jon to stay focused with schoolwork.	16 Pray for our focus on support raising	17 Pray for the men of Mt. Pulaski
18 Pray for open hearts as we talk to people about supporting us	19 Pray for our team leader Stasani in Ukraine	20 Pray for good time management	21 Pray for our forwarding agents Rob and Carla Harris	22 Pray for wisdom in our parenting	23 Pray for Alex Cobb and his family (Senior Minister BCC)	24 Pray for mission minded churches in the US
25 Pray for the leaders of our country	26 Pray for Jon and Jenny to work well together	27 Pray for Jenny as she cares for the 3 boys	28 Pray for the people in Ukraine to have open hearts for God	29 Pray for the city of Kremenchug and the students that live there	30 Pray for JT Thomason and his family (Senior Minister MPCC)	31 Pray for God's timing for our mission

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