

# OVERSEAS FIELD REPORT



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A group photo from the last day of our recent Bible Camp in the Carpathian Mountains. Clockwise from top left: Vitya, Nathan, Jessie, Sergiy, Andriy, Timothy, Joshua

## How YOU can Pray...

- Pray for the birth of our daughter in late September.
- Pray for Nathan and the Beal family as they continue the ministry in Ukraine.
- Pray for the young men who attended the Bible Camp. Pray that God would guide them and that they would mature in the faith.
- Pray that God would bless our efforts this coming year as we launch Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2006.

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Monday morning, August 8th, had finally arrived - the first day of Bible Camp. We were supposed to depart for the mountains at noon, but as that time approached I began to wonder if I would be ready. Our printer was running non-stop, spitting out pages of notes, word studies for our guys, schedules, etc. Finally, around 2:00 or so, we were packed to go. Jessie's van was loaded to the hilt with luggage, books, video equipment, sports equipment, and most importantly, the men to whom we have been teaching the Word of God for nearly a year.

These men came to us in different ways and from different backgrounds. But all of them have one thing in common: they have continued with us in the

study of God's Word. Week after week, they come to our house, some traveling over three hours by train, to read the Bible with us. Several have been born again, others are close to salvation.

Now the time had come for a week of serious, concentrated study and teaching from the Bible. In our home study sessions, we read through the Bible

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Bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those under the power of darkness and proving to the world that God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.

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## Our Ministry...

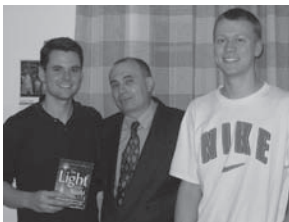


at a glance



### Discipleship

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." II Timothy 2:2 We are grateful to the Lord for the men He has brought to us, who are now teaching others that which they have learned. Sergiy (pictured left with Joshua and Nathan) has now written his own Gospel tract and 1,000 copies have already been printed. Timothy is teaching the Bible to a friend of his at home. He also made a special trip to the village where his father lives just so he could give him the Gospel. The other men in our Bible study are also growing in their faith. Please pray for these men. They are sheep among wolves, soldiers in a desperate battle, and they carry the message which is the hope of Ukraine.



### \*The Light of the World Film Project

For some time we have been praying that God would provide Ukrainian vocalists for the production of *The Light of the World* DVD. We recently sent several audio samples of various vocalists to Chick Publications, and Mr. Alexander (pictured left) was selected to be the narrator for the film. We have completed the final adjustments to the LOTW script, and now that our narrator is on board, rehearsals will begin right away. If all goes well, we will be ready to record by November. Once the sound track has been recorded, all materials will be sent to Chick Publications in California. They will then complete the production of 200 DVD's. Lord willing, these DVD's will be supplied not only to our team, but to many other missionaries working throughout Ukraine.



### A Growing Family

Very soon we will be greeting the newest member of the Steele family. Our first child is due to arrive on September 19. As of this writing, we are in Krakow, Poland, awaiting her delivery with much anticipation. We are very grateful to all of you who have prayed for us and our baby over these past months. God has truly blessed us by entrusting to our care one of His heritage. Please continue to pray for Kelsie and the baby as we approach delivery. If you want to be among the first to see this little gift from God, be sure to check our website regularly. We will post pictures as soon as we have them. [www.OverseasFieldReport.com](http://www.OverseasFieldReport.com)

**CARPATHIAN MOUNTAIN  
OUTREACH**



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### Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2006

We are very grateful to those of you who have been praying that God would send laborers into His harvest. He is answering your prayers! Applications are now coming in for next summer's outreach in the Carpathian Mountains of Western Ukraine. If you are a young man, and would like to get hands-on experience in overseas missions, then CMO 2006 is for you. For more information, or to request an application packet, please visit our ministry website:

► [www.EuroTeamOutreach.org](http://www.EuroTeamOutreach.org)

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**Timothy give his testimony at Bible Camp.**

