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The Gainer family
serving in Ukraine

Kid's Corner

It has been another busy month at the Gainers. The highlight of the month though, was Isaac's birthday party. Isaac turned 2 on February 25th, and we held his birthday party on the 28th. We had a "Blue's Clues" party because Isaac LOVES puppies. We actually call his crib "The Pound" because he has 7 or 8 stuffed dogs in it! For his party, we invited a couple of friends and of course Grandma's and Grandpa's. We played musical paw prints, and pin the paw on Blue. We ate the Blues Clues cake that I made, drank blue punch and opened presents. Isaac's favorite was the GIANT blue puppy from Jason and Kristen! We had a great day celebrating!

Financial Report

Monthly Support Needed:
\$3000

*We have 36% Committed
Need to raise \$1920 more*

Start-up expenses:
\$25,000

*We have 37.2% Committed
Need to raise \$15,676 more*

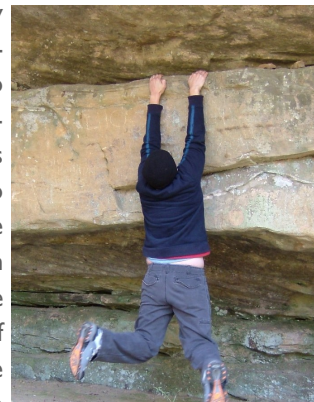
Verse of the Month

Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:1-2

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Will you hold the rope???

A missionary once told this story: "The world is full of lost people. It's like they are stuck on the side of a rocky cliff. They are in a hopeless situation: it is too far up and rocky to climb, and there is water with jagged rocks lying below. God loves them, and sent someone to go down the side of the cliff to save those people. But this person can't act alone. He will not be able to carry someone up the side of the steep rocky cliff without some help. So God sent some people to hold a rope and lower the person down to bring



the lost person to safety. The person going down the cliff to rescue the lost souls is a missionary.

The people holding the rope are those who pray for him and give money to provide for his needs."

Every day, there are people in Ukraine who lose their grip and fall onto those jagged rocks and spend an eternity in Hell. We want to help God save them.

We want to be the people going down the cliff to save as many souls as possible. **Would you be willing to help hold the rope?**

Going South...

When we started this journey in July 2006, we asked God to make it very obvious to us what He wanted us to do. We were constantly praying for Him to open and shut doors to show us the way, and so far He has. Last week was no exception. We have been praying about where we will be living while we go to school in South Carolina. We thought that we might have to live in a trailer, and although it would have been challenging with three small children, we thought that we could make it work for 8 weeks. Well, last week, we had a couple from Columbia, SC e-mail us and tell us that they had a house available in June and July that they were trying to sublet. It is a 2 bedroom house across the street from the Russian Language Institute's office. It will be completely furnished, and they will even leave their TV and computer if we want them to. This



sounded like a great opportunity so I wrote them back to find out how much the rent would be. They said that it would be \$700 a month including electricity and internet. Although that sounded like a pretty good deal, we had already made our budget according to how much the trailer would be., around \$400. I told them that

we really appreciated it, but that we would be living on full support at that time, and that I had to be a good steward of that money. I couldn't just up and almost double our rent because it was an ideal living situation. Well, God definitely

threw open the door. Jeremy Savage wrote me back and said that \$400 would go a long way towards paying the rent, and that if we would be willing to pay the electricity, that they would accept our \$400 a month!!!! God is so amazing!!!!!!