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*The Gainer family
serving in Ukraine*

Verse of the Month

Happy are those who live pure lives, who follow the Lord's teachings. Happy are those who keep his rules, who try to obey him with their whole heart.
Psalm 119:1-2

JULY 6, 2009

Kid's Corner

In a made for TV moment, we watched our boys running down the corridor at the airport screaming, "MOMMY!!! DADDY!!!" It was a very special moment for Jon and I, and we are very glad to have the boys here with us. Grandma Barbie says that they loved the plane ride and charmed all of the stewardesses! Last Sunday, we went to the beach with the boys. Jonah and Alex were a little apprehensive at first, but warmed up to it pretty quickly. Isaac was another story. There was not one thing about the beach that he liked. He hated that the sand stuck to him, was afraid of the waves, and freaked out when he got salt water in his mouth! Oh well, 2 out of 3 ain't bad!!!

Financial Report

Monthly Support Needed:
\$3000

*We have 93% Committed
Need to raise \$200 more!!!*

That is:

2 \$25 a month partners
And

3 \$50 a month partners

Would you please prayerfully consider if God is calling you to partner with us?

A slight detour...

Everyone knows that even the best laid plans go awry, and we have found that to be true once again. We knew that Russian was going to be very hard, but we had no idea just how hard. We talked with our teachers after the first 2 weeks to see how they thought we were doing, and if they thought the 8-week summer course would be enough to give us a good base to use in Ukraine. They said that although it would be a good start, that they would strongly encourage us to stay for the fall semester. They said that there are things that are very important to learn correctly that we just won't be able to get to in the summer course. At first I was unsure, but after talking to one of the students in our class who just got back from a year on the field, we decided to seriously look into staying.



We prayed, and prayed, talked to our sending agency, and talked to our team leader in Ukraine. Stas, (our team leader in Ukraine) really made us understand how important learning the language correctly is, and our teachers here told us that spending 3 more months here will teach us what might take 3 years to learn over in Ukraine. So, after much prayer, thought and consultation from our sending agency, we have decided that it would be best for us to stay for the fall semester. Part of being a missionary is learning to be flexible, and we are learning this first hand. We want to thank everyone who is praying for us and supporting us and pray that you would continue to do so as we try to make ourselves as prepared as possible to further the Kingdom of God in Ukraine!

VBS Success!!!

Every year for VBS, the church picks a missionary to sponsor for the week. The kids get to bring money and or small items like school supplies to help out the mission. This year, Jon and I were asked to be the missionaries for two churches, Bettendorf Christian Church and Athens Christian Church.

Because Bettendorf's VBS was the first week of June, Jon and I and the boys were able to be there. It was so much fun! We got to get up and talk about our mission and why it is important, and we taught the kids a new Russian word every night. It was so great to see them get so excited about spreading God's word! They were so excited in fact,

that they managed to raise \$1512.78 in a week! Praise the Lord!

Unfortunately, we were not able to attend the VBS at Athens Christian because we were already in SC at language school. But, we did make some short videos with a puppet for them to use. Again we talked about our mission and used "Bobby" to teach them Russian words. They had a great week too, and we were excited to hear how much they enjoyed the videos. The kids at ACC raised \$1100 for our mission during the week of VBS!!!

We want to thank BCC and ACC for partnering with us, and tell all of the kids...
спасибо! (Spaseeba!)

JULY 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Pray for Jon and I to have patience in learning Russian	2 Pray for the boys to be obedient for their babysitter.	3 Pray for JT and Andrea as they get settled in in Cape Girardeau.	4 Thank God for our freedom, and pray for our countries leaders.
5 Thank God for the blessing of children	6 Pray for Jon and I to get our homework done over the long holiday weekend	7 Pray that God would provide a place for us to live for the fall semester.	8 Pray that we would be able to raise the money needed to attend the additional language courses	9 Pray that Jon and I would grow closer to each other and God.	10 Pray that I would make good decisions about how to homeschool the boys this fall	11 Pray for our team leader Stas and his family
12 Thank God for Kontaktmission and other mission agencies around the world.	13 Pray for the lost souls of Ukraine	14 Pray that God would clearly show us his will.	15 Pray for me as I struggle with juggling the kids, the house and Russian	16 Thank God of The Russian Language Institute and all of its teachers.	17 Pray for the orphans and street children in Ukraine	18 Pray that we would make good use of our time.
19 Pray for the leaders of the church.	20 Thank God for your family.	21 Pray that we would draw our strength from God.	22 Pray for us as we parent our children. Help us to teach them by example.	23 Pray for us to be flexible.	24 Pray for an expecting mom you know.	25 Pray for us to have joyful hearts in all circumstances.
26 Pray that we would have a great last week of class in SC	27 Thank God for all of our supporters.	28 Pray that we would keep our eyes fixed on God.	29 Thank God for the amazing way he provides for our needs.	30 Pray for Jeremy and Amy as they travel back to SC (Thanks guys!!!)	31 Pray that Jon and I do well on our tests.	



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