

# OVERSEAS FIELD REPORT



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Jonathan Steele preaches the Gospel in L'viv, Ukraine while Joshua translates.

Nathan and I approached the designated meeting point in central L'viv, prepared for another afternoon of tract distribution. Sergiy, one of our Bible students, had invited us to help him hand out tracts at a publisher's forum where he expected lots of students to congregate. While literature distribution is something rather routine for our team, today was unique in that Sergiy had been the initiator of this outreach. He arranged it, invited us, and even provided the tracts, which he had written and printed himself.

We met Sergiy at the agreed

upon time, and divided up the literature. Judging by the amount of people and the relatively small quantity of tracts, I didn't expect to be out very long. Little did we know that this day would soon prove to be unique in another, much less pleasant way.

The three of us split up, each taking a different area around the forum. Sergiy actually went inside the forum while Nathan and I stationed ourselves on opposite sides of the street, about 100 meters apart.

I had been handing out literature for about 20 minutes or so when my cell phone rang. It was

## How YOU Can Pray...

- Pray for God's blessing on our upcoming missions project, Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2007.
- Pray that God would raise up men to serve with us during CMO 2007.
- Praise the Lord for over 180 students enrolled in our Bible correspondence course!
- Pray that God would continue to bless the development and printing of our Chronological Bible Course.
- Pray that we would be able to complete the Ukrainian translation of Good and Evil soon. (see pg. 2)

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Nathan. "Hey Josh, could you come down here? I think we have a problem." I could tell from the tone of his voice that I needed to move quickly. Walking down the street in his direction, I could see in the distance that he was talking to two men. As I got closer, I could hear the tone of their voices, and my first impression was that we were just dealing with some typical hecklers. This soon proved to be a bad underestimation of the situation.

"Is there a problem here?" I asked calmly, trying to defuse the

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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



### Chronological Bible Course

We are very excited to see God's blessing on our ministry as more and more students enroll in our Chronological Bible Course. When CMO 2006 ended on September 1st, we had around 150 students. We now have 180, and new requests are still coming in. Praise the Lord! Over the past two months, we have spent the majority of our time on further development of the Chronological Bible Course. We now have six lessons in print and more in the works. Nathan Day is doing an outstanding job of sending out new lessons and also grading the ones completed by our students. Please pray that God will continue to bless this ministry and that we will be able to keep up with the demand.



### Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2007

We are pleased to announce that registration is now officially open for CMO 2007! We were thrilled to see the way that the Lord blessed last year's project (CMO 2006) and we are equally excited to see His plans unfold for the upcoming summer. As usual, our main prayer request for CMO is that the Lord would send laborers into His harvest. Pray that God would raise up men to answer the call and go forward with the Gospel. If you would like to learn more about Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2007, please visit us online at:

► [www.euroteamoutreach.org/cmo2007](http://www.euroteamoutreach.org/cmo2007)



### The Light of the World Film Project

\**The Light of the World* presents a chronological tour of the Bible, taking viewers from the creation account in Genesis all the way through the life of Christ. We used this film extensively during CMO 2006 and plan to do so again this coming summer. We were very grateful to learn recently that someone has donated enough money to complete the production of a complete Ukrainian DVD. This is a big answer to prayer and will assist us greatly in the ministry! We are currently making final revisions to the translation of the script. Once this is complete, we will rerecord the sound track. Lord willing, we hope to have the entire DVD ready this year. Thank you for your prayers for this exciting ministry project!



### Discipleship

Our Bible study in the Carpathian town of Skoleh is continuing. Although we were forced to slow down last summer due to schedule conflicts, we are pleased to see things picking up again. Sergiy, one of our students and the initiator of the ministry in Skoleh, is growing in the Lord and has proven himself to be a faithful man of God. He has recently written and published his own Gospel tract. Please continue to pray for Timothy Koval as well. He was drafted into the army this year, and it appears he will be serving for three years. Timothy has continued in the faith and is standing firm in Christ. Both Timothy and Sergiy were baptized this year during CMO.



### Good and Evil - The Illustrated Bible Project

*Good and Evil* is a storybook companion to the Bible which illustrates in comic-form the main events found in Scripture. We plan to integrate this exciting tool into our Chronological Bible Course. New students will be made aware of it upon enrolling in our course, and if they complete a certain number of lessons, they will receive a free copy. At present, we have completed about 75% of the Ukrainian translation of *Good and Evil*. We appreciate your continued prayers for this project. If you are a foreign missionary and would like to translate *Good and Evil* for use in your ministry, please contact Michael Pearl at:

► [www.nogreaterjoy.org](http://www.nogreaterjoy.org)

\**The Light of the World* film is produced by Chick Publications. For more information, please visit their website: [www.chick.com](http://www.chick.com).

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***We appreciate your continued prayers for this upcoming outreach!***



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situation. The man who appeared to be the initiator responded antagonistically, "Yes, there is a problem." I tried for a couple of minutes to break up the confrontation explaining that we were just handing out literature and meant no offense. I could tell the men had been drinking, and I was hoping they would soon lose interest and go away.

Then, without warning, the man who had been talking with Nathan elbowed him hard in the stomach. I immediately landed a punch to the man's left temple and the fight was on. The first man turned his attention to me and shoved me against a wall. As I struggled to get free, the second man began advancing towards us to assist his friend. Unfortunately for him, he forgot about Nathan and walked right in front of him. Nathan hit him hard in the head

and they were soon locked in their own struggle.

Both these guys were considerably bigger than we were. Thankfully, I spotted some policemen and called for help. The police broke up the fight and began trying to determine who had been the aggressor. This question was not difficult to ascertain since, when the police arrived, both Nathan and I were pinned down, and tracts were scattered all over the pavement. Some of them even had blood on them.

We were all driven to the local police station where we gave an official account of our struggle and signed a few documents. Within an hour, we were back on the street, passing out the rest of our tracts.

Persecution here in Ukraine doesn't usually come in such blatant forms, but it is often just as vicious. The story we have related is unusual, but is nonetheless an

accurate example of the general attitude many take towards the preaching of the Gospel. Far from being received with open arms, we are often called "followers of a sect," much like the apostles were in the early church. Repentance towards God, reconciliation to Him, and deliverance from hell are not popular topics. But we do not serve here because our message is popular. We serve here in response to the command of our King to "teach all nations." (Matt. 28:19)

In spite of the opposition, we rejoice to report that there are those who are turning to Christ. Over 180 students are currently enrolled in our Bible course, and more responses are still coming in. We appreciate your continued intercession on our behalf as we proclaim Christ in Ukraine.

*To God be the Glory*

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