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THE PLASTERS



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MY GUEST!

Shaye Fountain, former missionary to Russia, came to visit for a few days. It was great having him in my home. He encouraged me in so many ways while here.

THE FIRE

One evening he and I came out of a grocery store and noticed smoke in the parking lot –a car was on fire. We went to take a closer look and noticed two men throwing snow onto the car. I asked if it belonged to them and they said, “No.”

The fire was under the hood and the snow on the top of the car wasn't helping any. I picked up a shovel lying nearby and began to try to forcefully throw snow onto the flames under the hood.



Policemen and others in the crowd shouted at me not to scratch the car. By this time the tire on the drivers side caught fire so I used the shovel to bust out the front headlight, the park light and removed part of the front bumper so we could throw snow directly onto the fire. People were no longer telling me not to scratch the car.

After that I looked through the hole and noticed fire going across the top of the motor. I tried to force the hood open but couldn't. So, I used the handle of the shovel to pry it open enough to get to the fire. And then we put out the fire.

I wanted to take a picture of the car and asked the men who had helped put it out to gather in so I could take a picture. They refused.

Afterward the firemen came and policemen took statements from witnesses. Neither the police or firemen had anything to say to Shaye and me so we left.

Two months ago I saw a car on the side of the road completely engulfed in flames. All the owners could do was watch it burn. Seems to me they would prefer scratches over total destruction.

All too often we are concerned with scratching the paint on someone's ego to put out the fire that threatens them with total destruction in hell. So, we do nothing and let them burn. May God give us (especially me) courage to boldly proclaim His message of sin, righteousness and coming judgment.

BUHDAPEST, HUNGARY

Jared and the International Academy basketball team went to an invitational basketball tourney there. Tammy and I also went so IA had a total of two fans backing them. We enjoyed fellowship with many friends associated with Association of Christian Schools International.



There was a girls basketball team from a local sports club that participated in the tourney. The host school invited them because they needed another girls team for the tournament. They totally dominated every team they played.

No one really knew much about them. When they were not playing a game I went and sat down with them in the stands. I asked if any of them could speak English. That's when I was introduced to the young lady in the middle. She translated for me. Because of the language barrier, I didn't learn their names. I talked to them at length about their team to break the ice and then spoke to them of eternity.

The girl on the left was definitely a believer. She believed that Jesus Christ died on the cross for our sins and that we absolutely must repent. It was a great conversation, sometimes using charades for words the translator didn't know like 'crucified' (she held out her arms and hung her head) and 'repent' (she did praying hands, bowed her head and closed her eyes).

Later they wanted to introduce me to the girl on the right because she also was a believer and went to church with her.

JARED PLASTER / ARINA STAVNYICHUCK / JULY 11, 2010



Jared and Arina met at the IA as students in 2002. (Her parents are also missionaries who served here in St Petersburg for a while.) He proposed to her over the winter holidays and she said, 'Yes!' They will be married July 11th in Germany, and also make their home there.

Jared has been offered a position as teacher/coach at the Black Forest Academy. This is a large, well established Christian School and all teachers are faith missionaries. The students are mostly missionary kids whose parents live and work where educational opportunities are greatly lacking, or it's just too dangerous for family life.

First Baptist Church of Ranson, WV, is now officially Jared's sending church. Jared will be in the states for May and June. Due to all the changes he faces this summer he needs to raise four times the amount of his current support. He can be reached at jaredplaster@yahoo.com

ABSOLUTELY AMAZING

Serving Christ in Russia has been an adventure. Almost daily I am amazed that God uses me in this capacity. There are many, who through their prayers and financial support, have helped Tammy and me serve Christ in Russia. We are eternally grateful. Kevin