



the nelson's news

August & September 2008

Prayer Requests

Our moving to Ukraine on October 15th

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Legacy and all of our supporters

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Preparing to leave and saying goodbyes.

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Thanksgiving we have all our support!

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Give Away Day at Legacy on 10.11.08

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Ladies Ministry at Legacy

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McDougle's Support Raising

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Thanksgiving for our team being together again soon!

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Our families

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Finding an apartment in Kharkov

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Our teammates as they move as well

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Other mission works in New Zealand, Mexico, South Africa, & Cambodia

The End Is Coming!

I'm not sure if many of you understand exactly how we are feeling at this time, but you probably could imagine. We have less than two weeks before we leave for the Ukraine!

Wednesday, October 15th, is the date for our departure to Kharkov, Ukraine. These next two weeks are going to be a blur! These last few months have flown by, but we have truly enjoyed every minute of it. As many of you know, we have spent these last three months in Fort Worth with our sponsoring congregation, Legacy Church of Christ. We are currently back in Lubbock packing up the rest of our belongings and saying some "goodbyes."

What's Going On?

It has been a memorable summer with Legacy and we have enjoyed the time we have spent with everyone. It has truly been a blessing to share this time with the congregation as it grows and serves the community it is located in.

The New Auditorium

Legacy has been blessed with a large membership in attendance; so large, in fact, they were forced to meet at separate times. They have recently completed an addition to their building that has enabled them to meet as one body at the same time. As a commencement of the new auditorium, Legacy committed to reading the entire Bible in one sitting from the front of the auditorium before their first service together. Most of the congregation signed up for fifteen minute reading slots and took turns reading through the whole Bible. The reading started on



First combined service in the new auditorium, 08/17/08

Thursday morning and was read 24 hours a day until it was finished at 8:45am Sunday morning. We were so blessed to be able to participate in the reading with everyone. It was a lot of fun and very encouraging to all who were involved!

Teaching

This last month has provided many opportunities for the two of us to teach in various classes to get to know members at Legacy. David has taught several adult classes and one class for

the youth. Olivia and David both were also invited to share with the 5th and 6th grade class about Kharkov, Ukraine and what we will be doing there. Olivia also taught the ladies Bible class on Wednesday night and worked with David to help put on a presentation about the Adventures In Missions program for the youth at Legacy. David was also able to teach one Wednesday night at another congregation in the Dallas area.

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Fellowship

One of the things that will stand out to most people who visit Legacy is the friendliness of all the members there. We have personally experienced their friendliness in a variety of ways. Besides the Sunday morning fellowships, we have had opportunity to meet with over a dozen of the small groups



Spending time with John and Nancy Royce

at the congregation, had the elders over for meals at our house, and met with many different families over a lunch or a dinner. Sometimes it felt as if we spent the majority of our time preparing a meal or getting prepared to go for a meal with someone from Legacy! It has been a great few months, and our stomachs are still full! We look forward to many more opportunities to spend with this congregation in the future.

Our Liaison Team

Before we left, Legacy's missions team worked hard to help us form a liaison team that would be working and communicating with us while we were on the field. Eight couples and their families signed up to be a part of that team, committing to pray with us, work with us, communicate individually



With our liaisons, Jim & Nancy Snelson

with us, and help facilitate communication with the rest of the congregation.

Our Prayer Team

We also have a prayer team formed, but would love to have more people lifting up us and the work in Kharkov. We will send this team weekly updates of specific prayer requests and thanksgivings. If you are interested in joining that team, please email Nancy Snelson at: nnelson@samsill.com

What's Left?

At this point, we have already booked our tickets and received our visas for Ukraine! We are now back in Lubbock, busy with our last minute preparations to get ready to go. The biggest obstacle we have before we go is to pack up all our belongings to either take with us or leave here in Lubbock. Right now everything is in a state of chaos! If you look

upstairs in our house you would think that a tornado had gone through and strung everything about! We are also in the process of finalizing a temporary apartment in Ukraine, applying for international insurance, and shopping for items we won't be able to find in Ukraine. We are finding out that moving to a foreign country for 6 years can

be quite the task! Besides our packing we have to say "goodbye" to many people we love. This has been difficult and will continue to be difficult, especially when it comes to family. Please pray for us and our friends and family as we make this move. If you want to keep up with our move, feel free to visit our blog at:

daveandliv.blogspot.com

Brothers & Sisters,

We thank God for you always in our prayers. The closer we get to our departure the more we appreciate your love and concern for us. As we get nervous and anxious about everything that is happening, God is constantly using His Body to comfort and support us. Everywhere we go, we are shown appreciation and love as we are sent out into God's harvest fields! We cannot do this without each of you. Thank you for the time and efforts you have invested graciously in us. God bless you all!

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