

Kremenchuk, Ukraine Newsletter

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Greetings in the Lord!

Hello Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Hello to my children who are all in the Lord – praise God! Hello to everyone is a part of our ministry family. I greet all of you in the Lord and am so thankful that we can do this work of the Lord together!

To the USA and Back Again

I came to the US on July 14 and was in Fayetteville, TN for 3 weeks visiting, speaking and raising funds. It was wonderful to be with my overseeing congregation during this time and to visit many Churches there.

The next three weeks was spent mostly with family. My youngest daughter Janessa was married to Brandon Paul on August 13th in Grand Island, NE! All my children were present there together along with 22 of my brother, sisters and family members on my side of the family. I was so thankful that all of them came! I then went to Washington state where my oldest son Butch and family live for a week, back to NE for most of a week and then back to Ukraine. In all, I spoke to or visited with 14 congregations about work and needs here in Ukraine.

Some individuals made some commitments to assist this work on a monthly basis. Some congregations also gave us some hope, but I haven't heard anything specific about specific amounts, as of yet. As you know, we need to replace the \$400 a month that Bell Trust supported us that came to a close this month. Also we need extra funds to cover increasing costs, the fall of the dollar and extra out reach efforts. Could you please email me at doug_berry2001@yahoo.com when you decide how much you can support for this work as well as sending it to the Church at West Fayetteville? Thank you very much!

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I arrived back to Kremenchuk on August 31st and have been on the run ever since. My three co-workers Jared, James and Frankie did a good job of keeping things running while I was gone. I am very thankful for their efforts! We went to the first bell ceremonies at several schools on September 1st as all schools got started again. About a week later and for the next 2 weeks, we went to parents' meetings at Schools #5 and #11. It was our hope that this would be a positive way to tell parents about our

classes. It seemed to go well except that we haven't been able to invite students at #5 yet. We are not sure what the problem is. This last week we were able to invite students from School #11 and will start teaching there next week. We set up 6 classes. Also, we are working with a new English teacher at School #9 and will have 2 classes starting there next week.

A real blessing that God has brought to us is having Jared and Frankie teach at School #10, the English emphasis school. One of the English teachers is a Christian and she invited them to teach her English classes while she was gone from school for 2 weeks. They were able to use Bible Club materials to do this teaching and Lord willing will open many doors to many lives! They taught 5 10th and 11th grade classes.

Student Spotlight



Student Spotlight – Ura

Ura is 17 and a first year University student here in Kremenchuk. This May when we went and visited different schools, we met Ura at School #4 when he was in the 11th grade. He immediately started to coming to all our classes and church services with us. His interest was obvious and he really enjoyed being around us and our studies. James started starting with him, with a translator before we went to camp. I taught a class at camp about what we should do to become a Christian. Ura attended and was active in all of these classes. He also asked to study the Bible with me. On Monday of the second week he asked to be baptized so we called his Dad and his Dad said wait until he got back to Kremenchuk. Ura was obviously disappointed. On Friday, he said that he had talked to his Dad again (by mobile phone!) and was ready to be baptized. James baptized Ura into Christ in the Black Sea on Friday, July 8th! He has remained a strong and active Christian and is beginning to take part in many

aspects of worship leading. He is now bringing his younger brother, Aleg to our classes and activities as well!

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Ukraine Campaigns Summer 2006

I talked to many of you, all across the country, about coming and working with our summer campaigns in July of 2006. I know that several members of the West Fayetteville Church of Christ in Fayetteville, Tennessee are planning on coming and I truly hope that you will consider coming and working with us this summer as well. We are planning to hold a campaign in 2 cities outside of Kremenchuk. The first is in Komsomolsk where a small congregation is already in existence, which was started last year. The second is in Svetlovosk, a city where there is no Church of Christ. Both of these cities have about 100,000 people in them.

Date to arrive: Saturday, July 15

Date of 1st campaign in Komsomolsk: July 17-22

Date of 2nd campaign in Svetlovosk: July 18-30

Date of departure: Saturday, July 31

Costs:

Flight: (buy early, costs less!) \$1,200.00 (we will possibly try to coordinate all flights through one member of the Church who is a travel agent out of Florida that specializes in missionary trips)

Passport: \$75

Visa: (if required) \$100

Hotel for 2 weeks: \$375 (stay in homes - \$100)

Food for 2 weeks: \$300 (stay in homes - \$200)

Unexpected expenses & souvenirs: \$200

(Another possible cost might need to be assisting our young people that will work with us with at least food and transportation costs to and from these cities every day – they will also be your companions, translators, and guides.)

Total cost estimated high: \$2,250

Monday through Friday of each city campaign, we will hand out literature and invite people in each city. On Wednesday through Friday in the evenings we will have a lectureship or in American terminology, a Gospel Meeting. Saturdays will be a tour/shopping day and/or day off. The first Sunday will be a worship day and transition to the second city. The second Sunday we will also worship and prepare to leave. Monday the 31st you will fly out.

*If you think that you are interested in this at all, **start planning now!** We will have a tremendous task of coordinating everything that will go along with this. My*

first priority is to put you in homes of families here. This is best for the outreach to these families and for your cultural experience (besides it will cost you a lot less!) Please let me know and the West Fayetteville Church if you will come – the sooner the better!!

Black Sea Bible Camp was a big success!!



4 boys of our 15 kids that in the 5th-7th grades at camp

Things went well at camp again this year and we had 2 baptisms! But this will probably be our last year at the sea for awhile. We hope to hold a much larger camp near Kremenchuk this coming year and invite Churches of Christ from all over Ukraine to join us in our camp!

Prayer Requests

1. For continued open hearts to Christ's message.
2. For boldness to walk through God's open doors.
3. For the faithfulness of our new Christians and that they would be encouraged and strengthened every day.
4. For my children and family and for their health and well-being while I am away from them.
5. For Gregory in his work in the village and in the boy's prison and for Valeria in his work in the Church as well.
6. For Sasha as he preaches in the new Church of Christ in Komsomolsk and for the young church there.
7. For me to be the strong, faithful, loving leader, teacher, brother, and friend that I always need to be.
8. For several who are considering becoming Christians. Please pray that they would obey the Gospel and put Him on in Baptism and live faithfully to God.
9. Please pray for Ira, Nadia, James, Jared, Artem and others that have serious family health and spiritual needs.

“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.”

Ephesians 3:20