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His amazing blessings in my life

Summer time

Dan and Xan's engagement

My parent's upcoming visit

Pray for:

Summer ministry

The young people of Razhishiv

My will conforming to God's will for my life

Time out with God during the business ahead in the next few months

Thanks for:

Thanks again. You are a vital part of God's ministry here. Give Him the glory!! Amen!!

Love to you all

Jono Miller

Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 73:28

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Jono at Rugby

Summer has arrived!! PTL!!

Happenings

We are now heading into the busy season of summer. The days are long, the weather is warm, school is out and young people are just looking for something to do.

Right now as I type it is a balmy to hot day outside. The town is in a state of quietness but for a few dogs barking, crickets chirping and every now and again the revving of a car engine (I don't miss Sydney traffic).

Many people are still sleeping off last night's Razhishiv Day celebrations.

We had church as normal on Sunday night at 5 pm and then about 7 pm we headed down to the town centre where the street had a festival atmosphere with little stalls selling hotdogs and fairy floss, helium balloons and glow bands. The park was filling up with people and the stage was full of dignitaries with many people, young and old, receiving rewards for anything from breakdancing to owning a nice house, excelling in school or music or just for being a nice person (so I think the translation went).

Then the concert began. A little girl who must have been 9 or 10 at tops sang her heart out in some parochial Ukrainian songs and set a precedent for the night. And boy could she sing. Then there was singing, dancing, poems, comedy etc and towards the end it was music and dancing for the whole crowd til about midnight.

I was thankful for my Monday 'day off – sleep in'.

There are quite a few festivals planned for the summer time. The mood of the whole town seems to change now that summer is here. But unfortunately, alcohol plays a huge part in these festivals and there is no age limit on who can purchase it. People still wake up with an emptiness and loneliness that only Jesus can fill. Please pray that we will have meaningful friendships with people here so we can lead them to the One who can truly make them dance with joy, inside and outside, in the good times and the bad. I truly thank the Lord that I am His.



Calvary Chapel Conference Worship



Baptisms in the River





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Count Your Many Blessings

I read a sticker recently that said "Instead of counting sheep, count your blessings." God is an amazing God. I want you to know that He blesses us so many times daily and sometimes we do and sometimes we don't notice it. I've been trying to learn more of what it means to understand God's will for my life. Maybe even when I pray for what I consider to be good things, they are not what God wants for me. The following prayer by Blaise Pascal says what I'd like to make real in my life.

"I ask you neither for health nor for sickness, for life nor for death; but that you may dispose of my health and my sickness, my life and my death, for your glory You alone know what is expedient for me; you are the sovereign master; do with me according to your will. Give to me, or take away from me, only conform my will to yours. I know but one thing, Lord, that it is good to follow you, and bad to offend you. Apart from that, I know not what is good or bad in anything. I know not which is most profitable to me, health or sickness, wealth or poverty, nor anything else in the world. That discernment is beyond the power of men or angels, and is hidden among the secrets of your Providence, which I adore, but do not seek to fathom."

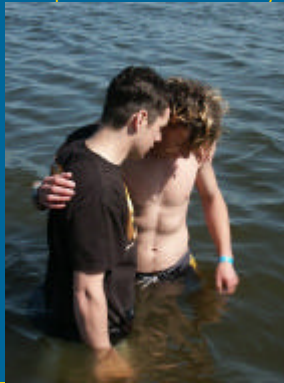
This is my prayer.

Bits and Pieces

The gas was connected to my house early on in May and we have been enjoying hot showers and the ability to cook (best bachelor cooking in Razhishiv). Also the data projector arrived and has been a real asset for church and youth group. Thanks for praying.

Youth Group is going really well. Please pray for young people to make commitments to joining God's Kingdom. We are also involved in a youth meeting at the Dormitory for one of the Technicums and hope to make that two Technicums when school restarts in September. In the May Monthly I talked about the upcoming Conference which was a real blessing. Read about it by copying and pasting this link to your web browser.

<http://www.millerfamily.biz/blog/2004/05/calvary-chapel-conference-ukraine-12.html>



Kolya Baptised

My Dad and Mum arrive towards the end of this month. I hope to take a few days off to have a bit of a relax while they are here. I am really glad that they can come and actually see and experience what life is like here. You can write about it but it's not the same. If anyone else wants to come and visit, just let me know!!

Hot off the press!! My really good Sydney friends Dan and Xan announced their engagement yesterday!! Congratulations!!

Language is kicking along slowly. I am considering an intensive course in the future to really fast track my development in this area.



Egg Blowing