

# OVERSEAS FIELD REPORT

*A publication dedicated to making known the ways in which God is showing Himself strong on the behalf of those who serve Him.*

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## The Bible at Work

*Kelsie grades Bible lessons and enters new students into the computer. At present we have over 200 students enrolled.*

“Recently I mailed you my second lesson. ... I decided that I didn’t want to wait so long this time for the next one, so I photocopied lesson 3 from my friend. ... Please excuse me if I did something wrong... I won’t give the lesson to anyone else, but will return it to you with the answers. I’m waiting anxiously to receive lesson 4.”

This is an excerpt from one of the many letters we receive every week from our Bible students here in Ukraine. The above student, a lady named Katrina, wrote us a different letter before

this one, politely expressing her frustration at having to wait so long to receive her lessons. (The normal turn-around time is three weeks.) In that letter she said, “I hope that God will send you more responsible people who can fulfill their work (grading lessons and sending them out) for God...” We hope so too! As usual, laborers are few.

When Kelsie and I returned in early January from the United States, our translator Yura handed over all the course files and materials to us. (He kept the course going in our absence.) Normally

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### How YOU Can Pray...

- Pray that God would raise up men to serve with us during CMO 2007.
- Pray that God would continue to bless and expand our Bible Correspondence School. Also pray that we would be able to keep up with the work load.
- Pray that we would be able to complete the editing and graphical work on Good & Evil soon.
- Praise the Lord for a wonderful, restful trip to the US for the Steeles!

### WEBSITE UPDATED!

*Check out the changes, including new pictures at:*

**[www.OFReport.com](http://www.OFReport.com)**



### STEELE FAMILY Update

The Steeles are doing well! God has blessed our family in many ways and we felt it would be appropriate to share with you a few of the things that

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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



### Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2007

While CMO 2007 doesn't officially begin until May, the application process for new team members is in full swing. We are asking all young men who wish to participate in CMO to submit their applications by March 25th. We need to know as soon as possible how many men will be coming so that we can prepare housing, literature, etc. So, if you are planning to join us for CMO, please send in your application as soon as possible. If you do not yet have an application, you may download it from our website ([www.euroteamoutreach.org/cmo2007](http://www.euroteamoutreach.org/cmo2007)) or request a copy from our main office by writing to: Euro Team Outreach, 16723 Britford, Houston, TX 77084. Please continue to pray for this ministry. We are excited about the advancement of the Gospel in the Carpathians and throughout Ukraine this summer.



### Bible Correspondence School

Our Bible Correspondence School is growing almost faster than we can keep up with. We are very grateful to now be sending lessons to over 200 students in L'viv, the Carpathians and throughout Ukraine. More lessons are in development and we are very pleased to see that they are being well received by the Ukrainians. We receive lots of letters from students as they return their lessons, and many talk about how they can't wait to get their next lesson. One lady even photocopied her friend's lesson because she didn't want to wait on hers! It is a great blessing to see the Word of God at work in people's lives. As the Scriptures say: *"The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple."* (Psalm 119:130)



Best friends spending an afternoon out ♥

### The Steele's Trip to the US

Sometimes we missionaries just need some time to step back from the firing line and feel some sanity. (When you live in Ukraine, even a trip to Wal-Mart can be an encouragement!) This winter, through the generosity of our home church, our family was able to make a trip home to the States. I cannot tell you what a blessing and a refreshment that trip was for us! We were able to visit both sets of parents, plus spend some great time with our church family at Fairpark Baptist. Having returned to the field, we feel a renewed enthusiasm as we tackle the many avenues of ministry which are before us. During our time in the States, we were also thrilled to take part in the CMO 2006 reunion. With the exception of Jessie, every single team member was present. What a blessing to recall the many ways the Lord blessed the advancement of the Gospel last summer. We are praying for an equally profitable outreach in 2007.



The CMO 2006 Reunion in Texas



### Good & Evil - The Illustrated Bible

We are pleased to report that we have now completed our Ukrainian translation of *Good & Evil*, the illustrated Bible by Michael Pearl. We are currently in the process of editing the translation (weeding out typo's and such), after which we will need to place the Ukrainian text in the various speech bubbles throughout the book. We feel that *Good & Evil* will be an exciting and very effective tool in winning Ukrainians to the Lord. To learn more about *Good & Evil*, please visit No Greater Joy's website at [www.nogreaterjoy.org](http://www.nogreaterjoy.org).

### The Steeles have a new Field Address!

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**STEELE FAMILY UPDATE**

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are happening.

Abigail is growing by leaps and bounds and is a continual delight to her parents. (Not to mention grandparents!) As of this writing she is about sixteen months old. She is walking quite well, and is learning more

weeks, once repairs are complete. (see page 2 for new contact info.)

