

# OVERSEAS FIELD REPORT

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## Headed for the Harvest

*Meet the men of CMO 2008. From the left: Andrew Wissmann, Micah Nelson, and Matthew Day.*

When Jesus looked out across the harvest fields of this world, He told the disciples to pray for laborers. More than anything else, that is what is needed on the mission fields of our day - true, born-again ambassadors of Christ who will take the message of the Gospel to those who have never heard.

We are very pleased to report that God is answering our prayers for laborers and is raising up men to assist us this summer here in Western Ukraine. So far, three young men have registered for CMO and will be joining our team in June.

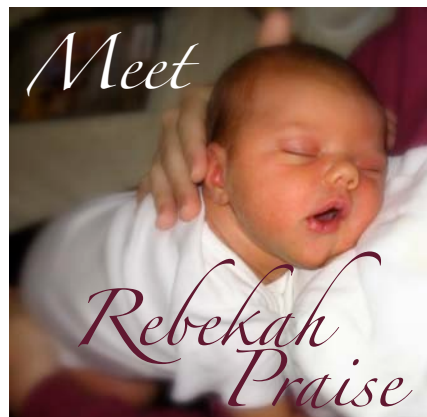
**Andrew Wissmann** is sent out of Millard Alliance Church in Nebraska. Andrew is 19 years old, and will be with us for the months of June and July. **Micah Nelson** is also sent

out of Millard Alliance Church. Micah is 17 years old, and will be serving with us for the months of June, July and August. **Matthew Day** is sent out of Spring Valley Church in Colorado. Matthew is 17 years old and will be serving with us for the months of June and July.

In some ways, CMO 2008 will simply be a continuation of the same types of ministries that we have done for the past two years. We will show films in mountain villages, preach the Gospel on the streets, and distribute tracts and booklets by the tens of thousands. But this year, we are excited to see the beginning of something new.

### Meet CBC Admin

For the past year or so, we have been using a web-based tracking  
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*Meet*  
*Rebekah Praise*  
8 lbs. 5 oz. - 21½ inches  
Born January 17, 2008

We are very pleased to announce the arrival of our newest family member: Rebekah Praise. She was born here in L'viv, and the entire birth was a very positive experience. Kelsie was in labor only about 5-6 hours. She and the baby are doing  
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## Faith Cometh...



*Two of the ladies from ABS (Olya and Volodymyra) with Nathan and Joshua.*

A couple of weeks ago, Olya (pictured above in green) came up to me after an Audio Bible Study (ABS) session with a question. She wanted to know what exactly we  
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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



## The Light of the World DVD

We have the disc in hand! Just a couple of weeks ago, we received our first copy of the fully Ukrainian version of *The Light of the World* film from Chick Publications. We are very excited to see this project coming to fruition, and look forward to continuing to use this film in our ministry. We should be receiving a large shipment of these DVD's from Chick in the near future. If you would like to receive a copy of this film in Ukrainian, please contact us for more information.



## Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2008

CMO 2008 is drawing ever closer, and we are working hard to make sure we're ready. We are pleased to report that we now have three men who have signed up for the project. Matthew Day, Micah Nelson, and Andrew Wissmann will all be arriving in Ukraine in the early days of June to assist us in spreading the Gospel in the Carpathian Mountains and other parts of Western Ukraine. Since November, there have been over 120 Application and Info Pack downloads from our web site. Other young men have contacted us to say that they are interested in joining us for CMO 2008 and are preparing their documents. We are excited to see the Lord raising up laborers for this outreach! If you are interested in joining us for CMO this year, we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. Remember that the registration deadline is April 1st. For more info, visit our web site: [www.euroteamoutreach.org/cmo](http://www.euroteamoutreach.org/cmo)



## Good and Evil

Well, we're getting ever closer, but haven't gone to press just yet. When proofing a project as big as *Good and Evil*, it seems that errors just keep popping up! We are now proof-reading the book for the third - and hopefully final - time. Corrections are sent to our translator, who will then send them back to us. After this, we'll take them all to our graphics designer so that he can put them into the digital version. We have made all the arrangements for the printing of G&E in Kiev, and hope to begin this phase very soon. Please continue to pray for the success of this project. We look forward to using *Good and Evil* extensively during CMO 2008. If you would be interested in purchasing copies of *Good and Evil* in Ukrainian, please see our web site: [www.euroteamoutreach.org/good-and-evil](http://www.euroteamoutreach.org/good-and-evil)



## Chronological Bible Course (CBC)

Our Bible course roster continues to grow. We now have over 380 students enrolled. Praise the Lord! That's more than 380 people who have voluntarily mailed us a request for Bible study materials, and many of them are actively studying the Scriptures. Recently, we decided to send out a reminder letter to all our inactive students - ones who have not sent us anything for an extended period of time. We are pleased to report that many of them are responding to the reminder positively and are again studying the course. Please continue to pray for this course, for the development of new lessons, and for the salvation and growth of the students. For more information and updates on the CBC, please visit our web site: [www.euroteamoutreach.org/cbc](http://www.euroteamoutreach.org/cbc)

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### MEET REBEKAH PRAISE

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great!

We were VERY impressed by the medical staff, especially our birthing doctor, Tamara. Tamara is a believer and an accomplished medical professional. In fact, when Kels and I first arrived in the delivery room, the first thing Tamara wanted to do was pray with us. The three of us stood around in a circle and asked the Lord's blessing on Kelsie and the baby. Tamara's son, Pavlo, has done extensive translation work for our ministry, especially with the *Good and Evil* project.

