

OVERSEAS FIELD REPORT

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Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2010 will begin on June 1st. Exciting things are happening, and we look forward to what God will do in Western Ukraine this summer.

Nathan Day and I made our first trip into the Carpathians in May of 2005. Our goal was to scout out the area and lay the groundwork for a new evangelistic project: Carpathian Mountain Outreach. We spent ten days in the mountains, talking with people, staying in their homes, camping in the rain, and basically trying to learn as much as we could about these mountain dwellers. Five years later, we are about to begin CMO 2010 - our fifth project in the Carpathians.

Over the years we've reached quite a number of villages, and hundreds of people have been introduced to the Savior. But when we look at the ground that is yet to be covered, it seems that this is only the beginning.

A New Region

This year, our team will be branching out farther than we have in the past. Lord willing, we will begin making trips into the Ivano-Frankivsk region in June, showing Gospel films, distributing copies of *Good and Evil*, and inviting people to enroll in our Bible correspondence school. As always, we are asking for assistance. We need laborers who will join us on the field as we take the message of Jesus Christ to this new region. The more boots we have on the ground, the more people we'll be able to reach this summer.

Let's Look at the Numbers

There's no prize in the Kingdom of God for the one who can

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How YOU Can Pray...

- ◆ Pray for safe travel as we return to Ukraine on April 6.
- ◆ Pray that God would raise up a strong team this year for CMO 2010.
- ◆ Pray that Ukraine will remain open to missionaries.
- ◆ Pray that God will bless our ef-

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NOT AS PLEASING MEN, BUT GOD, WHICH TRIETH OUR HEARTS. I THESSALONIANS 2:4

Our Ministry...



at a glance



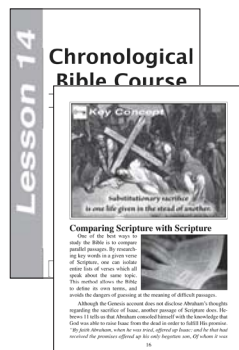
Carpethian Mountain Outreach 2010

We've already been contacted several times by people requesting information about this year's project in the Carpathians. Now the waiting period is over! All the latest information regarding CMO 2010 has been uploaded to our web site. If you're interested in joining us this year for a summer of evangelism in Western Ukraine, then now's the time to head on over to the CMO home page and download the 2010 Info Pack and Application. Several changes are in store for this year's project, so even if you've already downloaded the 2009 documents, you'll definitely want to check out the latest updates on our site. The registration deadline for CMO 2010 is April 15th - that's less than three months away! So don't waste any time: download the Info Pack and Application and begin your registration for CMO 2010 today. www.euroteamoutreach.org/cmo



Heading back to Ukraine

Although we've thoroughly enjoyed our time in the States, we are excited about our upcoming return to the field. We now have tickets reserved for an April 6 flight out of DFW, connecting through Charlotte, NC, then on to Munich, Germany, and finally landing in L'viv on April 7. Once we arrive in Ukraine, things will begin moving very quickly as we try to get settled back into our apartment there and make preparations for a very busy summer. Please pray for us as we travel, and especially as we continue the work God has called us to in Ukraine.



Phase 1 Nearing Completion

When Euro Team Outreach was formed in mid-2004, one of the first ministries we launched was the correspondence Bible course. We wanted a basic, multi-lesson format that would take students through the Bible chronologically, while at the same time introducing them to Christ through Old Testament types. We looked for existing materials to use, but at the time we really couldn't find anything that met our needs. So we decided to develop our own course. Now, five years later, we are nearing the completion of Phase 1 of this course, which consists of 17 lessons, taking the reader on a thorough tour of Genesis, and introducing the Messiah through such stories as Noah and Abraham. We have piloted the course with Ukrainians, and have been overwhelmed with the positive responses we have received. We now lack only two lessons to complete Phase 1, at which time we will make the course available in English to anyone who would like to use it. We believe that this will be a powerful tool in the hands of churches and missionaries, allowing them to effectively involve people in a study of God's Word with the ultimate goal of pointing them to Jesus for salvation.



