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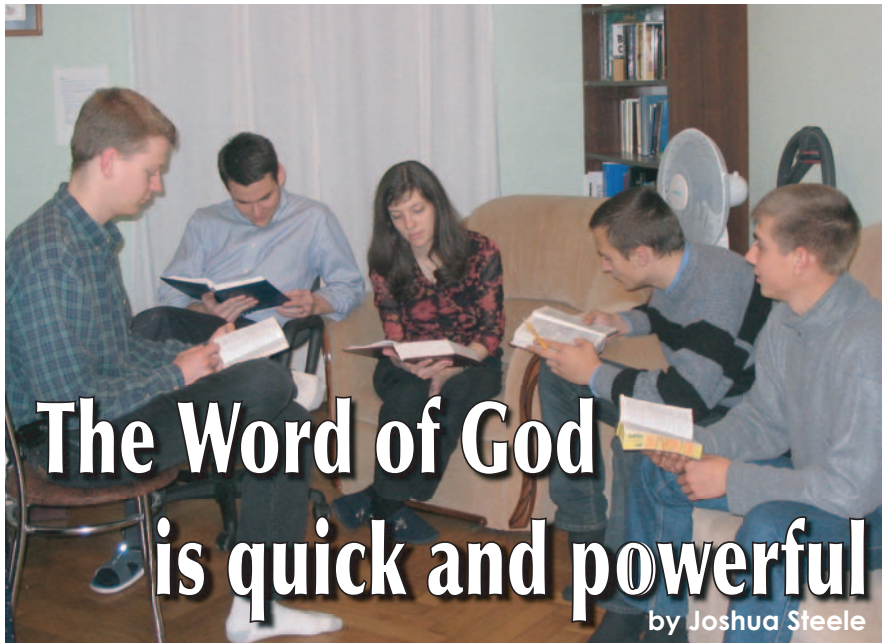
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The Word of God is quick and powerful

by Joshua Steele

In the midst of all our ministry plans and outreaches, it is still the simple Word of God that is transforming the lives of Ukrainians.

Timothy and I loaded a sturdy plastic bag with Gospel tracts and headed towards the Ivan Franko University in downtown L'viv. Timothy was visiting from Volodimir Volinskiy as he often does on weekends.

As we approached the main campus, I could see many small groups of students sitting around the large monument of Ivan Franko, a famous Ukrainian poet and political figure. We walked up to a young man seated on a bench and began to speak with him about the Lord. He made it clear from the start, however, that he was not interested. So we moved on. Not far off was a group of teenagers chatting and laughing right be-

hind the monument of Franko. We approached and asked them what they thought about the Bible. Is it the Word of God? Before anyone could answer, a young man of the type which the Bible calls "scoffers" came up and defiantly asked me if God is love. He had a few earrings and was wearing black and white camo pants. When I replied that, yes, God is love, he went into a very foolish tirade accusing God of being sadistic for sending people to hell. As I tried to explain how God in His love has provided a way for all men to escape hell, he simply interrupted me and continued to mock God and His Word. The other teenagers stand-

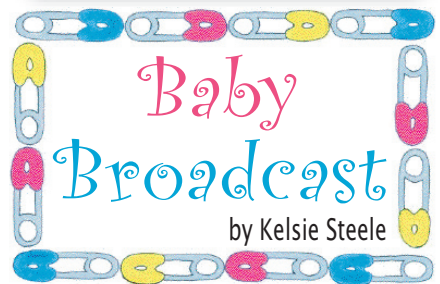
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How YOU can Pray...

- Pray that God would give us great wisdom to train up Abigail in the ways of the Lord.
- Pray that we would soon be able to record *The Light of the World* soundtrack.
- Pray that God would bless our efforts to complete the *Chronological Bible Course* in time for CMO 2006 next year.
- Pray that God would bring us more Bible students.
- Pray that God would bless the Bible studies we currently have.

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It was Christmas morning, 1983. The scent of a Christmas roast, telltale of a delicious dinner to come, wafted through the house. Voices laughed and rang out with expressions of delight. Paper was



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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



Timothy and Sergiy (left)
join us for a Bible study at
the Steele home.

Discipleship

Please continue to pray for the young men with whom we are studying the Bible. Timothy, Andriy, Vitya, and Sergiy have all publicly professed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their only Savior. They are growing in Him and continuing to study the Word of God with us. Another of our students, Igor, is still with us, but to our knowledge he is not yet a believer. Because he lives so far away, it has been difficult to meet with him consistently. However, it is evident that God is still working in his life. After we returned from nearly two months in Poland, Igor came to our house before we even had the chance to contact him! He was glad to see us home and affirmed that he still wants to continue reading the Bible together. Please pray that God would soon lead him to salvation in Christ.



Joshua and Alexander
practice timings for the
LOTW sound track.

*The Light of the World Film Project

Rehearsals are moving forward as we prepare to record the soundtrack for *The Light of the World* here in L'viv. Our main narrator is Alexander Lomilkin. Female voices (such as Mary) will be played by Natalya Lipska. Please pray for these individuals as they prepare for recording day. Also, pray that we will be able to complete the recording during the month of November. This film will be a key part of the outreach next year in the Carpathian Mountains. We feel that it has great potential in winning Ukrainians to Christ.

**The Light of the World* film is produced by Chick Publications. For more information, please visit their website: www.chick.com



Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2006

Preparations are continuing for CMO 2006. We now have two approved applicants who are making their plans to come to Ukraine next summer, and many more applications pending. Kurt Hein, from Austin, Texas, will be spending about two months serving on our team in the Carpathians. Kurt was one of the trainees in Thailand and has proven himself a faithful and dependable missionary. Matthew Ballmann, from Kopperl, Texas, will also be ministering with us. Matthew is a chalk artist and we are excited about putting his talents to work winning souls in Ukraine! Please pray for these men as they prepare to join us for this exciting endeavor.



