

PRAYER LETTER FOR OCT/NOV. 2004

Greetings, in the Matchless Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Glory to Him for truly great things He has done!

This past month we have had the opportunity in our church to sponsor a city-wide evangelistic crusade. This is one of the 1st of this sort I've ever seen or been a part of. We had a group in from the States. Together we passed out nearly 40,000 tracts and invitations to our cities largest auditorium for an evangelistic meeting. That week we were busy not only passing out tracts, but visiting orphanages, deaf and blind factories, a hospital and doing some tract distribution and witnessing in a village outside the city (interesting, village folk...!). On Thursday evening at the meeting we had over 500 folk there. I am sorry to say that I don't know exactly how many, estimates varied depending upon the extent of "evangelisticly speaking" each counter was. I do know this much I took nearly 600 of our newest tracks that my interpreter translated and we just had printed. I wanted to give one to every visitor so they could not only take a Bible home with them (we gave a Bible to each guest), but also they could have a clear and simple Gospel presentation to read and think on later. Plus, this tract had a picture of our church with service times, address and phone #. That night, praise the Lord, we had 88 people turn in a decision card saying that they had asked the Lord Jesus to be their Savior! We are seeing in our services every week, visitors from that week of evangelism and street preaching. It has been sooooo exciting. You never go wrong when you plant the seeds of God's Eternal Word. A special thanks to each of you who prayed on behalf of this great drive for souls!

Many in our church have been charged up and zealous about passing out the new tracts. I asked them to print 10,000 and we have already given out nearly ¼ of those in just the last few weeks including an activity we had this past Saturday where our teens gave out over 700 in one hour.

We had a serious tragedy strike in one of the families who have been visiting our church for quite some time. Their apartment burned up and badly, badly burned the daddy of two of the teens in my class, a few days later their Daddy died. The saddest part is that we had no indication that this man knew the Lord Jesus as His Savior. It is a terrible thought to think that your Daddy left this world by fire only to wake up in the hottest Fire anywhere in the universe (Hell). If your reading this and if your not 100% sure that Jesus is your *One and ONLY hope* for Heaven and that you've been born again as the Bible says in John 3 because you've received the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. Please stop reading this and get yourself alone with God and trust Him to save you. (call me if you have any questions, my # is listed on the left...)

The next 2 weeks following, Eera, the daughter of the man burned, needed to stay in our home. It was an interesting and tiring experience to inherit a full grown, hungry and more than slightly rebellious teenage girl ALL AT ONE TIME into our home and lives. I

am so glad the Lord gives us a few years to get ready for our kids to grow into teens so we can prepare ourselves for the “emotional tension” and high blood pressure!

Well, blessed be the Lord for his UNSPEAKABLE GIFTS. We need your prayers and thank you sooooo much for them. You are a vital link in this ministry chain. Keep praying for my teen boys in our class. Attendance to Sunday School and church has been rising this month and we had 2 new boys in our class this past Sunday- Glory!!

Prayer Needs include: my “Timothies” (young disciples) meeting in our home on Sat. evenings; my wonderful wife who teaches my sweet youngens’ and is trying hard to learn Russian herself; this family who lost their husband and father (Tanya, Eera & Sasha); my dear Bro. in Christ-Seriosha(the fella w/ my old favorite gloves) who is facing **very** difficult times and decisions in his family and home now; our continued efforts in studying Russian.

By His Grace, building upon That Foundation..Gold, Silver, Precious Stones, Bro. Tony Hess and the Fam...