The Immigration Issue

Many of you have been praying about the immigration problems that have arisen over the past few months in Ukraine. As you may recall, recent changes to Ukraine's immigration laws are part of the reason our family decided to come to the US last August. As far as we know, the situation has stabilized somewhat (as much as anything ever does over there!) and we are optimistic that we will be able to continue our work in Ukraine as we have before. The key issue that we would ask you to pray for is our registration. Any American entering Ukraine can stay only 90 days before doing one of two things: either he must leave the country and remain absent for 90 days, or he must register with the local authorities. Obviously, a 90-in-90-out format is less than ideal for us, so our only option is to register. This may sound simple enough, but the requirements for this process can often be sticky, and not everyone who tries to register is allowed to. In short, please pray that when our time comes in early July, God would grant us favor in the eyes of the local authorities and that we would be able to continue our ministry unhindered. Please pray the same for the other members of our team: the Beals, the Days, Denise Hutchison and Bryan Shufelt.

LOOKING AHEAD TO CMO 2010

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pass out the most tracts in his lifetime. That said, we've learned something very important about spreading the Gospel on a large scale.

Jesus warned that the way to eternal life is narrow, and "*few there be that find it.*" The number of people who are open to the Gospel in terms of percentage points may be rather small, but that same group in terms of actual numbers is much larger than most of us realize. For example, let's say that we take a pessimistic viewpoint and conclude that 95% of all people in Ukraine are closed to the Gospel, wanting nothing to do with people like us. That would then mean that 5% are open. There are currently about 45.7 million people in Ukraine. Do you know how much 5% of that group is? Over 2 million people!

Here's the catch: no one knows for sure where these people are. We have no way of looking at a town or village and determining how many people there would be open, for example, to receiving our Bible lessons by mail. The only way to find them is to make the offer to everyone. In short, the greater the area we cover, the greater our chances of finding those people whose hearts are tender towards the Lord. No wonder

Christ commanded us to "*preach the Gospel to every creature.*" (Mark 16:15)

Pray as Christ Commanded

Did you know that the Bible never commands believers to pray for God to save sinners? In fact, the sole example we have in Scripture of anyone praying for the salvation of the lost is in Romans 10:1 when Paul prays for the nation of Israel.

While there's certainly no prohibition against praying for the salvation of souls, there's a more Biblical, more strategic way to pray. When Christ looked out over the harvest fields of the world, He told us how: "*The harvest truly is great, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.*" (Luke 10:2)

God has paid the price for sin, and finished the work of salvation. But He has entrusted the preaching of the Gospel to us. Paul's epistle to the Romans supports this theme in 10:14 where he says, "*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?*" There are people out there, both in Ukraine and in other places, who will not hear about Jesus unless someone goes to tell

How YOU Can Pray...

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forts as we near the completion of Phase 1 of our Chronological Bible Course.

- ◆ Pray for Abigail's vision. She is showing signs of problems with her eyesight, and we need to get her to a specialist before we go back to Ukraine.
- ◆ Pray for our family's health overall. Good health care is hard to get in Ukraine.
- ◆ Pray that God would bring us good renters for our house.
- ◆ Pray that all the things we need to ship back to Ukraine will arrive in one piece, and that we won't have to pay customs.
- ◆ Pray that we will be granted new Ukrainian visas.

them.

If you want to impact this world for Christ through prayer, *then pray for laborers.* Pray for those already working in the fields, but also pray for new ones. And don't forget that if you know Christ, *you* are a laborer. Whether you support us in prayer or join us in the mountains, help us do what believers have been doing for 2000 years: go and tell others what Jesus Christ has done for you.

To God be the Glory

**Laborers...****...going...****...and telling.**

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Sending Church: Fairpark Baptist Church, 6000 Crowley Road, Fort Worth, TX 76134



Steele Family

Reporting Event

When: Saturday, February 27th @ 3:00pm

Where: Fairpark Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall
6000 Crowley Road
Fort Worth, TX 76134

R.S.V.P. 817-341-9375

Description: You're invited to join us for a time of fellowship and testimony as we share what God has been doing through our ministry in Ukraine. We'll start with a 14-minute DVD which provides a summary of our work in Ukraine, including new photos, never-before-seen CMO footage, and a sobering glimpse into Ukraine's tragic history. Following this will be an update on our Chronological Bible Course and our vision to make this course available to churches and individuals here in the US. We'll close with a time for Q&A. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

We are sincerely grateful to all of you who have prayed for and supported us over the years, and we look forward to seeing you face to face on the 27th!