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Doors of Utterance



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"Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ..." Col. 4:3

A young student sat writing and pondering over the paper on his desk. The assignment was an unusual one for a young man of 20, but then, this was no ordinary class. "Draw an illustration depicting the way you see your life in 5 years." "Write a personal mission statement encompassing how you plan to serve the Lord and others with your life." The student deliberated and considered, wrote and then scratched out. Doubtless it was a difficult task to sort through the plans, energies, emotions, and ideas of a lively youth, coming to a conclusion regarding God's probable

call and direction for his life.

The young man took up his pencil and began to outline a shape on the paper. From it he drew a long line with an arrow point at the tip. At the end of the tip he drew another large object. Yes, it was beginning to take form. There was America, his homeland, and the arrow led across the ocean and into to Europe. Would he end up in Europe as he hoped? Would he have the chance to preach the gospel there? Would a mere 5 years see the fulfillment of his dreams for God?

This first task completed, he set himself to writing the mission statement. He thought of

How YOU Can Pray...

- Pray that God would bless the CMO 2007 summer ministry.
- Pray that God would continue to bless and expand our Bible Correspondence School. Pray that many new students would enroll this year.
- Praise the Lord for the printing of 5,000 copies of Good and Evil! (see pg. 2)
- Pray that many people would be reached with the Word of God through our new audio Bible studies. (see pg. 2)

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the things he had been taught, the commands given in Scripture regarding a man's responsibility to the gospel. Again the pencil scrawled and scratched, until he looked with satisfaction on his final product. "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."

The assignment was turned in, the class eventually completed, and the young man went on his

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Our Ministry...



at a glance



Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2007

We are very pleased to have two young men joining our CMO team from the US this year. Matthias Smith (20) will be assisting us during the months of June and July, and Andrew Darbyshire (18) will be here for July and August. Please pray for these men as well as the rest of our team as we bring the Gospel to the villages of the Carpathians. As was our custom last year, we will be sending out weekly e-mail updates as the project progresses. These "eReports," as we call them, will contain testimonies, general ministry reports, and pictures. If you signed up last year for the CMO eReport, you will automatically receive it again this year. If you have not yet signed up, just log on to www.EuroTeamOutreach.org and click on the CMO eReport graphic.



Good & Evil

As of this writing, we are literally days away from our first printing of 5,000 copies of *Good and Evil* in Ukrainian. This first edition will be a shortened, 32 page version completely covering Creation up through the story of Abraham. The last page includes a form which readers can mail in to request a free copy of the full version. We plan to use *Good and Evil* extensively during CMO 2007, distributing it to as many village homes as we can over the course of the summer. We believe that God will use this publication in a mighty way to win souls for Christ. We appreciate your prayers for this ministry. Please also pray for the printing of the full version of *Good and Evil*. The graphical work is still in progress, though we hope to finish soon. It appears that due to higher printing costs in Ukraine, we will have to print the full version in the US and then have it shipped over. Dealing with customs officials here can be a real problem, so please pray that God will guide us as we seek to make *Good and Evil* available to the people of Ukraine in their own language.



Bible Correspondence School

During the spring months, we have kept very busy managing and expanding our Bible correspondence school. We are still writing new lessons for the course, and often find it a challenge to stay ahead of some of our students! Once we write a lesson in English, there are several phases through which it must pass before going to press. First, we have to format the layout of the lesson, adding pictures and other graphics. Then, the entire lesson must be translated into Ukrainian. Once this is complete, we have to reformat the layout of the Ukrainian version. This can sometimes be a challenge since Ukrainian text tends to take up more space than the equivalent in English. Our next step is to proof the translation, looking for grammatical errors or places where the meaning of the text was not accurately represented in Ukrainian. Once all of this is finished, we send the lesson to our printer. As you can see, there is a lot of work involved in this course! We appreciate your prayers as we move forward with this ministry. Literature is one of the best ways of communicating the truths of the Bible, and we are excited to see this work growing.



Abigail Hope

"Hi! My name is Abigail. I am 18 months old. My favorite activities are going out in the stroller for walks with Mom, reading books, and walking around the house carrying my beloved spatula. I am trying really hard to talk, and soon I'll be able to communicate better with Mom and Dad. Every day I practice saying Mama, Dada, Night-night, Bye-bye, All Done, and Ball." — Abigail is growing bigger and cuter with each passing day. She is the sunshine of our lives, the best little girl a parent could wish for. We praise God for counting us worthy to train up His little one. "Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord and the fruit of the womb is His reward." (Psalm 127:3)

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way. But his mission statement stayed with him. God is a rewarder. He does great things for His people, fulfilling the desires of their hearts even when they don't deserve it. Before many months passed God brought this young student to Europe—more specifically, to Ukraine.

Joshua could not have guessed all those years before how God would fulfill the things he had dreamed about in a classroom. Our hope is that other young men with the desire to serve God would find fields of service as laborers for the Lord. We stand excitedly and watch as the Lord opens doors of utterance for His Word in Ukraine today, and only time will tell what fruit may come of these opportunities. Here are some of the things the Lord is doing.

