



UKRAINE REPORT BY JOSHUA STEELE

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A typical street in the center of L'viv, Ukraine

How YOU can pray...

- ▷ Pray that I will have the wisdom to master Ukrainian quickly.
- ▷ Pray that I will have true love and compassion for Ukrainians.
- ▷ Pray that I will be diligent in all that I do.
- ▷ Pray that God will use me and the others laboring in this field to win Ukrainians to Christ.

THE BEGINNING

The time was about 1:00pm, March 18th, 2001 as I walked off the plane at the Borispol airport in Kyiv, Ukraine. Here I experienced the fulfillment of a goal I have had for more than three years. Finally, after much prayer and preparation, God has brought me back to the country which He has called me to reach with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

As I exited customs, I was greeted by my good friend, Yura Popchenko, and his wife, Wendy. The weather in Kyiv was cold and wet as the three of us walked quickly to a taxi. We enjoyed a lively conversation as the taxi took us to Yura and Wendy's apartment.

That evening, I took an overnight train to the city of L'viv.

L'viv is located in western Ukraine and is not far from the Polish border. This will be my home for now and it is here that I plan to learn the Ukrainian language.

I wish I had the time to relate all that God has done on my behalf in bringing me here. I have seen one miraculous answer to prayer after another in preparing for this adventure.

Many of you reading this article have been very generous in giving financially to support me as I serve the Lord here. Thank you so much for caring about those who do not yet know Jesus as their Savior. Your kindness and generosity are helping me to bring the Gospel to those who have not heard.

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MEET A LABORER FROM THE FIELD



Jessie Beal, missionary in L'viv, Ukraine

Jessie Beal and his wife, Teresa, have been in Ukraine for about a year and a half. They were sent from First Bible Baptist of Rochester, New York. Jessie has a real vision for reaching the people who live out in country

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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.

"But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts."

THE BEGINNING

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Many people have asked me what my plans are for Ukraine. I can tell you in a general sense that I will learn the language and then win as many people to Christ as possible. However, if the miracles I saw during my preparation for this trip were any example of God's power, then I can only imagine what things He has in store for anyone who is willing to follow Him in every way.

I will continue to pray, seek the Lord, and follow Him as He leads me here in Ukraine. I have the utmost confidence that God has a great plan for reaching these people and I am thrilled that He has sent me here to be a part of it. ☺

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villages. Many of these people are very poor and have not yet heard of the salvation God has provided. Jessie plans to use L'viv as his home base from which to travel to different villages and bring the Gospel. I will be working closely with him in this effort. Jessie and Teresa have two children: Cassia (5) and Alexandria (1).

MIRACULOUS PROVISION

God is still in the business of supernaturally opening doors for those who serve Him. There is not room in this newsletter for me to recount all the cases just in the past six months where God has provided my needs in



YOU CAN REACH THE LOST!

God has recently opened the door for the printing of several thousand copies of this Gospel tract. You should have received a copy of it with this newsletter. As I am now serving in Ukraine, I am looking for people who are willing to distribute these tracts in the U.S. There is no cost for the tracts themselves, however I want to make sure they are used wisely. So, if you are interested in using this tract to spread the Gospel, please write out what your plan would be (such as door-to-door, at the mall, etc.) and how many tracts you would need. Send this information along with your name and address to Steele Creek Publications, 211 Old Steele Creek Ct., Azle, TX 76020. God bless you for caring about those who still need Jesus.

miraculous ways, but I will include a couple here. I hope this will encourage you to place all your trust in God.

CASE 1: Several months ago I asked God for the wisdom to write a Gospel tract. I wrote the tract but could not reasonably afford to have it printed. I kept it on my computer and brought my need before the Lord. On February 7th, 2001, I received an e-mail from the owner of a print shop who had seen my tract. He informed me that he would like to print 5,000 black and white copies FREE OF CHARGE. I can still remember going to the mailbox about a month later and carrying in over 50 pounds of answered prayer.

CASE 2: I made a commitment long ago that I would never ask other people for financial support for any ministry I do. I believe that if God wants to send me to the mission field, He can afford it. When I was in the U.S., I had

a job and worked to earn the money it would take to get me to

Ukraine. I prayed that God would provide the rest. One day I was talking with a home school mother, whom I had never before met, and answering some of her

questions on how to witness to the lost. She asked about my goals in life and I told her I was on my way to the mission field. She came back the next day and gave me a check for \$400.

This type of supernatural provision is how God brought me to Ukraine. It is a wonderful feeling to know that God is backing you up. Trust Him. He can open any door for those who seek Him first. ☺

So, what's it like to speak Ukrainian?

Vocabulary words

"Thank you"

Дякую (*dyakooyoo*)

"Please"

Вудь Ласка (*bood' laska*)

"Yes"

Так (*tak*)



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