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Every Perfect Gift



Happy New Year from the Steele family! From left: Hosanna (1), Kelsie, Rebekah (4), Joshua, Abigail (6)

Very good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17) As 2012 begins, we are once again reminded of the goodness of our Heavenly Father. While our life is certainly not without its trials, God has lavished His blessings on us in ways that amaze us.

Our ministry here in Ukraine continues to grow, and we are very excited about the opportunities God is bringing. As always, we greatly appreciate your prayers and support as we strive to proclaim Christ in a land where many *know of* Him but where very few *know* Him.

Bible First!

Our Bible correspondence course is the core of all our outreaches here in Ukraine. For us, *Bible First!* has proven to be by far the most effective way of reaching Ukrainians for Christ. New students enroll every month in the course, and as they work through the lessons, we are able to introduce them

But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts. 1 Thessalonians 2:4

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to Christ through the book of Genesis.

As you know, our vision is to expand this course beyond our own team. We believe that its potential as a general-purpose evangelistic tool is great, and we look forward to the day when we can make it available to churches and individuals – both in the U.S. and elsewhere – for use in their own ministries.

Currently, we are finishing up some revision work on our earlier lessons. Once this is finished, we will be launching *Bible First!* as a pilot program. If you would like to be notified when *Bible First!* materials become available, please visit our web site: www.biblefirstcourses.com.

For a more complete update on all that's been happening in our ministry of late, please view our latest video report at **http://vimeo.com/33968788**. These reports are also visible on the front page of the ETO web site – **euroteamoutreach.org**.

Health

If you follow our blog updates, you may already be aware that we have been fighting Pertussis (Whooping Cough) since October. Slowly but surely, it has made the rounds through all of our kids. Abby and Beka have both had it, and now Hosanna is fighting it. Just this week we are beginning to see improve-



ment with Hosanna, though we're definitely not out of the woods yet. Even the older two girls still have coughing fits on occasion.

While Whooping Cough itself usually lasts about six weeks, the damage it causes often lasts several months and can develop

into other illnesses such as Pneu-

monia. Please keep praying that God would return our family to full health.

Online Updates

In addition to our paper newsletter, we post frequent updates to our growing network of web sites. These updates include photos, family news, videos, etc. Recently, we've even added a couple of new web sites. Here's a quick overview of the various places you can find us online:

OFReport.com – This is our primary family web site and the hub from which you can link to everything else. You can subscribe to our email updates here as well.

euroteamoutreach.org – This is the main web site for our missions team, Euro Team Outreach. Be sure to check out the monthly video reports that get posted here.

biblefirstcourses.com – Here you'll find all the latest info about *Bible First!* Be sure to check out our new series of training videos.

kelsiesteele.blogspot.com – This is Kelsie's personal blog, entitled *Be of Good Courage*. Here you'll find lots of photos and family news, as well as encouraging articles for ladies.

joshukraine.com – Not to be outdone, Joshua has also launched a personal blog. Be sure to check it out!

Of course, in addition to the sites listed above, you can also keep up with us on Facebook and Twitter.

How You Can Pray

In closing, please pray with us about the following requests:

• Healing from Pertussis and protection from other potential illness

• Visa renewals. We'll be starting the process this month. More updates next time.

• Wisdom and strength as we work to complete *Bible First!*

• The salvation and growth of our Bible students

• Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2012. The project starts July 1. More updates to come.

• The salvation of our English Club students. We've had lots of new faces lately!

• Praise for the provision of a new Risograph printer! See our video report for details.

To God be the Glory

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