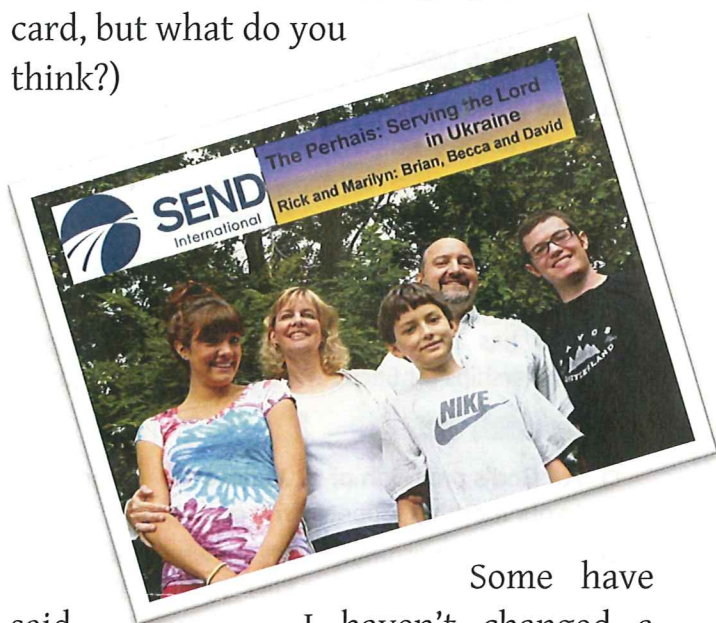




Back in the USA

The entire Perhai family actually had a little over a month living together in Michigan during July and August. That's when we had the chance to take this family picture. (Brian doesn't think we should use as our new prayer card, but what do you think?)



Some have said I haven't changed a bit. But I know better every time I look in the mirror! Therefore, *we pray so that we do not lose heart. For though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day (2 Cor 4:16).* That's a good verse for me to meditate on when even my youngest son starts being able to score soccer goals at will against me.

As our inner man is being renewed and refreshed through this year of home-

service in the USA, we hope you will renew your friendship and connection with us. We have listed our fall ministry schedule below, so you can see when we have openings to visit you, your small group, Sunday school class or church.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we have much to accomplish between now and July 2012—including finishing a dissertation and discovering God's source of provision for an additional \$1200 of monthly support. *You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many (2 Cor 1:11).* ❖



Fall Schedule

- 9/5 Presentation—Faith Baptist Cheboygan
- 9/7 Dissertation—Phase I Approved
- 9/11 Missions Rep—Five Points Church
- 10/2 Presentation—Cornerstone ABFs
- 10/13-18 Brian & Becca Fall Break
- 10/20 Meeting—Grace Chapel Missions Council
- 10/23 Teaching—Five Points Church
- 11/6 Teaching—Truth in Action ABF
- 11/13 Presentation—Grace Chapel



Marilyn's Memo

You know being a mother is hard work! When a baby is born you're not handed a manual and told to do this and that and a fine adult will appear. You have to "figure out" (through God's Word) how to parent. Then you think you might ...maybe...be getting the hang of it...and the next baby comes along! Now you're back to square one because this child's personality is completely different and responds differently to life. Each child is uniquely and wonderfully made with different personality, interests and motivations. And each parent is also diverse in disposition and incentives. Then you throw each unique person together with 2, 3, 4, or 5 other people and you make up a family—the God ordained foundational institution of society.

This fall we took Becca to college. She was put on a floor with upper classmen soccer players that were nice to her but had their own schedules and friends. She switched dorms by the second week of school. She has struggled with home sickness, Ukraine sickness and adjusting to the academic challenges and dorm life. This transition has not been easy for her. As a mother, when something is not okay with your child you hurt with them and want to "fix" it. But as they get older you can't always fix things. You can counsel, encourage and



always, always, always pray for them. But you can NOT fix it.

They need to be seeking the Lord for strength and crying out for His help (Psa 102). Becca has been doing this and the Lord is strengthening her and molding her the way He sees fit. Watching Becca struggle is hard for me to watch and I miss the uniqueness that she adds to our family's everyday life. I do know God promises that He will step each child through his/her life exactly as He plans with kindness and compassion. *Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles* (2 Cor 1:3-4a).❖



For Your Prayer Closet

Praise the Lord with us:

- ❑ God graciously allowed Rick to pass his dissertation proposal phase in August.
- ❑ KTS is prepared to accept 50 new students into bachelor's programs and 30 into master's programs.
- ❑ God has provided scholarship funding for students at KTS through the end of 2011.
- ❑ God has provided a good Christian college and scholarships for Becca and direction on a major.

Pray with us:

- ❑ For God's provision of 1200 dollars per month added to our monthly support (faith promises).
- ❑ For more opportunities to share what God is doing through our ministries at Kiev Theologica! Seminary, Kiev Christian Academy and Fair Haven Church.
- ❑ For transition for Becca to American culture and college life.
- ❑ For Steve, our neighbor's salvation.



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