Benge Bulletin



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Summer: Remodeling is for the birds!

The sound of screeching birds at dusk startled us. Tearing out one wall of paneling, we didn't find them. Instead of putting it all back, we decided that this area was overdue for remodeling. The small job turned into a huge, long process which resulted in a herniated disk for Jerry with a threat of having to endure surgery. But God provided a great doctor here, valuable advice from our doctor there, and a knowledgeable physical therapist to end his pain.

ESL Outreach: Sports camp with our church.

The first week of August found us at a beautiful church with a camp facility. Our young people from Open Hearts Church invited friends who wanted to learn more English in a Christian atmosphere. We had 20 non-believers age 15 – 30 who spent a week with us practicing English speaking and learning about the claims of Christianity from the Bible. Many of our young people gave testimonies and taught Bible lessons. We continued to meet after camp, and several from camp have joined us to play games and hear testimonies from believers.



English Outreach Camp with our church



Dining area pre-renovation



Completed renovation!

Healthy Churches...

When we came to Ukraine, it was our goal to develop healthy churches that would understand God's plan for missions around the world. God has brought into our lives 4 churches with which we have been able to build a closer relationship. They all are churches which have had students taught by Jerry. We see the dream of establishing healthy churches developing as we partner with these churches in seminars, leadership training, mentoring and preaching. It is exciting to see how the Lord is using His Word along with the experience that prepared Jerry for this ministry to begin to impact churches here. We also see more of a desire to send missionaries into other parts of the world.



Leadership Training in Chernivtsi



Pastoral Training in Rivne

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CBC Mission Team To Ukraine

August 13 brought our team from Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roseville, MI to Ukraine to minister to our SEND team. We had a refreshing time of fellowship with them as we showed them Kiev and then took an all-night train to the western side of the country. Carolyn lead our SEND team in worship each morning to prepare us for Pastor Bob Johnson's challenging teaching from the book of Isaiah as the rest of the team served our children with a VBS program. We were spiritually recharged as we were reminded of the glory of God revealed through His grace. How we live and do ministry shows how much that grace has impacted our lives and what we believe about all that Jesus endured to purchase our redemption. Please pray that we will live with that grace in view constantly and have a resolute determination to carry out God's will in our ministries and with each other.

Classes have begun again, and this year a new group of students in the Pastoral Leadership program is the largest in the history of the school. We praise the Lord for these men who aspire to leadership in their churches and pray that they will be faithful to study and so be equipped to serve their people.



The team in Kiev



CBC and SEND Ukraine team

Praise & Prayer

Praise God!

The situation in the east of Ukraine has been quieter in the past month. We don't know what the future holds, but for now the peace is a relief.

Praise God!

Many opportunities to visit other cities to do training and hold seminars. We are connecting with more churches as students go out from KTS.

Please Pray:

For unbelievers who attended our outreach camp this summer as we try to maintain contact and answer questions about Christ.

Please Pray:

There are some churches interested in having Jerry teach a seminar on how to use "The Story" in personal evangelism. Pray for details to be worked out and that many churches would participate.

Please Pray:

For us to make wise ministry decisions as we sense an urgency in the midst of a turbulent world.

Our Schedule

Oct. 24-25 Jerry speaking at "Real Love" retreat as an outreach.

Oct. 26-Nov. 6 Jerry teaches Intro. to Biblical Counseling

Saturdays October – February. 1 Sat. per month, Jerry will be teaching Counseling at a church in Kiev

Nov. 9-13 English outreach each evening Kiev Polytechnic Institute

Nov. 23-Dec. 3 Jerry co-teaches Homiletics

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