



Thanksgiving - November 2007

"Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your hearts to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ." Eph. 5:19, 20

Dear Brothers and Sisters, and Sponsors,

We greet you on this blessed holiday!

We thank God that He let us live until this moment –the golden season, autumn 2007! The colorful twirling and falling leaves remind us of the brevity of life. On the other hand, autumn is an especially joyful season of harvest, but what kind of harvest will it be for us; a good or bad one?

Our spiritual harvest concerns our character and our deeds. In that area, are we harvesting what God wants? Do we have in our lives the fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Gal. 5:22, 23: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, self control?

As we view our Thanksgiving dinner tables, we thank God for the blessings of bountiful supply in our country. We have the great blessing of freedom to worship. We have spiritual food from our Bibles, pastors, radio and television programs and books that most Christians around the world do not have.

We have comfortable homes. Very often this comfort causes us to be indifferent to the needs of others, to our own spiritual growth, the future of our churches, etc. We become complacent in many ways.

May God help us to be sensitive to the needs of people and share the gospel with everyone, for God in His mercy has given us a time of blessing and freedom to spread the gospel. If you don't have the opportunity to go around the world, share with your neighbors, friends and family.

The older we get the more we review our past, evaluate how we've lived our lives and what we've done for the Lord. What fruit are we bringing Him or, is it like the old hymn says, "Nothing but leaves for the Master.

**Oh, how His loving heart grieves,
When instead of the fruit He is
seeking, We offer Him nothing but leaves."**



Mission News:

November 26, Peter and six men will go to India to visit the boys' orphanage in Bastar, which we helped build and to bring monthly support money for the individual orphans, which many of you have contributed. Then they will go to another Indian state, where he has not been before. There they need help building a girls' orphanage and Peter is surveying the situation. An important prayer for travel in India is safety and protection from diseases like malaria. Pray for wisdom for Peter's decision.



Some missionaries and Good Samaritan representatives at the Luncheon



Fire at the Happy Family orphanage



Next they will go to E. Ukraine, Priluki area, to hold crusades with our co-workers, the much loved men's singing group, Avenezzer. This is an old communist stronghold with few believers or churches. Pray for power in preaching and conviction by the Holy Spirit.

A highlight of the year was November 10 & 11 when we celebrated 13 years of ministry in the US. We had a Luncheon with guests and pastors from, Argentina, Russia, Sri Lanka, Ukraine and other US states, Georgia and California. Singing groups from Moldova and Ukraine blessed us. Several Slavic and American pastors gave greetings and exhortations from the Word of God. There was a special time of prayer for Pavel Radchuk's wife Svetlana. It was a warm time of fellowship and thanksgiving around tables filled with Ukrainian food. Two evening services followed with special music from a youth orchestra which traveled from Sacramento.

One solemn aspect of the gatherings was when Rostik Boriskevich, Ukraine director of Good Samaritan at Rovno, learned of the **tragic accidental fire in the Happy Family orphanage** built by Good Samaritan. With two couples and 14 children, we praise God that no one was hurt. The fire on the third story burned five apartments and caused extensive water damage. Emergency help is needed because winter is coming. The roof needs rebuilding and many things need to be replaced, such as furniture. We appreciate your prayer and support at this time for this special challenge to the work in Rovno.

We are starting to collect gifts of money for the Christmas presents to orphans in Ukraine, India and Argentina. We are so thankful for your wonderful participation in years past. This activity which blesses so many children, will make your own heart glad too, as you give.

We close with wishes for all of God's blessings in your life.
Peter Radchuk and the Staff of Good Samaritan Ministries