

BENGE BULLETIN

Winter 2020



Jerry preaching on Biblical Discipleship at the KTS Convocation of first year students on October 6.

2019: A Brief Year End Review

SEMINARY & CHURCH-BASED TRAINING



Biblical Counseling class at KTS and...



...at Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary in L'viv

The first half of the year was filled with many teaching opportunities and some physical challenges. Jerry taught three Pastoral Leadership courses at Kyiv Seminary, and one course in Biblical Counseling at L'viv Seminary along with participating in church-based training of local leaders in Chernigov. April through June was spent in medical analysis and treatment of Central Sleep Apnea which was causing some serious problems with Jerry's immune system. By God's grace and through the prayers of many, the problem seems to have resolved and Jerry has seen steady improvement in his strength and stamina. So, he's been able to resume a normal schedule. From August through December, he taught three courses at KTS and one at UBTS in L'viv. He also trained young church leaders in Lebedin (NE Ukraine) and at the Ezra Academy (Kyiv) on the 9 Marks of a Healthy Church. Finally, he taught church leaders in Kharkov on Biblical Counseling and led a seminar for 60 young adults in Rivne on Biblical conflict resolution. For all this, we thank the Lord!



9 Marks of a Healthy Church (Ezra Academy)



BC training at Living Hope Church, Kharkov

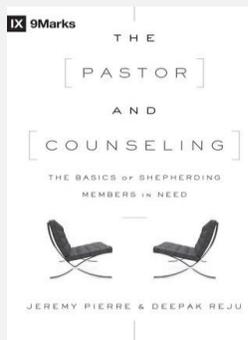
UPDATE ON BOOK MINISTRIES



KTS Book Ministry: This has grown into a “discount bookstore” with over 175 titles for students and faculty. Through partnerships with three local publishers who give us discounts, students can acquire books at affordable prices to build their personal theological library. Since God opened the door for this ministry 8 years ago, several thousand books have been circulated.



Theological Famine Relief (TGC): This book distribution ministry of the Gospel Coalition enables us to distribute books to pastors and students like these KTS church planting students from Belarus (left). Through this project we have been able to distribute over a thousand books by authors such as Tim Keller (Center Church and New City Catechism), David Helm (Expository Preaching), and others.



The Pastor and Counseling will be available in Russian later this year! This is a joint effort involving a generous gift from Cornerstone Baptist Church in Roseville, MI, a partnership with 9 Marks and our dear friends at InLumine publishers in Chernigov, Ukraine.

PRAISES AND REQUESTS

Praises:

Family – The birth of our 8th grandchild.

Students – Ongoing progress in the lives & ministries of our students. We continue to see the fruit of God’s Word in their lives and ministries and have increasing hope for the future spread of the Gospel in the Russian-speaking world.

Requests:

Jerry:

1. For the growth and multiplication of a healthy church network in Ukraine which will provide resourcing, encouragement, and on the job training for young pastors.
2. As Jerry prepares to leave the field by mid-year of 2021, these next 18 months are critical in the ongoing identification and development of faithful men who can train the next generation of church leaders (2 Tim. 2:2).
3. A 9 Marks Mini-Conference (in Kyiv) is being planned for this coming October 2-3. Pray that God will use this meeting to increase the exposure of Ukrainian churches to godly pastoral models and helpful resources.

Kellie:

1. Wisdom in setting priorities for ministry with Jerry first, then others.
2. Wisdom in developing redemptive relationships with Ukrainian unbelievers (Especially with Bela, Sveta).

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF 2019



Our dear friends, Fred and Sue Froman visited us in June and led a couples’ seminar in the church of one of our students. In October, the Lord blessed our family with our eighth grandchild, Owen Fletcher McKay. Kellie spent three weeks helping Karissa with her latest arrival.

UPCOMING ITINERARY

Jan. 16-18	Biblical Counseling Training – Living Hope Church in Kharkov
Jan. 22- 24	Biblical Counseling Training for Military chaplains - KTS
Feb. 3 - Feb. 5	Pastoral Epistles - KTS
Mar. 2 - 6	Exposition of Psalms - KTS
Mar. 30 - Apr. 3	Pastoral Ministry 2 – KTS
April 10-12	Biblical Conflict Resolution – Kremenchug Bible College
April 22-24	Biblical Conflict Resolution - Lutsk
May: 4-8	Intro to Biblical Counseling - Rivne Bible College.

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