
FW: Fall Prayer Letter 2019

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Dear Praying Friends,

Spurgeon stated, ***“God writes with a pen that never blots, speaks with a tongue that never slips, acts with a hand that never fails.”*** Praise the Lord for His faithful hand that we’ve experienced since we last wrote. Our Summer

Session of Slavic Baptist Institute had its largest enrollment since the war began with Russian led separatists in 2014. We praise the Lord for the spiritual hunger of the student body and the willingness of our teachers and staff to minister to them for Christ. The growth of our deaf student body was a special blessing. Another was the number of students that gave testimony in chapel services about their ministries this summer in camps and on mission fields, including Africa, India, Tajikistan, and here in Ukraine. Please continue to pray for the Lord to raise up laborers to train through SBI and for current students who are considering missions as a full time calling.

We also experienced **“the hand that never fails”** this September through our evangelistic outreaches and organizing of Living Hope Baptist Church of Kyiv. We worked jointly with **Couriers for Christ** from September 11-20 distributing 80,000 John/Roman booklets and invitations to gospel meetings. We saw lost people in attendance, and students from SBI participating in the services through music and personal testimony. The gospel was proclaimed in these meetings and Christ was honored. On Sunday, September 22, we held our first official service at Living Hope. The Lord gave us friends, guests, and lost souls in attendance. **We have now held three Sunday services at LHBC and have seen returning guests, and new visitors at each service. Hallelujah! More importantly we’ve seen some acknowledge their need of salvation and still others pray to receive it!**

Words cannot express our thanks to you for participating in our ministry here in Ukraine through your persistent prayers. Your prayers lay hold of God’s faithfulness and encourage His omnipotent hand to bless with eternal results. My dear friends, we continue to covet your prayers not only because without them we are inadequate, but also because we want God alone to be glorified. David prayed, *“That they may know that this is thy hand; that thou, Lord hast done it.”* (Ps 109:27) **Pray with us for such a work of God here that all our inadequacies are made sufficient by His grace, and so great that all glory is given to the One alone who is worthy.**

We take great comfort in our Helper’s “hand” that never fails, and in our watchmen faithfully on the walls interceding unto the One who alone can make Kyiv “a praise in the earth” to His glory!

For the glory of Christ in Ukraine,

Derek and Julie

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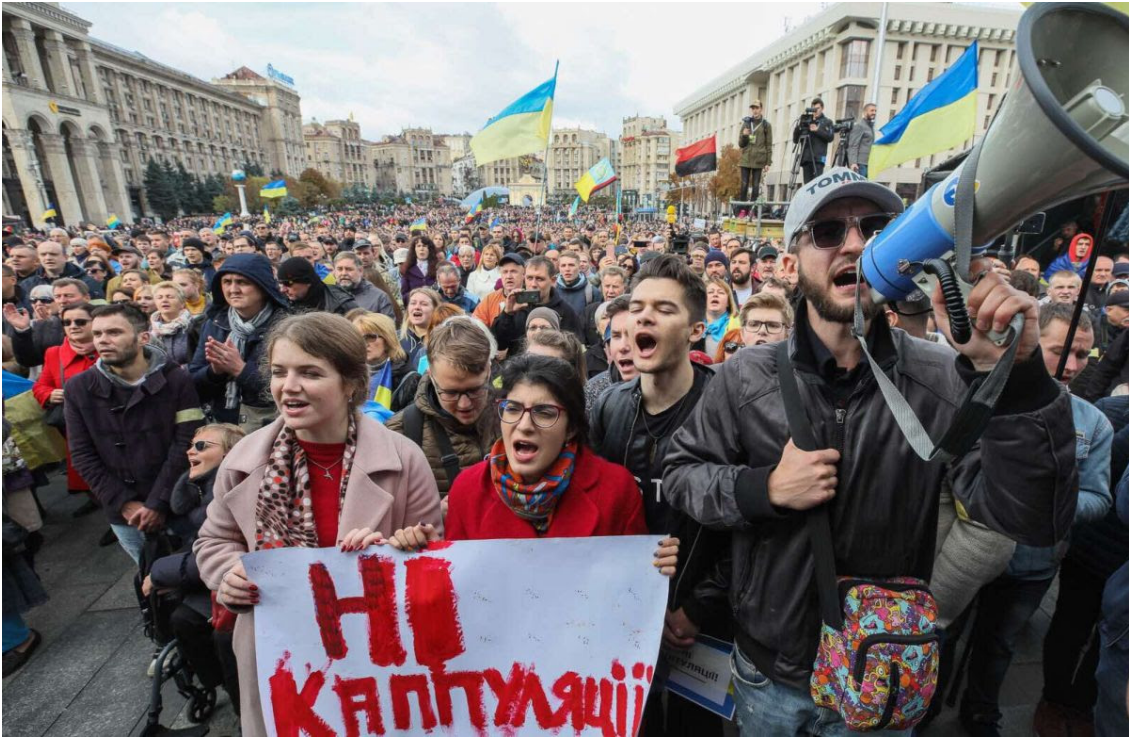
The above pictures are from our inaugural service at Living Hope Baptist Church of Kyiv. The church is meeting at the Lavilia Hotel's conference room, located in the Holsiivskiy District of Kyiv. We meet Thursday evenings in our home for Bible study. In the bottom right photo are students and staff of SBI participating in our service through special music.





The above photos are from SBI's Summer General Session in August. The top photo is the group photo with returning students, new students and staff. To the above left are deaf students participating in special music with the choir. The photo bottom right is Julie with a couple of our young ladies, Vlada and Sveta, who served in summer missions ministry. Click on the link below to hear the SBI Choir sing in one of our chapel services.





Pray for Ukraine and for the political situation here. On Sunday an estimated 10,000 protesters marched in Kyiv's center and thousands more in other Ukrainian cities.

They were protesting the possibility of Ukraine giving autonomy to Russian led Separatists in lieu of peace. This plan is being pushed upon Ukraine from the West and known as the Steinmeier Formula. Ukraine has been at war now for 5 years with the conflict producing an estimated 13,000 casualties.



George W. Kitchin wrote:

*Lift high the cross, the love of
Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred
name.
O Lord, once lifted on the glorious
tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men
unto Thee.*

We are very thankful to the Lord for you for your partnership with us for the glory of Christ in Ukraine.



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