

John & Nadya Bokoch

May 2006 Update

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus.

It is nice to be able to share with you again a little bit from our life here.

We are doing great! But I should say Nadya and I are getting a little tired of a busy schedule that we had for the last few months. :) With all the business that we have, I always try to make sure that God is ahead of us not the other way around.

May was a wonderful month for us as we were able to see God working. As you know, we had a team from Canada visiting at the end of April, which we were so glad to be a part of. They did an amazing amount of work here, showing people God's love in action! And what a privilege to take a part in it!



As soon as they left, we received a call from another group from Canada asking if they would be able to come and do door-to-door ministry. This whole thing was very new to me and, to tell you the truth, I was a bit nervous to see the outcome. But God is in control and He plans things for us as we lay each day in front of Him.

The timing was absolutely amazing! It was only a few weeks after the previous team left that we were back in some of those villages again; we were standing in people's yards or welcomed into their homes and were mostly gladly received by them. What an opportunity to talk with them one-on-one about who God is and what He did for us!!!! And what He would love to do for them! I thought to myself, "Wow, God you are beyond anything and everything we can imagine! You care so much about all these people that you thought way ahead and planed it all out to remind them a few weeks later again that you are still here waiting for them and that you are real and that you love them. How much love; how much patience!" What a privilege to kneel with some of those people and ask God to forgive them and to enter their lives! We visited about 400 individuals; 250 of them prayed a prayer of repentance. God is so good!

And between all these, I had my usual services, prayer meetings and funerals. Meanwhile, Nadya was keeping busy with Marina and her four kids, trying to find her a job, doing the final paperwork for the kids and trying to place them into a special school for the summer so that Marina can earn some money to provide for them. Nadya gets very stressed over it as we still do not know exactly what Marina is actually going to do when she moves out on her own. Is she is going to stay with the kids and raise them or she is going to take off? Is she is going to drink as she used to and leave them for days all by themselves? And the list goes on and on. Please pray for Nadya, for peace and wisdom on what to do and also about this mother and widow with four kids.



Marina's Story

Marina was widowed at the age of 26 with 4 children, after her husband hung himself. She has no front teeth as her late husband regularly fought with her.

She lives in a small town called Shishkino, a town with no clean water to drink and no stores to buy from. The only source of food is a truck that comes by 2 times a week with items such as bread and milk. Since her husband's death in February 2006, she has had no source of income. Her 4 children do not have any documentation proving their existence to the Ukrainian government therefore she receives no financial help.

Nadya has rented Marina a house in the city where she is trying to get all the legal documentation required so that she can collect child support.

This month was kind of a big decision making month for us as well. Chad Martz visited us few months ago and suggested that we need to have a visitor's house. Many groups have been starting to come from Canada and other places to help us with the ministry we do here and it has been a challenge to host

them. So he suggested we should sell our house, buy a guest house and move into it. To keep the cost of the guest house down, we would look after it, fix it and host groups, all at the same time. Well, I needed to take some time to pray and to think this all through. :) Yes, we are moving and the house is purchased.



But it needs lots of finishing work, so please pray for the strength and funds to be able to work on it and finish it soon. We are not sure how fast we can sell our house, but we put it up for sale a few days ago. Nadya is getting more stressed than me with the whole selling and moving process; please pray for her. We thank you for being a part of our lives and helping us to do what we do. May God bless you. Keep us in your prayers as we do so for you.

With Christ's love
John and Nadya Bokoch