Abigail Hope Steele

We are very pleased to be the first to introduce you to the newest member of the Steele family: Abigail Hope. Abigail was born on Sunday, September 25th at about 1:30pm, Polish time. She weighed 6lbs 15oz at birth and was about 22in long. This little gift from God is the joy of our lives. We are thrilled beyond words that He has entrusted to our care one of His heritage, and we beg His wisdom to train her up in the ways of the Lord. Please continue to pray for us as we begin this exciting new step in our lives. To God be the Glory!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



► New Website Addition!

Visit our home page and click on "Pray for Missionaries." Here you will find information and prayer requests for various missionaries who are serving overseas to bring the Gospel to the lost. Check it out and learn how you can pray for these men, women and families who have made great personal sacrifices in order to obey the call of Christ: "Go ye into all the world..."

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THE WORD OF GOD...

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ing around also laughed at us. One, when offered a Gospel tract, told us to take it to the toilet where it could be put to good use.

As a relatively new believer with not much experience in witnessing, I think Timothy was rather taken aback by this unusually strong opposition. However, God works all things together for good. As we moved on to a new spot, I had the opportunity to explain to Timothy that Christ warned us of those who would

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BABY BROADCAST

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littered everywhere and children ran in all directions. Lights on the tree twinkled merrily as one of the older kids, deemed "Elf", selected packages from underneath and parceled them out to their various recipients. The scene must've been an absorbing one to a little 18 month-old girl sitting nearby. Soon someone handed this tiny observer a package and said, "Here Kelsie, this one's for you."

Mom and Dad helped to tear off the Christmas paper and open the box. Inside was a tiny little baby doll, with a soft pink flannel dress and bonnet. Two small hands instantly picked up the little doll, and two chubby arms wrapped themselves tightly around it. Oblivious to a stack of presents still waiting for her, the delighted little one turned around and toddled off with her new treasure. She had got what she wanted.

That was the beginning of my journey towards motherhood. New dolls replaced older ones. They were

as realistic and life size as possible, and were dressed in the best baby clothes and diapers that "mommy" could get her hands on. My dolls went with me everywhere. I remember pushing them along at the grocery store in my own little plastic cart, or taking them on family excursions to the beach. I even sneaked them off to school with me on a few occasions. Hardly a day of my childhood passed that I did not spend hours playing with my babies or dreaming of the day when I would be a mother. I was well into my teens when I finally packed my dolls carefully away to be stored in the attic.

Twenty-two years have passed since that monumental Christmas, and I now find myself enjoying a gift of far greater worth and importance. Abigail Hope Steele arrived safely in this world on September 25th, at 1:30 in the afternoon. Ever since then I have felt a new purpose and fulfillment. As I bathe little Abby, change her, or get up with her in the night, I



realize that I am living my lifelong dream. I am a mother, and I feel that it's the best job in the world.

Joshua and I thank God that our precious little Abigail is growing and healthy. She delights us daily with her bright eyes and cute little smiles. We are looking forward to bringing her home to America in just a few weeks to meet the rest of her family.

We are so grateful to each of you who prayed for our stay in Poland, for Abby's safe arrival and the arranging of her documents. We have also benefitted from the beautiful baby clothes and gifts that so many of you sent over. Thank you! ♦

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mock and revile us for His sake. "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." (John 15:18-19)

Timothy and I moved on until finally we came to the center of town. There we simply focused on distributing the tracts we had left in our sack. As we did so, I noticed a man walk up and begin speaking with Timothy. They were several meters away from me and thus I couldn't hear what was being said. After a couple of minutes, Timothy brought the man over to me. His name was Vadim and he said that he needed a Bible. What a contrast to the episode we had experienced only a few minutes ago! I explained that we have a Bible correspondence course which he could receive for free. If he completed four lessons, he would receive a Bible in the mail. He eagerly gave us his address and asked to be signed up. He went on to say that he was happy to study the Bible because he had been praying a lot of late, and felt that "something was missing in his life."

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Sometimes I wish I could report that people in Ukraine receive us with open arms, eager to hear the Gospel. But very often, that is not the reality we face here. Many of the people with whom we share Christ will reject us as a sect. Others will simply mock. But here and there, God brings us into contact with those who are open to His Word. And it is His Word that is transforming their

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD *Screen Shots*



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lives.

We have seen it happen time and again: a person begins to simply read the Bible with us and ask questions. In time, their skepticism is replaced with genuine curiosity about God and His Word. Then, as faith begins to grow in their heart, they come to see the awesome sacrifice that Jesus made for them.

We rejoice that God has given us the task of representing His Kingdom in this land. And although opposition is strong, we are moving forward. As many of you have read in our recent newsletters, preparations for Carpathian Mountain Outreach are in full swing. Lord willing, we will be showing *The Light of the World* film in many villages throughout the Carpathians. Along with that, we will be distributing thousands of invitations for Ukrainians to receive our new chronological Bible study course, which is due for completion early next year.

Two CMO applicants have already been approved to join our team in 2006, and many more applications are pending. In addition, it is our hope that some of our Ukrainian Bible students, like Timothy and Sergiy, will be able to join us as we spread the Gospel in the Carpathians.

We are very grateful for those of you who pray for us and the ministry God has given us. God is answering your prayers, and we are excited about the new doors that are opening here. Please continue to pray that God will pour out His Spirit on this land, and that the seeds we are sowing will take root, bringing forth a hundred fold.

To God be the Glory