



Women in God's Service

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

1 Peter 4:10

## Katie Price

Ukraine bound Katie Price is spending six months with the Broken Arrow Congregation in preparation for continuing her life in missions.

Katie is no stranger to life in the Ukraine as she and her husband, Brandon, lived there for a year. And Brandon is even less of a stranger to the Ukraine as he did his apprentice mission work there in the

Adventures In Missions (AIM) program.

Kharkov, Ukraine, is a city of opportunity for teaching the Gospel and conducting good, meaningful studies about Jesus Christ, according to Katie. She is looking forward to the scheduled work in Kharkov which has several institutions of higher learning - a greater opportunity for the Prices to study with their peers. "We will be close to a university and hope to meet the students," she notes. She explains that the general attitude of the city is upbeat and one of hope, not the fatalistic nature she has noticed in other parts of the country. "Those who go to Kharkov go to make something of themselves," she adds.

Katie grew up in Northern California at Placerville. Her older sister Christina had friends in the church and through their teaching she believed and was baptized. Since Katie usually wanted to follow in the steps of her big sister she began studying the Bible. At age 15 she too was baptized.

The church in Placerville was highly involved with AIM as several youth there had gone through the training and mission tours. Katie listened to the reports of those older teens in the youth group. When she was a senior she traveled to Lubbock to learn more about AIM then enrolled in the program after her high school graduation.

A fellow named Brandon Price also attended the AIM orientation his senior year and enrolled simultaneously with Katie. During the years 2001 and 2002 they attended classes together. Near the end of the training a more serious relationship developed between the



Hi,  
Katie!  
It's good  
to know  
you!

two. But Katie was off to Mexico City and Brandon to the Ukraine. Dating was largely long distance for the greater part of the next two years.

Katie worked with an apprentice mission team in the city of 30 million. They taught small groups and house groups on weekdays. Her team was close knit, the reception was warm, she made awesome friends and would love to go back to visit but she would not like to locate there. Thirty million people are just too many for Katie.

Work here will include her personal study of the Russian language. Katie wants to be able to teach those in Kharkov in their native language. While in Mexico she was versed in Spanish to speak in the native tongue of the Mexicans. She still understands the language most of the time but says her spoken Spanish ability has diminished as she is putting so much effort into learning Russian.

Katie enjoys cooking and baking, newly acquired skills, and she has taken up knitting.

Recently her mother was baptized. "We have been praying for that for years," Katie notes. Her mother, Vernice, is a little sad to see her daughter go so far away but is happy about the reason they are going. She knows something of the Ukraine as she visited the Prices during the year they spent there.

Katie and Brandon will join three other missionary couples in Kharkov: Rob and Denyce Hindman and their two little boys, Mike and Lucy McDougle and David and Olivia Martin Nelson. Some former Oklahoma Christian students here may know Olivia from her days at OC.

Although Katie is excited about working with the ladies in Broken Arrow it is a given that the ladies of Broken Arrow are sure to benefit from associating with her because of her contagious enthusiasm and love for the Lord.

(The Prices have a weekly update on their "I pray for Brandon and Katie" site that can be accessed on line at [www.brandonandkatie.com](http://www.brandonandkatie.com).)

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