# OFREPORT COM

Joshua & Kelsie Steele

July - September 2013

# CMO 2013: A Summary



One of our larger film showings this year, held in the village of Kanora.

Outreach project has officially ended, it's time to take a look back at what was accomplished. Read on and learn how God advanced His kingdom throughout Western Ukraine during the summer months.

## The Men of CMO

In addition to our three staff missionaries (Nathan, Jessie and myself) we were blessed to have six young men join us from the United States. Also on the team this year was Dan Bardwell, a veteran missionary

who has served in Ukraine since 2003, and Danylo Medyakovsky, the twelve-year-old son of a local Ukrainian pastor. All of these men worked tirelessly to spread the Gospel, walking literally hundreds of miles in cities and villages across the country.

#### Literature

Central to the outreach strategy of CMO is the large-scale distribution of Bible literature. As we have described in previous reports, the broader the scope of our literature output, the









Handing out film invites in a village

Camping in the mountains

Evangelism in the city

greater our chances of reaching people whose hearts are tender towards the Lord.

So now for the stats. This summer, between June 10 and August 14, the CMO team distributed **276,000** 

pieces of Bible literature. We conducted large-scale literature campaigns in 15 cities, as well as smaller outreaches in mountain villages. Collectively, the men walked over 1500 miles (2500 km) while handing out tracts and film invitations.

# **Film Showings**

This year, we showed the Ukrainian-language version of *Courageous* in **eight** 

**different villages** in the Zakarpats'ka Oblast (state) of the Carpathian Mountains. Our average attendance per showing was **25 people**, and our total attendance for the project was **207**.

# **How Many Responses?**

Quantifying the response of our hearers is difficult because history has shown that the effects of each CMO project go on for many months. It's like dropping a huge boulder in the center of a calm sea, and then asking how far the ripples have spread. Ask today and you'll get one distance, but ask tomorrow and that distance will be greater.

It is common during CMO literature campaigns for responses to begin arriving by email within just a few hours, often before the campaign itself is complete. The responses then continue to come in over the weeks and months that follow. As of this writing, we have enrolled **92 new students** in *Bible* 



The CMO 2013 team. Clockwise from top left: Sam Henderson, Dan Henderson, Joe Henderson, Dan Bardwell, Nathan Day, Danylo Medyakovsky, Joshua Steele, Jessie Beal, Paul De Luca, Nathan Gregson, and Isaac Coltrain.

First! as a direct result of CMO. Additionally, we have received **211 requests** for the book *Good and Evil*. As always, we appreciate your prayers for our team as we continue to teach the truths of the Gospel to this ever-growing group of Ukrainians who are seeking truth from the Word of God. "So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase." (1 Cor. 3:7)

## **How You Can Pray**

- Pray that God would open the eyes of those who received the Gospel this summer.
- Pray for God's guidance and wisdom for our staff as we continue the ministry here.
- Pray for continued growth and perseverance in the lives of the men who served on this year's team.
- Praise the Lord for all that He accomplished during CMO 2013!
- Pray for a strong team for CMO 2014!

To God be the Glory