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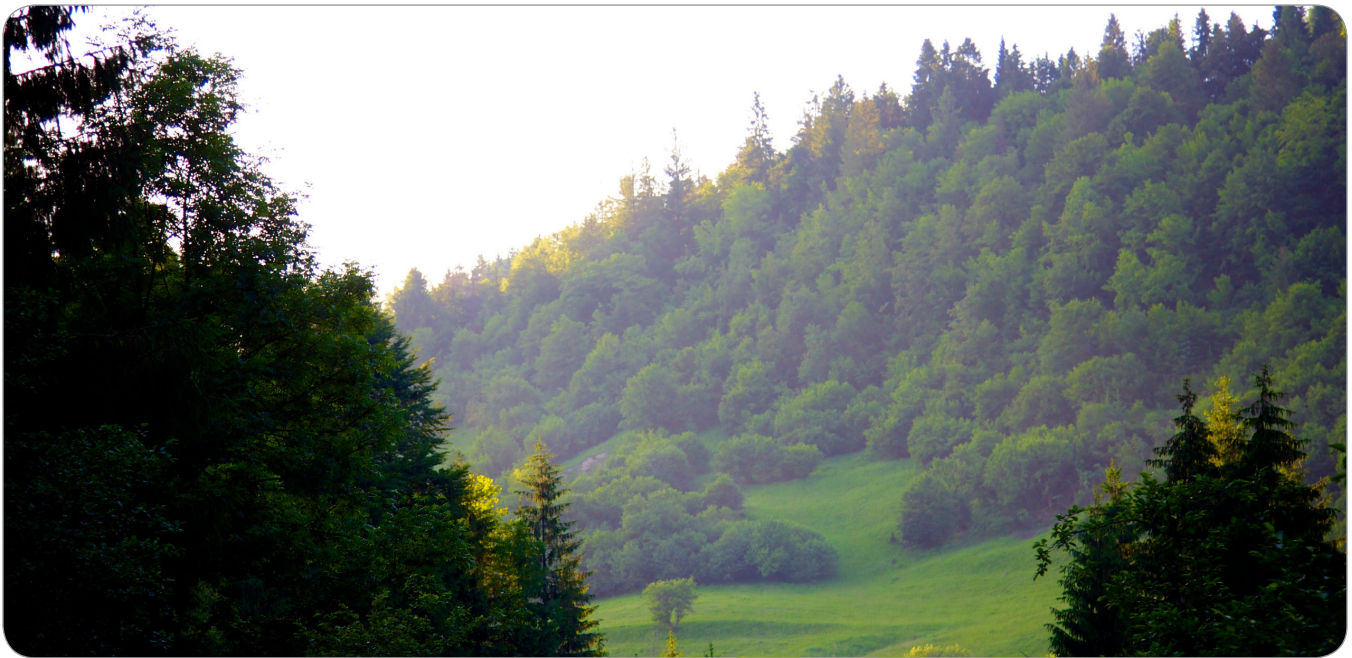
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Gearing Up for CMO

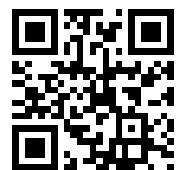


Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2014 will begin in just over a month. This will be our 8th project, and we're excited to see what God will do in western Ukraine this year!

Despite the unrest in eastern and southern Ukraine, Lviv and the surrounding oblasts have remained largely peaceful. We have watched the political crisis closely as it has developed, and while we are certainly concerned for the future of this country, we do not feel that this is a time for retreat. In fact, it is during such crises that people are often more open to hearing about the Lord. This period of upheaval – unprecedented in the history of Ukraine's independence – is a compelling motivator to consider the things of eternity.

In about a month, CMO 2014 will begin. As part of our preparations, we are printing 185,000 invitations to our Bible course. During the project, we'll conduct several large-scale literature campaigns in cities here in the west, as well as making our usual weekend trips to the mountains. Sometime in late May, Jessie, Nathan and I will take our annual scouting trip to the Carpathians in order to talk with local government officials and set up our first film showings.

CMO is always a challenging time



BUT AS WE WERE ALLOWED OF GOD TO BE PUT IN TRUST WITH THE GOSPEL, EVEN SO WE SPEAK; NOT AS PLEASING MEN, BUT GOD, WHICH TRIETH OUR HEARTS. 1 THESSALONIANS 2:4



for our team, and Satan has proven tenacious over the years in opposing our work. Yet he is a defeated foe who flees when resisted. (James 4:7) Please pray with us that God would open doors this year to the Gospel. As we go out to proclaim Christ, pray that God would bring our team into contact with Ukrainians whose hearts are open to hear His voice.



Nathan Day uses Google Map's terrain feature to assist in planning trips for the summer.

Bible First! Update

A few days ago, we received the following comment in an email from one of our Ukrainian *Bible First!* students: *"...I also wanted to thank you for this wonderful course, every lesson has been interesting to study, and I have learned a lot of new things. May God bless you in this hard ministry, and give you further inspiration in serving Him."* *Bible First!* offers people a clear, Biblical introduction not only to the book of Genesis, but to the major doctrines of Scripture and, most importantly, to the Gospel.

As we continue to minister to Ukrainians through our *Bible First!* program, we are also making good progress with the English versions of our lessons. The full text of Volume 3 (containing Lessons 7 - 10) is now

ready for publishing in English. I am working on the graphical layout, and I hope to order our first proof copy very soon.

Every week, our editing team has been meeting for several hours at a time to proofread *Bible First!* lessons, making corrections and improvements as necessary. Several people in the US have already begun using *Bible First!* in their own ministries, and we're eager to get the rest of our materials printed as soon as possible. Thank you for patiently praying with us regarding this ministry!

Welcome, James Slice!



James Slice will be arriving in L'viv, Ukraine from Georgia, USA on June 15, and will be serving with us for the entire CMO project. In addition to James and our usual staff members, we're also pleased to have veteran missionary Dan Bardwell on the team, as well as Danylo Medyakovsky, the son of a pastor at our church here in L'viv.

We'll provide more details about this year's CMO team as we get closer to the beginning of the project, but for now, please remember James and the other missionaries in prayer. Specifically, pray for safe travel for James as he flies to Ukraine on June 15.

How You Can Pray

- Pray for peace and liberty in Ukraine.
- Pray for safe travel for James Slice.
- Pray for divine appointments throughout CMO.
- Pray for open doors as we begin to schedule film showings in the Carpathians.
- Pray for continued growth and salvation for our *Bible First!* students.

To God be the Glory