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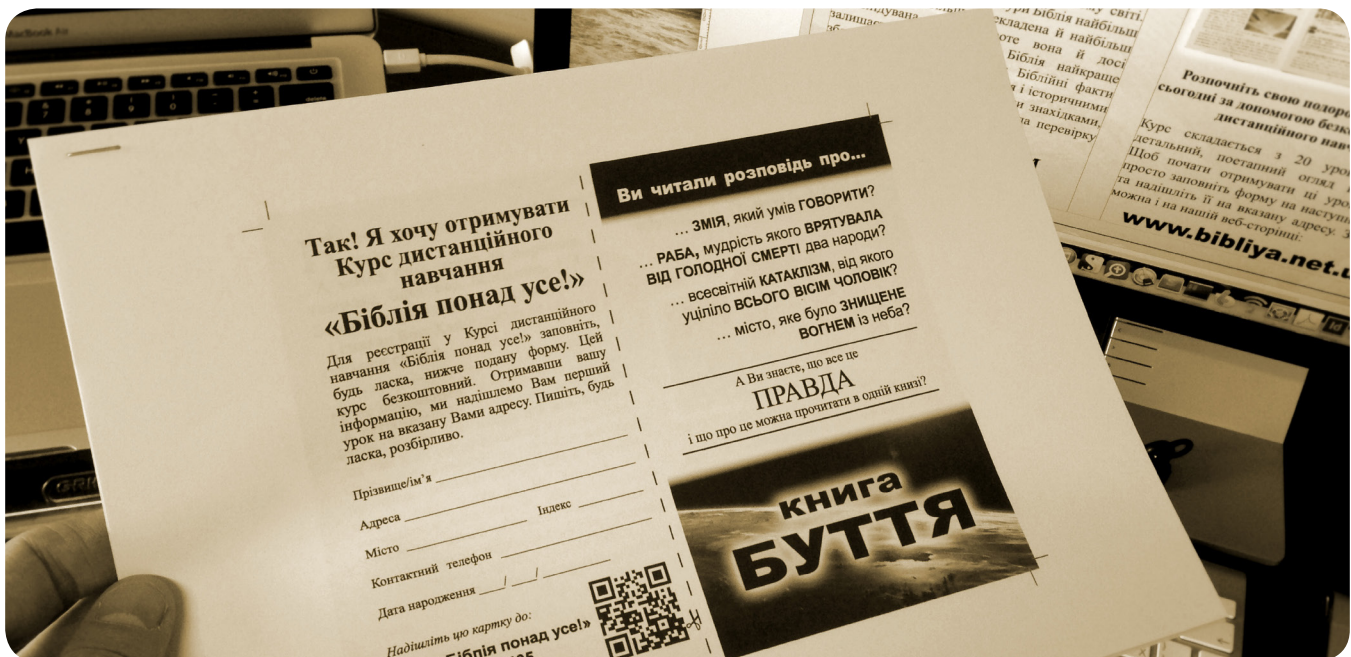
OVERSEAS FIELD REPORT



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## 230K



*This year Carpathian Mountain Outreach will begin on June 10th. Today, we're placing an order for 230,000 tracts which will be distributed throughout Western Ukraine in the coming months.*

Numbers are important in evangelism. Here in Ukraine, numbers have taught us quite a bit over the years, and have allowed us to become more effective in communicating the Gospel. At first glance, one might think that the primary value of numbers like 230,000 lies merely in bragging rights. "So how many tracts did *you* pass out last summer?" But in reality, these numbers contain a much more noble and practical meaning.

In our ministry, we've coined a phrase which we use often to describe our strategy in proclaiming the

Gospel. We call it "finding the numerous few." This phrase is admittedly odd-sounding at first, but its meaning is rooted solidly in Christ's teaching about numbers in evangelism.

We know from Matthew 7:13-14 that only a minority of people will be saved in the end. Speaking of the road to eternal life, Jesus grimly predicts, "...and few there be that find it." While this passage may seem discouraging on the surface, it actually contains a very exciting



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



Samuel

Paul

Isaac

Daniel

Nathan

Joseph

concept which is revealed by considering some basic math.

We don't know exactly what percentage Jesus meant by the word "few," but for the sake of illustration, we'll assume it means 5%. In other words, 95% of all humanity is bound for hell, while 5% are at least open to considering the claims of the Gospel. (Again I stress, these numbers are for illustration only, and I personally believe them to be grossly pessimistic.)

With the above percentages in mind, let's now consider the country of Ukraine as a mission field. Ukraine's population is around 46 million. According to our calculations then, 2.3 million Ukrainians are open to the Gospel. Relative to all of humanity, this group is only a "few," as Jesus said. But relative to us as believers and to our resources, this is a great multitude. To put it another way, these 2.3 million souls are *the numerous few*. Think about this for a moment: what would you or your church do with 2.3 million new converts?

This brings us to a further consideration: how do we find this group? Certainly these are the people upon whom we should be focusing our ministry efforts. Herein lies the key: *the greater the scope of our proclamation, the greater our chances of locating members of this unique group*. In other words, the more tracts you put out, the more likely you'll find someone who will hear the message and be saved.

This year during CMO, we'll be distributing a vast quantity of Bible literature in cities and villages across Western Ukraine. Our goal in doing so is not to brag about numbers, but rather to use those numbers to find men, women and children whose hearts are tender towards the Lord. We are looking for the Corneliuses of Ukraine (Acts 10), and when

we find them, we'll be able to give them the life-giving message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

## Meet the Team

We're pleased to be hosting six young men this summer for CMO 2013. (see above photos) They are Samuel Henderson, Paul De Luca, Isaac Coltrain, Daniel Henderson, Nathan Gregson, and Joseph Henderson. Please pray for these men this summer as they labor alongside us to advance the Gospel.

## Stay Informed

As CMO 2013 progresses, we'll be putting out a regular stream of updates through various online channels. Here's where to tune in:

- Email: [euroteamoutreach.org/subscribe](mailto:euroteamoutreach.org/subscribe)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/euroteamoutreach](https://facebook.com/euroteamoutreach)
- Twitter: [@eto\\_ukraine](https://twitter.com/eto_ukraine) (hashtag #CMO2013)
- Instagram: [@joshukraine](https://www.instagram.com/joshukraine)

## How You Can Pray

- Pray for safe travel and effective ministry for the men coming to Ukraine this summer: Samuel Henderson, Paul De Luca, Isaac Coltrain, Daniel Henderson, Nathan Gregson, and Joseph Henderson.
- Pray that God would lead us to those whose hearts are tender towards the Lord.
- Pray that God would thwart the efforts of priests and gov't officials who try to hinder our ministry.
- Pray for health for everyone on our team.

*To God be the Glory*