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“What Saith the Scripture?”



We are very excited to announce the launch of our new Ukrainian-language video channel, “Shcho kazhe Pysannya?” (What Saith the Scripture?) Check it out at www.pysannya.com!

Our ministry is built on the premise that God’s Word is not only our final authority, but also the most powerful evangelistic weapon that we as believers have in our arsenal. Time and time again I have seen peoples’ eyes opened – often for the first time – to the precious truths of the Gospel as they are exposed to the Scriptures.

I recently posted a report to my blog[†] about an encounter I had with our landlady, during which I was able to share with her a very thorough

[†] <http://joshukraine.com/post/16003204903/pray-for-maria>

presentation of salvation by faith in Jesus. My approach was simple. Using a Bible app on my iPod, I showed her verse after verse about faith, imputed righteousness, the wages of sin, justification, and Christ as our sole Mediator. Her reaction was visible and moving. She was shocked at the simplicity of the message and told me through tears that she had never before heard these truths.

The longer I serve here in Ukraine, the more firmly I am convinced that



people are starved for the God-breathed teachings of Scripture. *They simply have not heard.*

In an effort to expand our impact even further, we have launched our first Ukrainian-language video channel called “Shcho kazhe Pysannya?” (What saith the Scripture?) This is a project we have worked on in the past, but due to various obstacles it never reached the public. Now it’s here, and already Ukrainians are learning the truths of Scripture online as they watch our videos.

The channel is hosted through a well-known service called Vimeo. It contains a growing number of 10-minute episodes, each of which details a particular salient passage in the Bible such as Romans 5:8-9, 2 Timothy 3:15-17, and Romans 3:20. Our goal is to add at least one new video to the channel each week.

All of the episodes are quite simple and follow the same basic outline:

1. Read the passage aloud.
2. Answer basic questions like “Who is the author of the passage”, “To whom was it written?”, and “What is the main theme of the passage?”
3. Go through a straightforward, point-by-point exegesis of the passage, explaining it in basic terms.
4. Offer four to five cross references for further study.

In addition to episodes taught by members of our team, we are also enlisting the help of local Ukrainian pastors and teachers that we trust. So far, they have responded excitedly to our invitations, and soon they will begin recording their own episodes in our studio using the same format outlined above. Lord willing, the result will be an ever-growing collection



Optical Illusion: How many people are in this picture?

ANSWER: There are in fact six. The smallest will become much more visible around October 10. ☺ Yes, we're expecting!

of solid, Ukrainian Bible-teaching available online.

More and more Ukrainians are using the web in their everyday lives, and we believe that this new Bible channel will be used of God to reach many for Christ. This summer during CMO, we will actively promote the channel in our literature and other outreach venues. We appreciate your prayers for this ministry and we'll

keep you posted as to its progress in the months to come. www.pysannya.com

Immigration Update

We are still waiting here in L'viv for our initial paperwork to be approved by the Religious Affairs Office. Assuming this occurs within the time frame we have been promised, our team will travel together to Krakow on March 12 to submit our visa application to the Ukrainian Consulate there. One recent piece of good news we received is that the price per visa has now been reduced from \$379 to \$150 – less than half! Despite our progress, we still have many hurdles to overcome, and it will be many weeks yet before we obtain our registration papers. We appreciate your continued prayers about this matter.

How You Can Pray

Please pray with us about the following requests:

- Praise for renewed health!
- Visa renewals. First round of docs submitted, waiting for gov't approval.
- Our new Ukrainian-language video channel.
- The birth of our fourth child in October!

To God be the Glory