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Gathering Fruit



"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." (Psalm 126:6)

When distributing large quantities of Gospel literature, one definitely feels conscious of the fact that seed is being sown. And like any farmer, one wonders what kind of crop he will reap. This year, we're excited to report that harvest season is upon us, and God is bringing the increase!

Overloaded...and loving it!

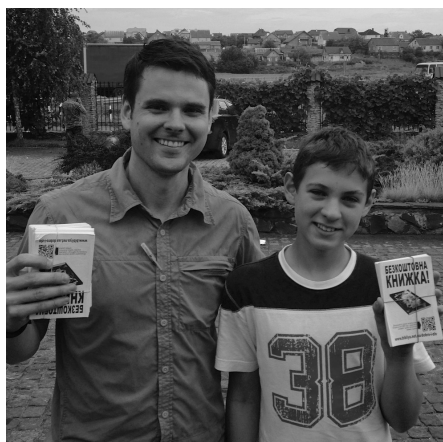
With Denise Hutchison and the Day family in the States right now, I've taken on the responsibility of grading Bible lessons sent in by our Ukrainian students. (My normal responsibilities focus more on

writing and development, whereas Denise handles much of the day-to-day mail.) At first I was a bit concerned that I might be overloaded. While my fears were well-founded, the work has actually turned out to be a great blessing! I have more Bible lessons hitting my desk every week than I can shake a stick at, and I'm loving every minute of it.

Every Wednesday, Jessie goes to the get the mail from our PO box, and, after processing it, he brings the stacks of new lessons to my office for grading.

Since CMO ended a couple of





Sowing these...



...leads to reaping these.



Graded and ready to mail!

months ago, we've seen dozens of new students enroll in *Bible First*. Of course, many of our existing students are also progressing well. In the center picture above, Jessie and I are holding a stack of mail that came in this past Wednesday.

Mail-Order Discipleship

Along with completed Bible lessons, we frequently receive hand-written letters from our students. In the past few weeks, I've answered letters with questions such as:

- Can you please explain the Trinity?
- Since Christ taught a unified message, why are there so many Christian denominations?
- Why shouldn't we keep the Sabbath?

CMO 2012 team member, Cesar Rodriguez, recently posted this photo to his Instagram account:

"I think this will do for now to start off this Bible correspondence course. Ready to hit the streets! If any of you wanna study the Bible thru this course, let me know. It's free! Or email me c_rod24@icloud.com Thanks to my good friend and servant of Christ Joshua Steele for this great tool of outreach! #BibleFirst P.S. Pray for him and his family as they serve Christ in Ukraine."



One lady wrote to say that the *Bible First!* lessons have been a blessing to her during a difficult family situation. Her husband is home ill, but they are on bad terms, and he has forbidden her to attend a home Bible study which she had joined previously. She explained her situation, and then asked for counsel. Kelsie was able to speak with her on the phone, and we also sent her a Russian copy of *Created To Be His Helpmeet* by Debi Pearl.

I could go on and on, but the point is this: the seed of God's Word was sown this year, and as a result, people are seeking the Lord! Please continue to pray for our ministry in Ukraine, and for the many who are coming face to face with Christ through His Word.

How You Can Pray

- Pray for a strong team for CMO 2014. More details on the 2014 project in the next issue.
- Pray for English Club. Attendance has been down lately, but we still believe this to be an important ministry opportunity.
- Our family has struggled with a lot of sickness this fall. Please pray for renewed health.
- Pray for our *Bible First!* students in Ukraine.
- Pray for new *Bible First!* distributors in the US, like Cesar Rodriguez and others.
- Pray for the Day family as they prepare to return to Ukraine.

To God be the Glory