



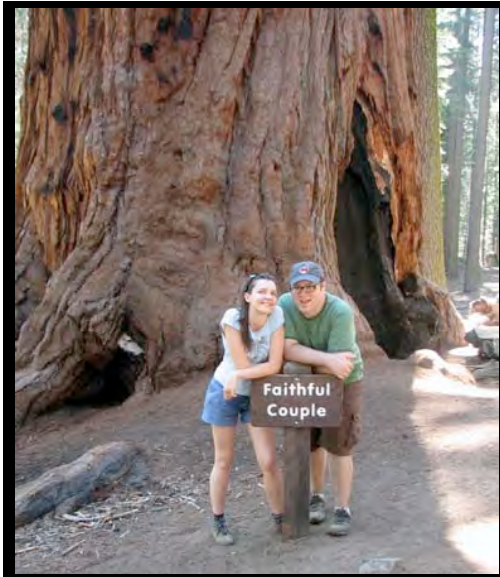
Calvary Chapel Mission: Kharkiv, Ukraine

Nate and Diana Medlong



Winter 2008

These last few months have been quite a change for us. As we've been taking on new ministry opportunities, we've also stepped out in other big ways. Last month Diana took a full time position teaching 3rd grade in a Ukrainian Christian school. Also, after months of prayer and seeking out possibilities, I've started the Russian language preparatory course at a university here in Kharkiv. This has been a very challenging step for me. The classes are five days a week from 9:45am to 3 or 4:30pm depending on the day. We already have ministry commitments five nights a week (not including all day Sundays), so adding a full teaching load (for her) and full learning load (for me) has definitely stretched us. It's good though, because all of this has driven us more and more to our Lord in prayer.

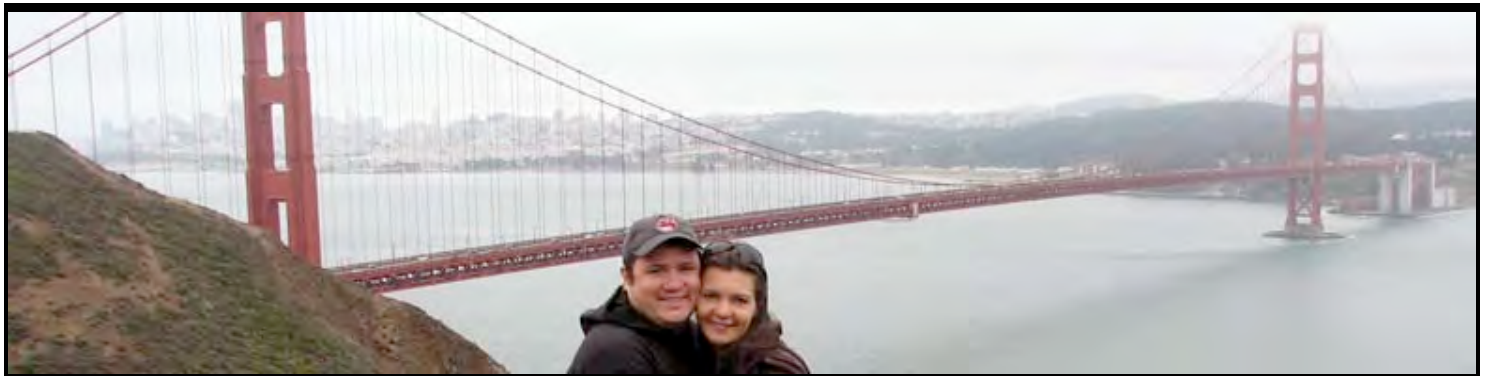


(above) Diana&Nate in front of a giant tree
(below) Us at the Golden Gate bridge this summer.



(above) Medlong family picture from our trip to the states this last summer

The church in Kharkiv is going through a stretching time. We've been renting a room in a sports complex that we've used for the church meetings for several years. Recently, there has been a significant rent increase. Formerly, we had access to the room all the time, every day. Interestingly enough, this is the first time that we have actually had events going on 7 days a week in our room. Because of the rent increase, we've had to rent the room for only 4 days a week. This has challenged us to move some of our meetings to people's homes. We are currently praying for and seeking out another place to meet.



Why University?

During my first two years in Kharkiv, I took private Russian lessons twice weekly. For the last year and a half, I have not been studying, but my language skills have grown through practical use. Since Diana and I married, we've been praying about how I should continue honing my language skills. The Lord provided an opportunity for me to start in University and study the language along side students from China, Iran and Iraq. I believe that the Lord called me to study for two big ministry reasons: 1. To improve my ability to minister in this culture in the long term, and 2. To reach the foreign students in my university with the Gospel. I have had several conversations about the Lord with the Chinese students and especially the man from Iraq. I believe that God has called me to this University for such a time as this, in order to be a light to people that have never heard about the Love of their Creator. This course will last eight months and will continue until mid-summer.



School of Ministry

In September, the church started a new program geared for people seeking to be better equipped for ministry. Stephen started teaching Old Testament Survey.

I (with the help of my amazing translator wife) began a class teaching the Inductive Bible Study Method. Stephen and I have been praying for the last 3 years for this opportunity to help train up Ukrainians for the work of the ministry. It is a joy to help challenge the students to grow in their understanding of the Word of God.

Diana's family is very musical. Since we got married, she wanted a piano. The Lord provided the money for us to purchase a piano in October. Diana loves to play. It is so great to have an instrument for worship during various gatherings in our apartment.



English Class/ R U 4 Children

Diana and I have also been teaching a weekly English class at a youth center for orphan students. At the end of every class, I teach a short Bible lesson out of the gospel of John. The English class has been a wonderful tool to build relationships and share the Word of God with the students. Our prayer is that these orphan students would grow in their relationships with their True Heavenly Father through our weekly meetings.

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Prayer requests

- 1. Nate's language studies, and students to be saved**
- 2. English classes, students to grow in the Word**
- 3. The Church in Kharkiv, to be filled with the Spirit**
- 4. Word of God to increase in our hearts.**
- 5. The Strength and Love for us to serve effectively**