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Faithful Men



AND THE THINGS THAT THOU HAST HEARD OF ME AMONG MANY WITNESSES, THE SAME COMMIT THOU TO FAITHFUL MEN, WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO TEACH OTHERS ALSO. (2 TIMOTHY 2:2)

Every year, we ask God to send us faithful men that will help us preach Christ here in Ukraine. Six weeks into the CMO 2012 project, it's evident that He's answered that prayer yet again.

JULY 1 marked the beginning of our sixth Carpathian Mountain Outreach project. The vision of these annual outreaches is two-fold: to communicate the Gospel to Ukrainians and to disciple young men in missions. Over the years, God has blessed our ministry with many opportunities to see this vision fulfilled as we labor together with teams of young men, traveling from remote mountain villages to large urbanized cities, preaching Jesus Christ and investing in a new generation of missionaries.

In the Mountains

Anyone who has heard of CMO knows that it has a lot to do with hiking in the mountains. The reason for this is simple: we strive, as Paul did, to take the message of salvation to those who have never heard.

Like many developing countries, Ukraine's rural areas are quite primitive and differ vastly from its cities not only in terms of modern conveniences, but also in terms of Gospel witness. While most large cities in Ukraine enjoy at least



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



David Steininger filling a bank of PO boxes with Bible literature.



As always, we end up camping a lot while in the mountains.



This year, we've been blessed with many well-attended film showings.

some evangelical presence, the villages are often devoid of any witness of Christ.

Each weekend, our team visits new villages in the Carpathians, showing evangelistic films, preaching the Gospel, and enrolling new students in our ever-growing correspondence course, *Bible First*.

Our weekend excursions into the mountains bring us face to face with people who live and die in villages where there are no churches, no missionaries, no light. Ministering in such places, I am often reminded of Paul's appeal in Romans 10:14—*"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?..."*

In the Cities

While Saturdays and Sundays are spent in the mountains, the weekdays are a time when we focus on ministering in cities. Because most of Ukraine's city-dwellers live in high-rise apartments (each containing banks of PO boxes), we are able to blanket large urban areas with Gospel literature in a fairly short amount of time. Even though the 2012 project is far from over, we are already on target to break our existing literature output record of ~185,000 tracts in a single summer!

There is a good reason we shoot for such high numbers: the more literature we distribute, the greater our chances of locating those Ukrainians who are open to the Gospel. As these divine appointments occur, we are able to establish meaningful relationships with Ukrainians who

want to learn the truths of God's Word. And, as we have so often emphasized, God's Word is the most powerful witnessing tool on the planet.

Already this summer, over 100 people have enrolled in *Bible First*, and that number will continue to grow.

The Men of CMO

The things our team is accomplishing here in Ukraine would not be possible without the assistance of young men who give of their own time and money to labor with us in the field. Cesar, Jacob, David and Phillip have been with us for several weeks now and have proven themselves to be true missionaries. Their faithfulness has made a lasting impact in Ukraine which we believe will turn many to Jesus Christ. *"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!" (Isaiah 52:7)*

How You Can Pray

- Pray for Ukrainians to come to Christ through the efforts of the CMO team.
- Praise God for Kelsie's recovery and good health.
- Praise God for continued spiritual growth in Vasyl. He is a vibrant new believer!
- Pray for strength and health for our staff here in Ukraine.

To God be the Glory