



THE BENGE BULLETIN FEB 2009

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

What In The World Is God Doing In Ukraine?

Praise Reports:

- Continued interest in our ministry from old and new contacts.
- Exciting vision meeting for Ukraine with our Ukraine director on February 1st.
- God's faithfulness in giving us the desire and the strength to do His will.

Prayer Requests:

- Health and strength to keep up our schedule and travel more in the next few months.
- Continued provision of support as God directs.
- Contact with our Ukrainian friends, the Witny's, who bought our snowblower

Church Itinerary

- Feb. 4-8: Cornerstone Baptist Church Missions Conference in Roseville, MI
- Feb. 21-22: Lakes Baptist Church Missions Conference in Walled Lake, MI
- March 8, 2009: Oak Park Church, Fort Wayne, IN
- March 21-22: Faith Baptist Church Missions Conference in Linden, MI

Since our Lord's goal in missions is ultimately to purchase with His blood people for God *from every tribe and language and people and nation* (Rev. 5:9), we thought it might be a good idea to better acquaint you with the people and country of Ukraine. So this edition of the **Benge Bulletin** is dedicated to expanding your knowledge of Ukraine—and what God is doing in and through this country to advance His Kingdom!



Test Your Knowledge About the Country



Here are some basic questions to test your knowledge along with an answer key located at the end of the newsletter (No peeking!)

1. Ukraine is bordered on the south by which major body of water?
2. What Ukrainian city in 1986 was the site of the greatest nuclear accident of the 20th century?
3. The Ukrainian flag is a two-colored flag featuring blue over yellow. What do these colors represent? (Hint: It has something to do with

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Ukraine's reputation as the "breadbasket" of the former Soviet Union.)

4. The recent revolution in 2004 that overturned a rigged presidential election and swept into power a pro-western President (Viktor Yushchenko) was identified with what color?
a. Red c. Purple
b. Orange d. Blue

5. Recently, Ukraine has been embroiled in a serious price dispute with Russia over:
a. Coal c. Natural gas
b. Oil d. Aluminum

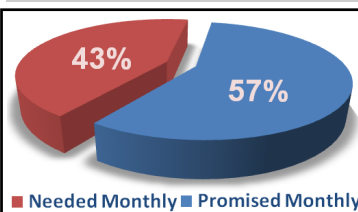
Is It Ukraine or the Ukraine?

The correct title for the country of Ukraine *requires no definite article* (i.e. *the*). In fact, the Ukrainian language *doesn't even have a definite article!* So why do some people call it, "the Ukraine?" Some speculate that many Ukrainian immigrant scholars, due to their imperfect knowledge of English grammar, mistakenly referred to "the Ukraine" in their books, thus helping to perpetuate this usage.

Did You Know That...

- Ukraine has become a key supplier of missionaries—many of whom go to Russia and to other parts of the former Soviet Union?
- SEND International is playing a strategic role in training Ukrainian church planters for the Russian-speaking world?
- The Benges are asking God to send them to Ukraine by August, 2009?
- You can learn more about what is happening in Ukraine at our website at www.sendbenge.com?

Monthly Funding Update



Needed monthly: 43%
(Current status: 57% promised)
Outgoing expenses: \$48,000
(Current status: 100% provided!)

Note: Contributions are solicited with the understanding that the donee organization has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds.



Quiz Answers: 1. Black Sea 2. Chernobyl 3. Wheat fields below the blue sky. 4. Orange 5. Natural gas