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A Project of Firsts



The CMO 2012 team. Clockwise from top left: Cesar Rodriguez, Jonathan Steele, David Steininger, Phillip Payne, Jacob Bruce, Nathan Day, Joshua Steele, and Jessie Beal.

hile every CMO project has proven memorable in its own way, this year stands out as one of the most unique we've experienced to date. Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2012 presented quite a variety of firsts, including both unusual obstacles as well as record-breaking achievements. Through it all, we were blessed to be ministering alongside an outstanding team of men without whom the accomplishments of the summer would not have been possible. As you read the following report, we invite you to praise

God with us for His faithfulness and provision over the past two months.

Film Showings

This year, we showed the film *Courageous* in **nine different Carpathian villages**. That's **one showing**

every week with the exception of the first week, during which we showed the film twice. We had a total attendance of 260 people, with an average weekly attendance









Cesar





David

Phillip

Jacob

Jonathan

of about 29. As always, the Gospel was preached at each showing, and attendees were invited to enroll in our correspondence course, *Bible First*.

Bible Literature Output

This summer, the CMO team conducted outreaches in **twelve large cities** and **nine mountain villages**, distributing a record-breaking total of **205,300 pieces of Bible literature**. (The previous record was ~185,000, set in 2006.) This achievement is truly significant because it greatly increases our chances of locating Ukrainians whose hearts are open to the Gospel.

Responses

Since CMO 2012 commenced on July 1, we have received a total of 351 responses by web and regular mail. This includes 281 requests for copies of *Good and Evil*, and 70 new students enrolled in *Bible First*. And these numbers are still increasing! Every week, new requests are coming in as people not only respond to the literature they received from us, but also invite their friends.

CMO Firsts

Ready for some fun CMO trivia? This was definitely a year of firsts:

- First two-month CMO project (2006 was four months, all others have been three.)
- First CMO project during which we never missed a weekend film showing
- First showing on a Saturday (most are on Sundays)
- First time to distribute over 200,000 invites in

a single summer

- First time to shoot a CMO promo film (*Jonathan Steele*, *videographer*)
- First baby born during a CMO project (Lydia Rose Day, born August 30)
- First CMO project to begin without all ETO staff on hand (Joshua was in America for the first three weeks of the project.)
- First time an ETO staff member had to leave in the middle of the project (*Jessie flew to America for back therapy*.)
- First time a CMO team member served as van driver (*Cesar Rodriguez*)
- First trip to the mountains with only one ETO staff member (Nathan in L'viv preparing for Lydia's birth, Jessie in U.S. for medical treatment)
- First non-US citizen to take part in CMO (Phillip Payne from Canada)
- First Hispanic to take part in CMO (Cesar Rodriguez)
- First film showing powered completely by a generator (*village of Lozyanske*)

How You Can Pray

- Pray for the many Ukrainians who heard the Gospel as a result of CMO 2012.
- Pray for continued growth and success for the young men who served with us this summer.
- Pray for spiritual growth for Vasyl and the salvation of his wife, Ira.
- Pray for our family as we prepare to return to Ukraine in November.

To God be the Glory