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"I waited for the Lord. He inclined unto me and heard my cry." Ps 40:1 and verse 5 reads, "Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done."

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Friends and Sponsors,

We are so very thankful for your cries of intercession to God for His ministry through us. You extend the work as God blesses and answers your prayers for the people for whom we request prayer.

We start with praise today for the travel documents given Peter so he could leave the country to minister after two years!! It has been difficult for him to stay here with so many places around the world calling him for evangelistic preaching, teaching and the need to do oversight of our ministry in Ukraine.

He was able to travel to Ukraine during Easter, which is a huge holiday there. People really turn out for the crusades and church meetings. On Friday, Peter took part in the Prayer for Healing service and the Saturday before Easter, there was a young missionaries' conference held at Rivne, W. Ukraine, our original center of ministry. Five hundred came from as far away as East and North Ukraine for a time of spiritual encouragement, and sharing successes, testimonies and vision.

Easter Sunday goes on for three days. A Good Samaritan team always preaches in at least three services on each of those days. On Sunday morning Peter preached in the city of Lutsk, in a large church where eight people repented. Sunday evening Peter and a team traveled an hour or two W. to Novovolinsk to preach and six people repented. Monday, which is called the Second Day of Easter, a very sick Peter preached in a cold rainy service held outside in Zbush. Ten thousand people had stood for three hours listening to music and preaching before Peter preached. No one wanted to leave and sixty people repented. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday he taught at Good Samaritan Mission for the Missionary Bible School being held. From there he went to E. Ukraine – a couple hours drive E. of Kiev to our Christian Center in Priluki. He spoke to missionaries from that region who are working in the villages and from the neighboring oblast – Cherkassa. Everywhere he went, he says, God gave him the right words of blessing and encouragement. He was tired, sick and happy when he returned home.



Missionary Bible School students



Service in Zbush

Another answered prayer is that one of our pastors who ministered in Chukotka and had a church in Shepitovka, Ukraine, has immigrated to Seattle. We helped him build that church in Ukraine and now he will be able to help us at the Mission in Seattle. Praise God! Alex Matlaschuk is a cheerful hard worker for the gospel.

Another item of praise is that Yuriy Dikiy's four children are home from the hospital after treatment for tuberculosis. Now, however, the youngest child has it. Please pray for them working in the Russian Far East, near Magadan, with the Koryak native tribe.

You know that Good Samaritan sends regular support to orphans and missionaries associated with India Evangelical Team in New Delhi. Three groups have gone from Seattle, com-

prised of Slavic church people and mission staff to build an orphanage in Bastar. Many churches have donated money for this project. We are pleased that it is finished. Pastor Ajay Abraham chose to name it "Good Samaritan."



We heard from Brother Thomas and Sister Elsie Joy of this organization, "Dear beloved ones, we are really

very grateful to you for all your endeavor for the building up His kingdom. We express our heartfelt gratitude from the bottom of our heart. We have received the love gift from you towards the support of the Children's Home, traveling expense and administrative expense. Your visit to our team was really a blessing for all of us. We hope this letter finds you all in good health and cheer. We daily remember you in our prayers. As you have extended your hands towards His work, we pray that God may open His good treasure, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season, and to bless all the works of your hand. (Deut. 28:12). We will be praying for your ministry to bear more fruit in the coming days and be used for His glory.

God has enabled us to fulfill the targets of 2006. Hundreds of people are accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. Adult education, new missionary stations, new evangelists, special training programs for the believers are all included. We are very grateful to you for all your prayers and support towards our team. Please pray with us for the following goals of IET for 2007: 200 evangelists will be sent to unreached areas, and plant 800 new churches, a new Bible college to be started in Telugu., a new childrens' home for boys in Jhabua (Madhya Pradesh) and a home for girls in Pipparia (Madhya Pradesh). We also continue to start more adult education centers, increase our mini-crusades and develop study materials to strengthen new believers. We send forth our heartfelt thanks to you, for partnering with IET in reaching North India.

**3 first
Christian
martyrs of
Turkish
Church**



In Izmir, Turkey we support Ukrainian missionary Tanya Diyakiv who ministers to children with Youth With A Mission staff. Recently through email, many Christians around the world have received “A letter to the Global Church from the The Protestant Church of Smyrna (Turkey).” It starts out –“This week has been filled with much sorrow. Many of you have heard by now of our devastating loss here in an event that took place in Malatya, a Turkish province 300 miles northeast of Antioch, the city where believers were first called Christians (Acts 11:26)”. The letter tells the story of the martyrdom of three Christian workers, a 46 year old German family man and missionary, Tilman Geske, who was writing a new Turkish Study Bible, 35 year old Pastor Necati, also with a family and Ugur Uksel, with a fiancé, who met regularly together with other believers for prayer, in town.

Across town, ten young men, all under 20 years old put into place the final arrangements for their act of faith to Allah and their hatred of infidels. Five of these men had visited an by-invitation only evangelistic service on Resurrection Sunday. The men were known to the believers as “seekers”. One of these young men is the son of a mayor of the Province.

They brought guns, bread knives, ropes and towels, arriving in time for Bible study, around 10 AM. Reportedly, after Necati read a chapter from the Bible the assault began. The Christians were tortured with their throats slit. Some of the assailants are in custody.

Since 2001, the National Security Council of Turkey began to consider evangelical Christians as a threat to national security, on equal footing as Al Quaida. Statements in the press by political leaders, columnists and commentators have fueled a hatred against missionaries, whom they claim bribe young people to change their religion.

The church in Turkey responded in a way that honored God as hundreds of believers and dozens of pastors flew in as fast as they could to stand by the small church of Malatya and encourage the believers, take care of legal issues, and represent Christians to the media. It was difficult to even find burial places because of anti-Christian sentiment.

One pastor there Pastor Fikret Bocek says, “Please pray of the Church in Turkey. Don’t pray against persecution, pray for perseverance.” Darlene Bocek says, “We pray and urge you to pray – that someday at least one of those five boys will come to faith because of the testimony in death of Tilman Geske, who gave his life as a missionary to his beloved Turks, and the testimonies in death of Necati Aydin and Ugur Yuksel, the first martyrs for Christ out of the Turkish Church.” Contact information: izmirprotestan@gmail.com or www.izmirprotestan.org.

Let us remember the sacrifice of these men and uphold their families and congregations by prayer. The apostle Paul described himself in similar terms as these men, killing followers of the way out of religious zeal - when he gave his testimony in front of King Agrippa - Acts 26:9-12. God will receive glory.

Serving joyfully together for our Lord, The Staff at Good Samaritan