

## Introduce myself - part of the Servant's Team

CBS started in 1975 with a single class in the Washington D.C. area. Over the past 50 years, CBS has become a rapidly growing global ministry for all ages, with over 1.1 million engaging with God and His Word in 110 countries and 88 languages so far.

Each year every CBS class chooses a country which they will lift up in prayer and optionally send donations. Last year the Servant's team chose Ukraine as our country link and this year we chose to continue with Ukraine. With the ongoing war and the turmoil in Ukraine, I'm sure it can be difficult setting up these classes and finding safe locations to meet. Please continue praying for Ukraine.

From 1 Timothy 2:1

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people.*

If you want your donation to go to the Ukraine CBS organization, you should be able to designate that on the envelope. Otherwise, just let Darlene know.

The CBS leaders in Ukraine request that these statistics, needs, and email that I'm about to share not be shared outside of class or on social media.

Ukraine currently has 200 CBS classes with 3000 participants. They offer classes in two languages, Ukrainian and Russian. 70% of Ukrainians are Eastern Orthodox Christians.

Here is a list of needs that CBS currently has in Ukraine:

- Starting and developing the CBS program for children
- Collaboration with other denominations
- Developing media resources
- Talented people for media and communication efforts
- Finding key people for ministry in the diaspora
- End of war

We receive correspondence from Ukraine periodically, and I'd like to read our most recent email from them. This email is from Vasyl Gutsalo, the Ukraine National Coordinator for Community Bible Study:

"There was recently a training in the Kyiv region. We had been talking about this training on CBS ministry for a long time and finally the time had come. The churches of Kyiv were invited and representatives of 8 churches arrived, and I had the opportunity to tell them about this ministry and about the methodology. We had a theoretical and practical part, and the ministers really liked everything. They asked many additional questions and are getting ready to place orders for CBS materials. THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US! YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT CONTINUE MAKING A DIFFERENCE."

Let us pray:

Lord, please lift up these churches and this ministry during these difficult times in Ukraine. Protect the CBS leaders and the participants. We pray that lives will continue to be transformed in Ukraine through Your Word. Amen.