

Yodis/Ukraine News and Prayer Letter - November 2017

Fall Kicked in High Gear

Training Events - Church Planting Networks Forming - Travel - Mass Thanksgiving - Tech Glitches

This Fall has been crazy busy with some high-stakes training events and church planter network meetings, visits with our kids, as well as planning and preparation for future ministry events.



The biggest event was the first ever All-Ukraine Evangelical Thanksgiving day where the largest gathering of believers ever to get together in Ukraine took place. I joked with a friend, "We have enough people here to start our own revolution." Truly, this was the largest gathering in Ukraine since the Maidan Revolution took place three years ago. Of course, it isn't a political revolution we are hoping for but rather a spiritual one that awakens the hearts and minds of people all throughout Ukraine with a thirst for God's amazing grace. (Video link below). Despite the size of the event, NOT ONE SINGLE UKRAINIAN NEWS CHANNEL COVERED IT!

Then a week and a half ago, we got sick at the end of a ministry trip to Odessa in the southern part of Ukraine. The upper respiratory issues were enough to convince us that God may have been saying, "Slow down and get some rest." So that is what we have been doing and tomorrow (Lord-willing) will be our first time to really get out and test our strength since being sick, as we plan on attending our local church in the morning and speaking at a youth event in the evening. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Prayer Requests:

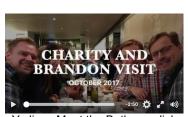
- For winter and holiday outreaches coming up in December and January throughout Ukraine.
- For the new church planter networks starting up in both Kiev and Odessa.
- For the continued church planter training that we recently "beefed up."
 For strength, health and safety during the long, cold winter ahead.
- For the ability to stay focused in a multi-faceted ministry.

As you read our **praises** below, give God glory for all his deeds and blessings. As always... Thank you for your faithful prayers for us and the ministry.

Yodis/Butler Mini-reunion

Long Awaited Visit With Our Kids

Praise: We don't often get to see our daughter and son (in-law), so it was great to spend vacation time with them. We loved every moment. We went to see them in England and they returned to Ukraine with us for a few days. If you'd like to see the pictures, <u>click here</u>. (These pics will only be visible to all until the end of the month - after that, you will need to be "friends" with us on Facebook to see them.)



Yodises Meet the Butlers - click on the pic

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Praise & Prayer: We are encouraging the group we work with to form networks of church planters and like-minded individuals in each of the oblasts (provinces) of Ukraine which will be led by a leader who will passionately promote church planting. In Odessa, we were able to see their network get a grand start at the end of October. To read more and see pictures of it, click here.

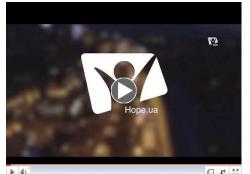


the new network in Odessa and the prayer requests that go with it.

Ukrainian Evangelicals Unite

First All-Ukraine Evangelical Day of Thanksgiving Draws Ginormous Crowd

Praise: On September 17th, all the major and many smaller evangelical denominations of Ukraine came together for a full-day of activity in downtown Kyiv to thank God for his grace and provision. Evening crowd estimates ranged from 150k to 500k with the true figures probably being in the middle. To see a brief video summary, <u>click here</u> or click on the video graphic on the right.



Thanksgiving Holiday in Ukraine

It's been a long time... or has it? Why haven't we written in a long time?

There are several reasons, but it may be that you simply didn't get the letter. After we wrote our last major letter, we observed irregularities with our results. After writing to 2/3 of our prayer supporters, we received hundreds of replies that confirmed that about one-third of our friends didn't get the last letter. At this point we can only hope that it was a glitch with our server, Constant Contact. If you notice you haven't received a letter in a while, feel free to drop us a line and let us know. In the mean time, here are a few links to a pdf copy of the summer prayer letter and it's articles:



- To download a PDF copy of the end of summer letter, <u>click here</u>. (Links in letter don't work).
 To read about Eric getting chased by four angry men, <u>click here</u>.
- To read about clickbait, no-news and fake-news and what Ukraine is doing to battle Russia's inforwar against Ukraine, click bare.
- info-war against Ukraine, <u>click here</u>.

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