## A GOOD PROFESSION

### *The Testimony of Timothy Koval*

We first met Timothy last year in Volodimir Volinskiy. After a few months studying the Bible with him, he professed his faith in Jesus Christ as His Savior. At our recent Bible camp, Timothy stood before the group and told his story. "I used to live in Eastern Ukraine," he began, "and I was involved in a lot of sin. I had lots of friends, but they were wrong friends." He then explained how he and his mother moved from Eastern Ukraine to the western town of Volodimir Volinskiy. "At first I was very displeased, but then one day we found an invitation to go see a Christian film." Timothy's mother encouraged him to go, thinking it would help him feel better. Finally, they decided to go together. Timothy continued: "When we came to the theater, we met these Americans: Jessie, Nathan, Joshua, and Mark. At the end of the film, Joshua preached about Jesus. I was very impressed by the film, but didn't know quite what was happening to me. I decided to go talk with Joshua when it was over." Timothy then told how Joshua had invited him to study the Bible. They met every day for a week, reading the book of Genesis. "I remember one day how we were in this park. We were sitting on a bench and there was a little fountain behind us. That day there was another guy studying with us. Joshua explained that Jesus died and shed His blood for us. He said that anyone who believed this would be saved. At that moment, I believed and I have been saved ever since." We praise God for Timothy's life and unashamed walk with Christ. He is witnessing to others of his faith, reading his Bible, and growing to be a true soldier of the Cross. Thank you for praying for him, and for the other young men who are studying the Bible with us. Truly the Word of God does not return void.



**Timothy and his mother Lyuba**

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with them chapter by chapter and then discussed what we'd read. At Bible Camp, things would be different. Now our goal was not only to build their faith in the Bible, but to teach them *how* to study the Bible on their own.

God provided us with excellent facilities in the Carpathians for our camp. One of the first things we did after we arrived was to hang large-print Bible verse posters around the room where most of our sessions took place. These were verses like Hebrews 4:12, Isaiah 40:8, and Proverbs

30:5-6.

Our first session was about how to properly study the Bible. We showed them how to find the meaning of words by looking up every usage of that word in a concordance, and then allowing the Bible to define itself by careful study of context.

After the lunch break, all the



**Study time at Bible Camp**

guys had two hours to do a thorough study on the word righteousness. Because the exhaustive concordance of the Ukrainian Bible is not yet complete (it is due on the market this year) we gave them computer print-outs of all the references containing the word "righteousness." They were to look up each usage of the word, and then answer such questions as: "What is righteousness?" "Why is righteousness important?" "Can a sinner be made righteous?" etc. Over the course of the week, they also did studies on the words "baptism" and "for-

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givenness."

Each day we taught them from the Word of God, answered questions, and encouraged them to study various concepts on their own. Among the topics we taught were:

- ▶ Chronological Bible Overview
- ▶ Imputed Righteousness
- ▶ Baptism
- ▶ How to Study the Bible
- ▶ Spiritual Warfare
- ▶ Prayer
- ▶ Genesis
- ▶ Intro to John

During the session on imputed righteousness, I taught the concept that Jesus took our sins on Himself and, having died in our place, now offers His righteousness to all who will receive Him. (I Cor. 5:21, Rom. 4:4-5) As an illustration, we brought Andriy and Vitya to the front of the room. We put a white sheet over Andriy, and a gray robe on Vitya, thus symbolizing Christ and the sinner. After explaining how Christ died in our place, we took the gray robe and placed it on Andriy, symbolizing Christ taking our sins. Then we put the white

sheet on Vitya, symbolizing the righteousness of Christ imputed to our account at the moment of salvation.

One of the most important parts of our camp was the one-on-one time we had with various students. They would come to us in between sessions or at the end of the day with various questions. We would then sit down with them and point them to the answers in Scripture.

One young man came to me privately and wanted to know if curses could have any power over believers. This young man had only recently come to Christ. He explained that his father had come to him a few days prior wanting to borrow money so he could get drunk. The young man, knowing his father's intentions, respectfully refused. The father then threatened to put a curse on his son, to which the young man replied, "Your curse won't hurt me because I am a believer and Jesus is in heaven interceding for me." Now he wanted to be sure that this was indeed the case. We sat down together and I showed him numerous verses, including Romans 8:31-34 and

Galatians 3:13, which prove that no believer is ever under a curse of any form. All believers are free in Christ.

Our last session in the Bible Camp was about soul-winning. We showed the young men from the Scriptures that as believers, it is our responsibility to take the Gospel to those who are lost. We examined such passages as Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15, and Acts 1:8 which clearly teach our obligation as Christians to preach repentance to sinners. We also gave them many practical ideas for how to share the Gospel, including tract distribution, one-on-one witnessing, open-air preaching, films, and of course, simply reading the Bible with someone.

All the guys were very excited to try out these various methods of evangelism, and since the time of the camp, every last one of them has made some attempt at winning the lost. Some have witnessed to their families, some have started reading the Bible with friends, and one has even written and printed his own tract.

We are rejoicing at the fruit God is giving. These men are a new generation of laborers, and by God's grace, they will turn many lost souls to salvation in Jesus Christ.

*To God be the Glory*

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