

OVERSEAS FIELD REPORT

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FROM DISTANCE LEARNING...



Joshua teaches through chapter 1 of the Gospel of John at our first Audio Bible Study session.

How do you start a Bible study if you can't get anyone to attend? What if you start one, and after two or three meetings, people stop coming? You turn on your MP3 recorder and do it anyway! That is the approach we have taken with our new Audio Bible Study (ABS) sessions and we are very excited about what God is doing. We held

our first ABS session on October 11, and were very blessed to see eight Ukrainians show up! Most of these are people who have previously enrolled in our Chronological Bible Course. Before I go on, let me back up and explain how this new ministry came into being.

For several years now, we have been building a Bible corre-

spondence school here in Ukraine. As of this writing, we have 364 students enrolled. These students are studying through the Bible in chronological format and are being introduced to the Savior through various Old Testament examples and types. While this is a great starting point, one hopes someday to make the transition

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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



Audio Bible Studies (ABS)

Our Audio Bible Studies officially began on October 11. Every week, Ukrainians are coming to our Ministry Center to hear the teaching of God's Word. We have started in the Gospel of John and are teaching through it verse by verse. Every session is recorded, and is later made available on CD. We will also make these studies available on our Ukrainian website in MP3 format. Please pray for this exciting new ministry as we strive to teach the Bible in Ukraine.



Carpathian Mountain Outreach 2008

Preparations are continuing for next year's project, CMO 2008. 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 those 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 visit our website for more information about CMO 2008. If you are interested in participating in CMO 2008, we encourage you to contact us right away.

► www.euroteamoutreach.org/cmo



The Beal Family in the U.S.

Please remember to pray for the Beal family as they are currently traveling in America. They have not been to the United States for many years, and felt that this would be a good opportunity to report to their supporting churches. The Beals are valuable members of our team here in Ukraine, and their absence is felt in many areas of the ministry. As they travel, they are also presenting CMO 2008 and appealing to young men to join our team this summer. They will be returning to Ukraine in early May 2008. If you are interested in having the Beal family present this ministry in your church, please contact Jessie directly:

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Chronological Bible Course (CBC)

We are very pleased to report that the first phase of our Chronological Bible Course is now complete! This phase contains ten lessons, and takes the student from Creation up through the Flood and the Tower of Babel. Phase II will begin with Abraham. We now have well over 350 students enrolled in this course, and more requests continue to come on a regular basis. Please remember this very foundational ministry in your prayers. We are excited to see Ukrainians studying the Word of God in their own language.

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from a correspondence-based relationship to something a little more personal. But how is this accomplished?

Several months ago, we decided to begin holding Bible studies and recording them in audio format. These studies would then be made available to all the students in our Bible school or to anyone else who might want them. We could, for example, mail one of our Bible teaching CD's to all of our students along with a questionnaire. If they wanted to get the next CD in the series, all they would have to do is fill out the questionnaire and send it back. Using this method would allow us to reach people with the audible teaching of God's Word who might never come to a live session. For others, it might bridge the gap between distance

learning and direct contact.

In preparation for this step, we rented another apartment in L'viv to be our "Ministry Center." We set up chairs, a podium, and gathered the necessary recording equipment. This done, we mailed an invitation to all of the students we have in L'viv (about 250 people) which basically said: *"Our ministry will soon begin recording Bible lessons in audio format. Because you are enrolled in our Chronological Bible Course, we would like to extend to you an invitation to attend these sessions live."*

As I said earlier, our first recording session was held at the Ministry Center on October 11. We actually didn't think anyone would come for a while, at least until they had heard some of the CD's. We were overjoyed to see eight people come the first night!

We have held weekly ABS sessions since that time, and each week there are Ukrainians coming to listen to the teaching of God's Word. We have started in the Gospel of John and are teaching through it verse by verse. Every session is recorded, and is later made available on CD. Soon the lessons will be made available in MP3 format on our Ukrainian website.

As an example of how beneficial this approach can be, we have one lady, named Olya, who has at-

How YOU Can Pray...

- Pray that God would continue to bless the ABS ministry. Pray that many Ukrainians would come and also that the CD's would be spread to others.
- Pray that God would raise up young men to serve with us this summer during CMO 2008.
- Pray that God would bless and protect the Beal family as they are currently in the US. (see pg. 2)
- Pray that God would continue to bless the development of the Chronological Bible Course. (see pg. 2)

tended since the very beginning of ABS. When she first came, she was very excited about what she heard and told us how much she looked forward to coming more. Unfortunately, her work schedule is such that she can only attend every other week. Now, when she comes to the ABS sessions, she can pick up a CD of the lesson she missed the previous week. Other students are taking copies of the CD's to share with their friends and family.

We are, of course, continuing our correspondence ministry, which is growing almost faster than we can keep up with. Now, through ABS, God is opening the door for us to make more personal contact with our students. Please pray for this exciting new ministry as we point Ukrainians to Jesus Christ.

To God be the Glory



Sometimes Abby comes to ABS with Mommy, and practices sitting quietly.