

Howdy,

Well, it's been about 2 weeks since my last update and boy, have things been going on. I want to first thank you for your prayers for Andrea (the teenager that is in our Sunday school class that ran away from home). He was gone for about 2 week until God sent some rain and then some snow. That would get any child home in a hurry. His mother said when he got home, he was filthy dirty and his clothes were dirty and wet including his coat and shoes. He had lost some weight and his attitude was very bad. So the following day Tony along with Mrs. Judy to interpret for the mother (since she is deaf) went to visit Andrea. Tony came home pleased about the meeting, but he did not come to church this past Sunday, so please continue to pray for this young man (14yrs.). But he is home safe with his mother and father now. Praise the Lord!

Thank you for your prayers for my class that I am taking. I am really learning a lot. We took our first test and I made a B-. I wasn't very happy about it but next time I will know more of what kind of things might be on the test. It was a lot of information to learn but even though I didn't get all of it in this brain of mine, I have learned a lot. Praise the Lord for a good teacher.

The orphanage children were in church on Sunday. What a blessing. There were so many children at church that we needed to split them up into two groups. Praise the Lord for that problem. Ha-ha Judy and I took the littler group and I really enjoyed it. One of the little girls from the orphanage was found in her home by herself, tied to a cold radiator and beaten. She had been there they said for 4 days. Her name is Christina (4yrs.). She doesn't talk much but has a pretty smile. I took several pictures and so did Judy. You can see those if you would like on their web site at www.bobandjudy.org. Talking about web sites, we are looking into getting on of our own so that you all can see more of what is going on. We tell you about a lot but to be able to see the people we are talking about would help you more, I think. But the price of getting it designed is pretty expensive. We are thinking maybe we could design it ourselves. It would take some time but it would cost much. Please pray that we can get this going for you in the near future.

Our Thanksgiving was wonderful! We enjoyed the day at Bob and Judy's home. We invited a young lady to join us for Thanksgiving. Her name is Nina. She is from America. Her father is Russian, so she is studying Russian here in hopes to work in interpreting for maybe government type things. Her father is Russian orthodox and her mother she said was very liberal, which she said she got most of her thinking from. Tony spoke to her about the Lord that evening but she kept changing the subject. We invited her to church a couple times and then Vansant's did that evening. So please pray that she will come and also pray especially for her salvation.

A couple in the church had been in America for some time visiting and just returned this passed week. Everyone was so happy to see them. They brought candy from the states for all the children. Let me tell you, the children where so excited, even mine. They ran up to tell me that they each had a Reese's in their bag. Ha-ha They just better eat it before daddy sees it. Ha-ha

Please pray for the elections here. I'm sure a lot of you have heard what has been going on. There has been quite a bit of turmoil here in the Ukraine. There has been more up North but not anything that is affecting us right now except for the banking situation and price of living has gone up about 25%. The Lord is taking care of us. We haven't heard yet from the supreme courts yet if they are going to redo the elections or let them stand like they are. Either way there could be possible problems. We don't think we will see much of it where we are but do pray please.

Tony is feeling a little better lately. The doctor has told Tony to get some test done, which we are checking to see if we can get them done here in Simferopol instead of going to Kiev. Please continue to pray for him. We are also planning on coming back to the states on April 25th to renew our driver's license and to get some checkups done. We won't have a long time there to spend with family and friends but we will treasure the time that we have. Praise the Lord he is giving us this opportunity.

We thank you all for all your prayers. They are greatly appreciated. God Bless.
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