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A map showing each city/village in Ukraine where we have students enrolled in our Bible course.

he image above is a picture of the map hanging in our ministry office here in L'viv. Each pin represents a town or village where we have students enrolled studying the Bible. Denise Hutchison recently gathered this info from our student tracking system and set up the map. (Thanks, Denise!) At present, we have 406 students in active enrollment, and with CMO approaching, we're expecting that number to rise!

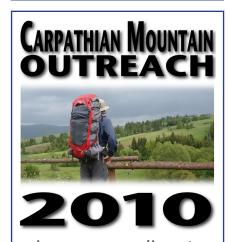
Here's another interesting statistic from our database. We track how every student enrolls in our course: some via pamphlets we pass out, some via the web site, some through the invitation of their friends, etc. Each of our lessons has cut-out invites in the back and we encourage existing students to use these to invite their friends. Right now, this is by far our largest enrollment type – 46%! In other words, nearly half of all our students were invited to start studying the Bible by another Ukrainian student!

Late in last year's CMO project, we visited a town called Chervonograd (Red City), about an hour or so north of L'viv. We passed out several thousand invites for the correspondence course while we were there. As of this writing,

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## How YOU Can Pray...

- Pray that God would bless every aspect of our summer outreach this year: travel, health, new students, successful film showings, open hearts, sinners to be saved!
- Pray for each CMO team member. (see page 2 for a list)
- Pray for the health and develop-(continued on page 3)



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# Our Ministry...



## at a glance

#### CARPATHIAN MOUNTAIN OUTREACH



#### Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2010

It's almost here! In fact, if you're a snail-mail subscriber, by the time you read this, CMO will be in full swing. We are very pleased to announce that the Lord has brought us six men for CMO 2010, three of whom have taken part in previous CMO projects. This year's CMO team members are: Bryan Shufelt, Daniel Courter, Benjamin Anna, Nickoli Morrissey, Seth Watson, and Christopher Sayre, plus our three full-time guys: Jessie Beal, Nathan Day and (yours truly) Josh. Please keep all of us in your prayers as we minister this summer. We plan to focus our efforts this year on a new area in the Carpathians: the Ivano-Frankivsk region. We will be showing evangelistic films in as many villages as possible, and also distributing Bible literature such as CBC invites and Good and Evil books. You can follow our ministry updates on the ETO web site (www.euroteamoutreach.org) and also via Twitter (http://twitter.com/eto\_ukraine).



#### **New Baby!**

As most of you know by now, we are expecting baby #3! We are very excited about this great blessing from the Lord. We plan to have the baby in Ukraine, and we would like to ask for your prayer support as we make the necessary preparations for the birth. Unfortunately, the doctor who delivered Rebekah here in L'viv is on maternity leave herself and so is not available. Nathan and Katelin Day are also expecting, and their baby is due about six weeks after ours. Thus our two families are currently searching for an alternative delivery doctor, although finding someone suitable is not an easy task in this part of the world. Nathan did some searching online and found what appears to be a very nice clinic in Zhytomir, a town about five hours away. If our options in L'viv don't work out, we may try the clinic in Zhytomir. Again, please pray with us as we search for God's best.



Summer is the time of year when we see the greatest growth in our correspondence Bible school. And for good reason. Each summer we distribute tens of thousands of CBC invites, offering free Bible study by mail to anyone who wants to sign up. And sign up they do! Right now our active enrollment is holding steady at just over 400. As I write this, we are expecting delivery on an order of 100,000 CBC invites for use during CMO. We should be receiving the first installment by June 1. Lesson development is still moving forward, albeit slowly. Having just arrived back in Ukraine, and also dealing with pressing immigration complications (see update below), we have found ourselves pulled in many different directions. We've already

designated a CBC development day on our weekly schedule, and that will continue even during CMO. Once we get our feet under us, I expect development on lessons 16 and 17 to take off quickly. These are the only two lessons we lack in completing Phase 1 of the course. Stay tuned!



#### The Immigration Issue

It seems we finally have some good news on the immigration front! Shortly before we returned to Ukraine, and only a couple of weeks after paying over \$700 for new cultural visas, we learned that the OVIR (local immigration office) is no longer accepting cultural visas for registration. In short, it matters not how long one's visa is good for because without registration you can't stay more than 90 days. So we hired an attorney to research alternative visa types, and it seems we have found a viable option. Just one catch: we have to go to back to America to apply! (groan) No, we're not buying plane tickets yet. It appears we've also found a temporary workaround which should allow us to stay here for another couple of years until we can come home and get new visas. Please keep praying with us that God would keep the doors to Ukraine open!

### How YOU Can Pray...

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ment of our new baby. Due date is November 5.

- Pray for our visas. (see page 2)
- Pray for Kelsie and the girls as they will be "home alone" for much of the summer while Dad is in the Carpathians.
- Pray that Jessie's van would continue to function throughout CMO.

# English Club/ Bible Study



While we've been in the US, Jessie Beal has been leading English Club and doing a great job! Nathan Day has been teaching the Bible lesson each week, presenting a chronological overview of the Old Testament. We now have a good group of regulars who come every week faithfully, and many choose to stay for the Bible teaching.

We're planning to take a break from the weekly Bible teaching during CMO, but the English Club will continue. Bible lessons will resume in the fall. We appre-

ciate your continued prayer support for this ministry.



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we have 47 students in the city of Chervonograd, and 40 of them (85%!) were signed up by friends!

Bottom line: there are lots of people out there who are open to studying the Word of God and ultimately hearing the message of Christ. It's just a matter of finding them, and breaking through the cultural barriers that so often separate missionaries from the people



Passing out CBC invites in Chervonograd

they are trying to reach. Most people aren't closed to the Gospel, they're just closed to what they perceive as a foreign cult trying to convert them to a strange new faith. Find a way to break through those walls, and often you'll find people on the other side who are starving for the truth of Scripture. That's what Paul did. (I Cor. 9:19-22)

CMO 2010 begins in just over a week, and we are excited about finding new people this year that we can involve in the study of God's Word. We are also very excited about the great team of guys that God has brought us this year. In addition to our full-time staff, we will be joined by six other men this summer, three of whom have been here for past CMO projects:

- Bryan Shufelt CMO 2006, 2009
- Benjamin Anna CMO 2008
- Daniel Courter CMO 2009
- Nickoli Morrissey First time
- Seth Watson First time
- Christopher Sayre First time
   In addition to our normal ex-

cursions into the Carpathian Mountains, our team has also been invited to come and minister in an eastern Ukrainian city called Dnipropetrovsk. We will be putting out thousands of CBC invites

in Dnipropetrovsk and several smaller towns in the area. This trip will take place in July. Please pray with us that many Ukrainians would enroll in our course and begin studying God's Word. Sinners who begin to study God's Word have the greatest chance of becoming believers, and believers make the best building blocks for churches. "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." I Corinthians 3:9

To God be the Glory