

# OVERSEAS FIELD REPORT

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## CARPATHIAN MOUNTAIN OUTREACH 2007



The CMO 2007 team. Clockwise from upper left: Tucker Mullens, Jessie Beal, Andrew Darbyshire, Matthias Smith, Nathan Day, Joshua Steele

After nearly three months of intensive outreach both in the Carpathian mountains and in L'viv, CMO 2007 was almost over. Now as we approached Rosokhach, our last village of the year, I wondered to myself what kind of turnout we would get. Every week, the team goes to a new village to pass out invitations for *The Light of the World* film. We never know who will come, how many will come, or whether or not the priest will try to shut us down. The week before had been quite encouraging - about 35 people came to the showing, and everyone reacted very positively to our message. But two weeks ago, we came to a village where we had

spent hours passing out invites in record heat, only to find an empty auditorium. Thankfully, our responsibility is to preach the Word. What people do with it is between them and God.

We arrived in Rosokhach over an hour before the announced show time. As we expected, the hall was lock and not a soul was in sight. We waited a little, and soon a couple of ladies approached. One identified herself as the person responsible for the hall. They opened the door, cleaned things up a bit, and then left saying they would return later. We began setting up our equipment, but still no other people were around.

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### How YOU Can Pray...

- Praise the Lord for His blessings on this summer's project!
- Pray that God would send us men to assist in CMO 2008 (see pg. 2)
- Pray that God would bless the upcoming birth of our daughter in January 2008.
- Pray for God's blessing on the continuing ministries of the men who served with us during CMO 2007: Matthias Smith, Andrew Darbyshire, and Tucker Mullens.

## IT'S A GIRL!



We are very pleased to announce that our family is expecting a little girl as its newest member! She is due to arrive sometime near the end of January 2008.

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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.**

# Our Ministry...



at a glance

## CARPATHIAN MOUNTAIN OUTREACH 2008



### Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2008

Even as CMO 2007 is ending, we are beginning preparations for next year's project. So how many CMO's will there be? If you could look at a detailed map of the Ukrainian Carpathians, you would see literally hundreds and hundreds of villages - villages that have no Gospel witness whatsoever. Even if our team only focuses on villages within a three hour drive from L'viv, it would take many years to reach them all. Having said that, the more help we have the more we can do. As always, we are appealing to men to come and labor with us in this harvest field. Since the summer of 2006, hundreds of people in the mountains have heard the Gospel. Thousands are still waiting to hear. Please check our website in the coming weeks for new information on CMO 2008. If you are interested in participating in CMO 2008, we encourage you to contact us right away.

► [www.euroteamoutreach.org/cmo](http://www.euroteamoutreach.org/cmo)



Andrew distributes invitations to the Correspondence Bible Course during CMO.

### Correspondence Bible School

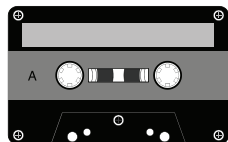
We are very pleased to report that as the Lord blesses, our Correspondence Bible School continues to grow! At present, we have well over 260 students enrolled, and more requests come in regularly. Nathan Day is primarily responsible for receiving and sending out the Bible lessons, and each time he goes to our PO box here in L'viv, he comes back with stacks of material, including new requests for the course and completed lessons from existing students. Our students often write us letters as well, asking us about various issues from Scripture. We are very excited to see the doors that the Lord is opening as these Ukrainians study the Word of God for themselves. Please pray for us as we continue to develop this course, and especially as we produce new lessons. Pray as well that God would provide more laborers to help in this ministry. God has literally poured out His blessings upon us such that there is hardly room to receive them!



The CMO team hikes into a village to distribute copies of Good and Evil.

### The Good and Evil Project

Just before CMO began this year, we were able to complete a shortened version of Good and Evil, which takes the reader from creation up through the life of Abraham (32 pages). Hundreds of these books were distributed by our team in many villages in the Carpathians over the course of the summer. Each book contains information at the back telling the reader how he can request a full version through the mail. In addition, the CMO team passed out thousands of bi-fold invitations for Good and Evil throughout L'viv and another city called Striy. We have already received many requests by mail and also through our Ukrainian website, [www.bibliya.net](http://www.bibliya.net). As of this writing, we are still searching for a suitable printing option for the full version of Good and Evil. We hope to begin that phase of the project by year's end. We believe that Good and Evil has amazing potential for reaching the lost here in Ukraine as people begin to understand for the first time what is actually contained in the Bible. Thank you for your continued prayers for this ministry.