CMO 2007

Starting in the month of May, the beautiful Carpathian Mountains will become second home to our American team. Joshua, Nathan, and the team will don camping gear and other equipment and trek to new villages that were not visited last year. They will arrange to show *The Light of the World* film in as many mountain villages as they can, and each individual house will receive an invitation to our Chronological Bible Course. We are excited about two young men who will be joining us in spreading the Word of God. Matthias Smith and Andrew Darbyshire will be arriving mid-

summer to help with mass literature distribution, street preaching, and other means of spreading the gospel. Pray for each team member to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ as they face the challenges of living in another country, rain and inclement weather in the mountains, homesickness, and resistance to the gospel.

GOOD AND EVIL

Good and Evil is a gripping comic book depiction of major Bible themes and stories. The Ukrainian version of it is nearing completion. We can't wait for *Good and Evil* to make its way into Ukrainian houses, where any number of adults and children may see and read it. A graphic designer friend of ours is now working on a 32-page segment of this book to be used during CMO 2007. We plan on distributing this mini-version to as many families as possible in the mountain villages we visit. It will advertise both our Chronological Bible Course, as well as an offer to receive the full version of *Good and Evil* free of cost once it is finished. There is much potential for those who read this book to learn more of the Bible and of Christ!

AUDIO BIBLE STUDIES

This is the age of communication, and we can take advantage of that to spread God's Word. It is often difficult to persuade Ukrainians to come to a person's home and study the Bible, but they are much less threatened if literature or Bible teaching comes to them in their home. We are planning soon to begin recording Bible teaching in Ukrainian and making it available to people across Ukraine in audio format (cassette, CD or MP3). We may never be able to personally reach many villages and districts, but such recordings could easily be sent to any location in the coun-

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Page 16 of *Good and Evil* illustrates the Flood.

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try. We also plan on making these CDs readily available to those studying our Chronological Bible Course as another means of leading them to the Lord.

MINISTRY CENTER

We're in the apartment fix-up business again, but this time not for ourselves! Our team recently began renting a place to use as a ministry center. Soon the many piles of correspondence course lessons stacking up in Nathan's apartment will find a new home in the ministry center, along with the Good and Evil printing and other literature. As soon as we can get the apartment cleaned up a bit, we hope to hold regular meetings there, inviting students from the Correspondence Course or other friends to come hear the Word of God taught. Although we do not expect large numbers to come at the outset, we hope that with time the group will grow. Regardless of who comes, however, our team will continue meeting there to record Bible teaching in audio format.

CHRONOLOGICAL BIBLE COURSE

It's writing, writing, writing ahead for our team as we look at finishing a Bible course of 54 lessons. Many hours are put into each lesson, writing, translating, and then designing the layout for the lesson. We are currently finishing lesson number 9, and are blazing the trail in an effort to keep ahead of our most diligent students. The complete course will take the stu-

An excerpt from Lesson 8, dealing with the Promised Redeemer of Genesis 3:15...

God's Promised Deliverer

Let's look back for a moment to the point when God pronounced His curse on the serpent. God said to him, "*Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, ... And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*" (Gen. 3:14-15) In other words, God said that the seed (offspring) of the serpent would fight against the seed of the woman. Moreover, God prophesied that the woman's seed would destroy the serpent's seed. But why did God say "the seed of the woman"? We know that seed comes only from a man, and is needed to fertilize the egg of the woman. Only then can a woman conceive a child. But with God, nothing is impossible.

In Isaiah 7:14 we read this amazing statement: "*Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*" For a woman to conceive without a man is a biological impossibility. And yet God prophesied in Genesis 3 and also in Isaiah 7 that it would happen. Right in the Garden of Eden, in the midst of man's utter failure, God foretold the coming of another Man who would be born of a virgin, and who would destroy the devil.

As we continue our reading of the Scriptures, we will see more prophecies of this great Deliverer. There are literally hundreds of these prophecies throughout the Old Testament. Finally, in Matthew 1:20-25, we see the Deliverer's identity fully revealed: "*...the angel of the Lord appeared unto [Joseph] in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet [Isaiah], saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.*"

The Deliverer whom God promised to Adam and Eve that sad day in the Garden was none other than our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. From that moment on, men waited, watched, and hoped for the Promised Deliverer. God continued to reveal more of His plan over time, and through the years, He reminded His people that one day, the great Deliverer would come to save them from their sins.

dents through Genesis, parts of Exodus, an overview of the Old Testament, and a thorough study of the book of John. We are in the process of developing a data base system to help keep track of 200 plus students, a number we hope will increase as we advertise the course during CMO.

Faith comes by hearing, and

hearing by the Word of God. One of our chief goals as missionaries is to sow the Word of God so that others might believe and be saved. Our prayer is that the name of Christ may be glorified as His Word is spread in Ukraine!

To God be the Glory

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