



# THE BEAL FAMILY

Jessie, Teresa, Cassia and Alexandria

## MISSIONARIES TO UKRAINE

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Greetings from Ukraine! The Beal family is back together once again, and Lord willing, not to be soon parted! As usual there is much to report but first, please forgive the lateness of this letter. We have been swamped lately with sickness and many pressing ministry needs.

Many thanks to those that prayed for Alexandria and I on our return trip. We made it back to Warsaw with our luggage intact, albeit 4 hours late, and were thrilled to find Jessie and Cassia anxiously awaiting us. We are so glad to be back together and reveling in being home again in our house, with our friends, and even our dog.

Our team is also back together; Bryan Schufelt, Josh and Kelsie Steele and their girls returned April 28th. What a great reunion we had! Nathan and Katelin have been back since January, so here we all are. By the way, both Kelsie and Katelin are expecting so our team is growing, in numbers and mostly for now: in size.

This past Saturday we had our official team meeting to schedule our summer. We have three men coming for the Carpathian Mountain Outreach this year, two of which are returning for their second time. Jessie, Joshua and Nathan are busy making survey trips into the mountains to schedule film showings in villages during June. We are going to an area where the team has not been before and this always takes extra scouting. Not only do village heads have to be contacted, all the logistics have to be planned down to the last camping site. Please be in prayer for the film scheduling, and please be in prayer that opposition will be put down and those receptive to the Gospel will be reached.

The Lord continues to bless the ministry at English/Bible Club. Jessie usually introduces a topic, often with a question, and the students take turns commenting. The question, "What would you do if you had one day to live?" opened the door for some great witnessing opportunities. Another week, when one young lady was asked, "What is your greatest fear?" she replied, "The end of the world." What an opportunity to explain that as believers we don't have anything to fear but trust in Jesus as our Hope.

In March, all of our regular students came out to our house for dinner. This was a real encouragement for everyone on our team; it means our students actually trust us. Ukrainians are very skittish about going to someone's house that they haven't known for a very long time. Many times when we invite someone over their reaction is something like, "Why would you fix dinner for us? You must *want* something." But, when Jessie first broached the subject of coming to our house, the students were really excited. "Really? You want us to come to your house? You would have us all to your home??" Everyone seemed to have a great time, we ate, played games and they were very content to stay all afternoon and into the evening. Praise the Lord, and thank you to those of you that pray especially for this ministry!

"Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession."

(Psalm 2:8)

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The Chronological Bible Correspondence continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Every week we receive letters from students thanking us for helping them know God and understand the Bible. Bryan Schufelt and Denise Hutchinson have been handling CBC for awhile now, but Denise will be returning to the States during July and August and Bryan will be returning to the States at the end of CMO. So the rest of us are cramming to learn the system of filing and grading lessons, and answering the many questions that we receive every week. We had quite the training session with Bryan the other day; as a former UPS employee he is an organizing machine, *which*, is exactly what we needed, praise the Lord! We now have 489 students enrolled in 110 different villages and cities throughout Ukraine. It is becoming a monumental task keeping track of them. Please pray for this ministry. We average an influx of 100 new students during the summer months when CMO is in progress and we're facing new challenges keeping up with them this year.

Now to report on our visa situation: You may remember that last summer we made a special trip to Poland to acquire new cultural visas (type K) in order to comply with the latest requirements for foreigners concerning visas and registration. Well, it seems that now the Ukrainian immigration offices are refusing to register all foreigners having a type K visa. In April we had the opportunity to meet with a representative from the US Consulate that was here in L'viv. He explained that even though we may have a visa lasting five years, it does not guarantee that we can live in the country for the duration of the visa. It only gives us *access* to the country for the length of our visa. Based on the immigration laws, we could be required to leave the country during our five year stay for several months at a time. Our biggest problems here in Ukraine are the ever-changing immigration laws, and the lack of standardization between government offices. We actually have a Ukrainian lawyer working on this for us. We are in hopes that because we own property we can apply for a more permanent type of visa, but we've received different information from the immigration office where we apply for this visa and the different consulates that issue this type of visa. One says we need one set of paperwork, and the other says we need something different. **We really need prayer in this situation.** It not only affects our family, but also the rest of our team.

As always we thank you for your prayers and support that allow us to minister here in Ukraine. Please pray not only for our visa situation, but also for the health and strength of our family and team. And finally, please pray for our van to last through the rigors of CMO. We're working on getting a new vehicle and will be contacting you in the near future concerning that need. We are so looking forward to a great summer of serving the Lord and one another.

Your Missionaries for Jesus' Sake,

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