### Audio Bible Studies

As our team transitions now into our fall/winter ministries, we will soon begin recording Ukrainian Bible teaching sessions in audio format. We have done basic home Bible studies many times, but we feel that we can have a much more further-reaching effect by making this teaching available on CD, cassette, even MP3 download from our website. Originally, we had planned to begin these sessions in the spring of this year, but due to CMO 2007 and other obligations we did not have time to complete the necessary preparations. Everything is now in place, and Lord willing we begin recording sometime in early October. All of our 260+ Bible students will be invited to attend these sessions once they begin. Our first series will be a verse-by-verse teaching of the Gospel of John. We appreciate your prayers as we begin this exciting new ministry.

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## Photo Update...

*Hope you enjoy these photos from our family and our team. Included in this issue of Overseas Field Report, you should have also received a copy of our new prayer card. We praise the Lord for His tremendous blessings on our family.*



*The Steele Family, 2007*



*Abigail Hope, 22 months*



*The ETO team - 2007. From left: Jessie Beal, Teresa Beal, Nathan Day, Kelsie Steele, Joshua Steele*

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OH THAT MEN WOULD PRAISE THE  
LORD FOR HIS GOODNESS, AND FOR HIS  
WONDERFUL WORKS TO THE CHILDREN  
OF MEN!

PSALM 107:8

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As of this writing, it appears we will be having the baby in Ukraine. We are still in the process of researching our options (one of which is repeating our 2005 trip to Krakow, Poland), but at this point our findings here in L'viv look very promising. We sincerely appreciate your prayers as we prepare for this exciting event.

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Unbeknownst to us, there was a young lady in America about that time who had been praying for this last outreach. We later received an e-mail from her in which she wrote this: "As I was praying for this last film showing, I asked the Lord to do something great to encourage you all as the summer drew to a close. I said, 'Lord, would you please send at least fifty people to the showing this Sunday?'"

The start time for the film had been announced for 6:00pm, and at ten minutes till, the hall was completely empty except for our team. Finally, just a few minutes before we were to start, a few older men stepped into the room. I could hear some others standing around outside, so I decided to make an announcement over the microphone. "Good evening, everyone! We're about to begin our showing tonight. Please come in and find your seats." As I continued my introduction, explaining about the film and our ministry, more and more people walked in. By the time we started the film there were about 25



The CMO men break camp and prepare to hike to their next village.



Joshua preaches the Gospel in the village of Rosokhach after a film showing.

people present. But they kept coming! By the time the film was a third of the way through, we had over 50 people in the room, and more standing outside listening. Most everyone stayed right to the end and listened attentively while I preached the Gospel. I also explained about our literature, encouraging every-

praying for us, I thank you with all of my heart. God has truly heard your prayers and answered in a mighty way. Space will not permit a thorough retelling of the blessings He has poured out on our team this summer.

If you have not been receiving our weekly e-mail updates (the CMO eReport) I encourage you to visit our ministry website ([www.euroteamoutreach.org](http://www.euroteamoutreach.org)) and open the photo journal. There you will see story after story of the advancement of the Gospel of Christ in Western Ukraine this past summer.

Please continue to pray for those who heard the Gospel and/or received Bible literature. Pray also for the young men who joined our



one to get a copy of Good and Evil and a Bible Course starter packet on their way out. We gave away all the Good and Evil's that we had, and all but two of our starter packets.

Needless to say, we left the mountains that day rejoicing and thanking the Lord that He allowed us once again to testify of Him before the Ukrainian people.

To those of you who have been

team this summer for CMO: Matthias Smith, Andrew Darbyshire and Tucker Mullens. We could not have accomplished half of what we did had it not been for their assistance. They have now returned to the US and are continuing their ministries there.

*To God be the Glory*

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