During the Christmas holidays, God opened the door for us to fly home to the States and visit both sides of our



***Helping Mommy is so much fun!***

family. What a refreshing time that was! In addition, it was a great opportunity for us to spend some time with the folks at our sending church, Fairpark Baptist.

We have also made some much needed updates to our website. We invite you to log on and check them out. (Especially the new picture section!) ☺



***Abigail Hope is now about 16 months old, and is a delight to our souls! She loves to march around the house with her favorite toy (a spatula!) and bang on whatever items are in range.***

and more how to communicate through simple words and hand motions. She has recently learned how much fun it can be to help Mommy with chores. The broom and the vacuum cleaner are special favorites.

As our family grows, our need for more space has also grown. Thus we have rented a bigger apartment here in L'viv and hope to move in within a few

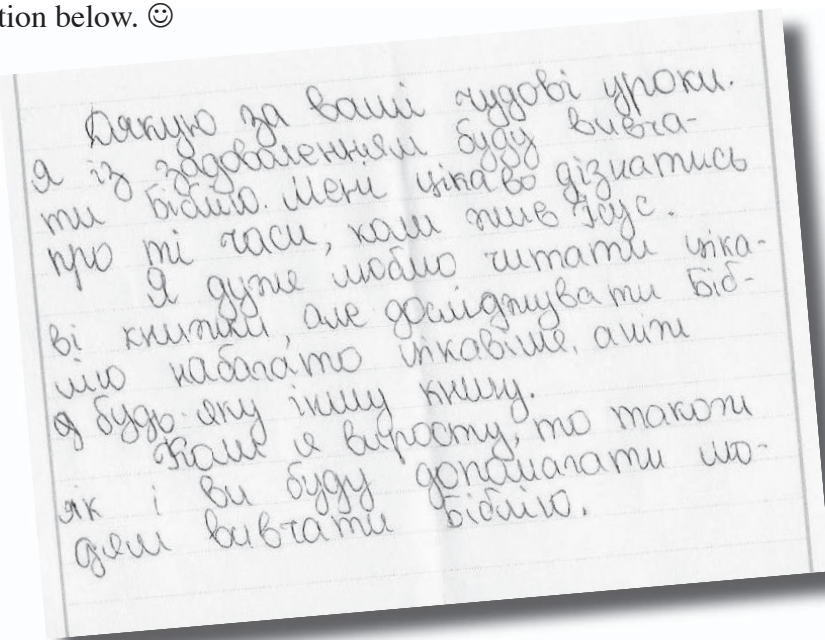


***We really enjoyed the privilege of visiting our families in the US. The above photo was taken with Joshua's immediate family in Texas.***

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## A letter from one of our Bible students...

We received this letter from a young girl named Marta. She included it along with her first completed lesson. For those of you who may not yet read Ukrainian well, we have included the English translation below. ☺



*Thank you for your wonderful lessons. I will study the Bible with pleasure. I am interested to learn about the times when Jesus lived. I really like reading interesting books, but studying the Bible is much more interesting than any other book. When I grow up, I will also help people study the Bible like you do.*

—Marta

### THE BIBLE AT WORK (continued from page 1)

this is Nathan Day's responsibility, but as he is in the States, we will manage the course until he returns. We have both been amazed at the volume of mail we get in connection with the course. Completed lessons, letters with Bible questions, and new requests for enrollment fill our PO Box every

week. Far from being apathetic, we have found that many of our students are quite enthusiastic about studying the Bible further. (Some are even impatient!) Recently, I spent a couple of hours on the computer answering a student named Oleg who had questions about the Trinity. He wrote us a three-page letter asking us to explain how Jesus could be one

with the Father and yet still pray to Him while He was on earth. He was very sincere, and it was evident that he had studied the issue out well. Arguing with JW's who deny the Trinity is frustrating at best. In contrast, it is a great pleasure to open the Word of God and explain its truth to people like Oleg who are genuinely seeking.

In previous newsletters, we have shared with you how the average Ukrainian on the street responds to the Gospel - with coldness and indifference. However, the people who are enrolled in our Bible course have chosen of their own initiative to study the Bible. As they progress from one lesson to the next, we are thrilled to see their eyes opened by the power of God's Word. Truly the Bible does the greatest missionary work of all. We have watched time and again with delight and amazement as the Lord opens the hearts of sinners through the power of the Scriptures. We are committed to doing all we can to further that effort and to get solid Bible teaching into the hands of people all across Ukraine.

Please continue to pray for this effort. Pray also that God would send us more laborers. We have more work here than we can keep up with, and there are still thousands who are waiting to hear the Gospel. Thank you for interceding on our behalf as we continue to move forward.

*To God be the Glory*

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