



UKRAINIAN MISSION WORK

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Thoughts on the Ukraine Mission Trip

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My thoughts on the Ukraine Mission Trip? There's not enough ink. This was my first time to be on the mission field. Getting me on the plane, leaving my family for two weeks, and leaving the country were not easy tasks, but with God all things are possible! Our team of six went to encourage and help those already working to further God's Kingdom and to see what more could be done in these areas. There are many great works going on in Ukraine and it was a pleasure to be a part of them.

The Pine Branch Children's Camp was a wonderful time of sharing with the children. I will never forget having a tea party with the five foster children, nor will I soon forget painting the toenails of the many little girls at the camp, most of whom had never worn toenail polish. Or helping them pick out a new pair of shoes to wear. There are so many things that we take for granted. I may not have know exactly what was going on in the minds of those sweet children, but it was life changing for me.

The Ladies retreat in Sumy was an awesome time of sharing and encouragement. What a blessing to see those ladies opening up to share what was in their hearts. Studying God's word and praying with them was amazing. Worshiping every night and singing His praises in Ukrainian and English was incredible. Two languages, a world apart, yet sharing a common love for the Father.

We then spent time passing out bibles in the parks in Sumy. Our translators were wonderful. When my translator, Tonya, was asked why I was there, she told the lady that I was there to smile while she talked. It was a great ice breaker and it lead to a lengthy discussion about what we were doing and more importantly, about the Bible.

Planting seeds for God — isn't that what we are called to do? Whether it is supporting the work through prayer, through our pocket book or by physically going into the field. God calls us, each in our own way, to spread his word. I never would have dreamed that one day I would be in the parks in Ukraine passing out bibles. I'm very much a homebody, but I felt the call that so many have felt before me, and my life will never be the same.



My Dad asked me what I thought of the trip. With tears running down my cheeks I told him, "There is so much to do and not enough workers!" I thank God for the work that has been done through the Ukraine Mission Work for the past 18 years. I see now why my grandparents and parents fell in love with this work. I hope to go back someday to help as I can. If that time never comes, I will cherish the time spent with my fellow Christians in Ukraine. My life has been forever changed. My prayer for this trip was that the Lord bless us with safety and success. He did both! May God bless this work, the lives it has touched and the many lives it will touch in the future.

WHAT CAN BE DONE?

This year's trip to Ukraine was planned with various purposes in mind. First, we were trying to investigate the possible open doors to share the word in villages in Ukraine. The majority of the evangelistic work has been in the large cities. What can be done and how can it be done were our questions. With our resources how should we be sharing the Word and encouraging the saints? We found some answers. We found great challenges.



The visit to the summer youth camp was available because of the connection with this ministry. In recent months we helped Jeremiah's Hope with funds to assist in a critical need. Due to Ukrainian law changes regarding the property upon which this ministry has been built, the work needed to satisfy obligations to protect the ownership of the property. We could help and did so.

Through the summer camp efforts families in several villages around the camp have a connection with this Christian ministry. The needs of these families is overwhelming. Basically workers are needed to work through the open doors being made through the youth camp ministry. The Sumy church was encouraged in several ways through our visit.

The women's retreat, the men's leadership session, the Bible distributions and the teaching sessions all contributed to lifting up the church. We learned lessons about Bible distribution. We learned that many still

do not have a Bible. Many were still not interested in having one while many took Bibles with an interest in having one. The church witnessed the outreach efforts that the team came to do. We left the church with the challenge to be prepared for any further contact with those who received Bibles.

We were able to make the church's presence known. More efforts will be needed to evangelize and contact others to help this church share the Good News.

The UMW board would like to thank Kay Talley, Sherry Jones, Sherri Dunson and LaVonne Farr for their special efforts with the women's retreat. Bro. Odell Farr shared some very helpful advice to the Sumy men and good teaching to the church.

What can be done is still a big question. We have a clearer view of the opportunities and the challenges that face us in spreading the Word in Ukraine today. Pray for us as we seek to evaluate and proceed with this good ministry.



IT IS CHANGE CAN TIME AGAIN!!

Can you believe it? Another year has passed since we began our collection of change for UMW. What a blessing last year's collection was to the support of our work. We cannot thank all the individuals and churches enough for the financial support you provide for us in carrying on the efforts in Ukraine.

Remember Your Change Can Make A Difference!

Quarterly Financial Report

April 1, 2011 – June 2011

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$ 11,837.75
Expenses:	
Secretary Salary	\$1,950.00
Gospel Tidings	\$245.00
Grady/Church building repair	\$3,000.00
Airfare/Travel expense/team of 6	\$11,283.00
Jeremiah's Hope	\$15,008.00
Sumy	\$700.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$32,186.36
CURRENT WORKING BALANCE:	\$80,866.48

Thanks for Your Continued Support!