



# THE BENGE BULLETIN Fall 2013

*In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.... Phil. 1:4-5*

**In this edition of the Benge Bulletin we wanted to give you a bird's eye glance of the various ways we seek to train and disciple leaders in Ukraine.**



**Teaching:** Jerry teaches different courses in a variety of places. He has opportunities to go to other cities in Ukraine and teach courses at local Bible colleges or churches. His primary focus, however, is at Kiev Theological Seminary where he teaches modular courses in Pastoral Ministry, Introduction to Pastoral Leadership, Biblical Counseling, Homiletics, and Exposition of the Psalms. (If you are not familiar with modular courses, read Jerry's latest blog on our website - [www.sendbenge.com](http://www.sendbenge.com))



*Students at Dinaytsi Bible College*

*Students at Kiev Theological Seminary*



**Hosting:** We host the students in our home for dinner four times a semester. It is a time that we can relax with them in an environment that makes it easy for them to share what is on their hearts. Our conversations are lively and encouraging as we get to hear what is going on in their lives, families, and church ministries.



*Family camp in Carpathian Mountains*

**Conferences:** These shorter times (usually a weekend or a few days) combine teaching with a time to get to know the people to whom the students minister. It's a time to support the men as they try to lead and feed their people in specialized areas of Christian growth. It's also a great time for us to experience more of the culture of Ukraine as we are immersed in language, food and cultural traditions.



*Volodia, Oksana and Zechariah from Ternopil*

### **Mentoring/ Encouraging Pastors and Their Wives:**

These men are not students of Jerry's, but we have developed relationships with them. We did premarital counseling with Slava and Val (pictured on the right) and are building relationships with other couples to encourage and support them in their ministries. We are just seeing the birth of what has been a great desire for us. We are looking forward to more traveling so that we can continue to connect with pastors all over the country.



**Working with our teammates** to support their ministries is important to us as well. We were involved with an international student retreat in the spring as an evangelistic outreach as SEND tries to birth an international church in Kiev on the other side of town. We hope to be able to attend some of the Friday night outreach times to get to know and share the love of Christ with these dear young people.



**English as a Second Language (ESL)** is one of the best ways to reach Ukrainians with the gospel. We had an average of 10 unbelieving professionals who came consistently every week to learn how to better speak and use the English language. After working hard to get to know them, we hope to show them the relevance of the Bible to their lives and be able to help them understand their great need of a savior.



*Jerry, Maddox, Addie and Lilly getting ready for Bible time*

**What's going on back home!** We have been blessed to be able to spend time with our family every year that we have been here in Ukraine (going on five). We truly thank God for their love and support and for their love for ministry.



*Joel and Rachel's wedding.  
Back row: Kellie, Rachel, Joel, Jerry  
Front row: Karissa, Maddox, Lilly, Addie, Michelle, Jeremy*

We are praising the Lord for another wonderful daughter-in-law added to our clan. Kellie was also able to spend a week with her parents in May. It was a good time of catching up and cherishing their relationships. Her parents continue to hope in the Lord as her dad's condition with MSA (Multiple Systems Atrophy) worsens.

**Praises: Thank the Lord with us that:**

- ◆ A great start to the school year with the Pastoral Ministry class.
- ◆ Translation and printing of two important resources: The Trellis and the Vine and the gospel tract, "Two Ways to Live" are nearing completion!

**Requests: Pray with us for:**

- ◆ We will be moving to a different apartment in November (grace and strength needed!)
- ◆ Wisdom to make wise decisions in ministry opportunities, especially traveling to see students
- ◆ Our extended family for wisdom and grace as we journey with Kellie's dad toward home (with Christ).
- ◆ Strength for Jerry as he teaches this fall (for more details, see his most recent blog on our website).

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