Although we originally had some concerns about the prospect of

giving birth in Ukraine, God was gracious to guide and protect us from start to finish. The hospital facilities were clean, completely adequate, and perhaps most importantly, the staff were kind, professional and very accommodating. I was able to be at Kelsie's side the entire time - something which is still rare here in Ukraine.

Some of you may recall that when Abby was born, Kels had been in labor for 36 hours straight. Although there were no complications as such, Kels and I were both utterly



exhausted when the ordeal was over. We prayed on numerous occasions that God would give us a quick labor with Rebekah. We are so grateful to Him for His mercy and faithfulness in answering those prayers.

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meant by "believing in Jesus for salvation." She said that she had heard on numerous occasions that salvation is by faith alone, but was still confused as to what this meant. I again explained what salvation was, and that one could only find peace with God by ceasing to trust in one's own works (repentance FROM dead works) and beginning to trust solely in the finished work of Christ (repentance TOWARDS God.) As I went through a few different points, it was like a light came on for Olya. Once again, I had the privilege of seeing someone realize - perhaps for the first time - that Jesus did it all! The door is open. All we need to do is come.

To confirm that she had indeed understood, I asked her, "Olya, do you believe that Jesus died for you and that His sacrifice is ALL that is necessary to save you?" She affirmed that she did. I then asked, "Olya, have you ever thanked God

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### How YOU Can Pray

- Pray for the CMO 2008 project: that God would empower us to preach the Gospel effectively, that we would not encounter opposition from the gov't, priests, etc., that Ukrainians would believe on Jesus.
- Pray for the young men who will be joining us for CMO 2008.
- Pray for God's continued blessing on our Audio Bible Studies (ABS). Pray that more people would begin attending these studies.
- Praise the Lord for the safe arrival of our daughter, Rebekah Praise!
- Pray for the Beal family as they continue to travel in the US and present the ministry.
- Pray for salvation and spiritual growth for our Bible students. There are now over 380 enrolled.
- Pray for those CBC students whom we will visit this year during CMO, that through them God would raise up indigenous churches in Ukraine.

Get updated prayer requests on our blog!

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system, called CBC Admin, to manage all the data for our correspondence Bible course. Every student who enrolls in the course is added to CBC Admin, which tracks everything from contact information to grades to statistics. One of the more interesting and useful features of this program is the ability to run queries which can show pockets of students located in various geographical areas.

As our student base increases, we have noticed such pockets growing in several areas where we have ministered over past years.

### The Seeds of a Church

One of the first villages we visited in 2006 is called Tukhlya. Located about three hours south of L'viv, Tukhlya was the site of our largest film showing to date. About 300 people viewed *The Light of the World* film and heard the Gospel

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### Ministry News, etc.

February 5, 2008 | Posted by: Joshua

The past couple of days have been busy. In addition to the adjustment of having a new baby in the house, the rest of life's ministry must go on. One of our highest priorities right now is Good and Evil. Many of you know, we have been working on this for quite some time, and I think we are finally on the home stretch to print it. We have had the completed translation for a while now, but there seems to be an endless string of typos, design issues, skipped text, and even translation problems that have delayed the final print. Nathan and I are reading through Good and Evil one last time, phrase-by-phrase, comparing the Ukrainian and English versions.

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for sending His Son to pay your sin debt and save you?" She said she had never thought of that before, so together, we sat down and thanked God in prayer that He sent Jesus to take away our sins. Olya left that night full of joy. She told us how much she wants to get involved in ministry and do something for the Lord. I assured her that this wouldn't be a problem - there's always lots to do in God's kingdom!

Please pray for Olya. As a new believer coming from a very Catho-

lic background, she still has lots to learn. But her heart is tender, and she has made that most important of all human decisions: to rest completely in the finished work of her Savior. We rejoice to see how God brought this woman to Himself through the teaching of His Word, and we count it a privilege that we can continue teaching and proclaiming the Gospel of Christ to the Ukrainian people.

**"SO THEN FAITH COMETH  
BY HEARING, AND HEARING  
BY THE WORD OF GOD."**

ROMANS 10:17

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preached. Tukhlya is also home to one of our most advanced CBC students, a man named Ivan. Not only has Ivan shown himself very faithful in studying through the course, he has also signed up other students in his area. At present, we have five people in Tukhlya who are studying the Bible: three men, two women. We have never met these people face to face, but during CMO 2008 we plan to change that.

There are several areas which, like Tukhlya, are home to groups of our Bible students. This summer, in addition to reaching new towns with the Gospel, we are planning to begin visiting our students in the areas where we have ministered previously to see if we can take the relationship to the next level. It is our prayer that, as the Lord leads, these students will be the beginnings of churches across Western Ukraine.

It is not my place to predict how and where God will raise up indigent churches in Ukraine. I am only a messenger. But the message we carry is powerful, it is wonderful, and it transforms lost sinners into overcoming saints. (Romans 1:16) As we are faithful to preach Christ to the lost and disciple the saved, God will build His church for His glory.

Please remember to pray for our ministry this year, and especially for the Bible students whom we plan to visit over the summer. We are optimistic that the Lord will open doors and that men and women will be saved as they receive the living Word of God.

*To God be the Glory*

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