

Kremenchuk, Ukraine Newsletter

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The Time is getting closer !!

It is hard to believe that it is now 44 days until my flight departs for Kremenchuk, Ukraine on September 12! On Monday, July 15, I purchased my one-way ticket for Kiev for \$100 less than I thought I was going to have to pay for it, because all flights to Europe dropped \$100 on Sunday! I am also very excited that I have in hand my three-year multi-entry visa to work in Ukraine. Many visas are only granted for six months, so I feel very blessed as I prepare to go.

Getting you caught up

In this first newsletter, I want to catch you up on several different things:

1. My new address and phone number
2. News about the West Fayetteville Church
3. The work that is on going in Kremenchuk
4. My schedule until I leave
5. Financial update

My New Address and Phone Number

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News About West Fayetteville Church

The West Fayetteville Church of Christ officially became my overseeing Church in the last week of May 2002. They have three elders and eleven deacons and are a congregation of about 170 members. Fayetteville is located in the south central part of Tennessee and is a town of about 7,500 people. If you want to fly into the area, you can fly into Nashville, TN or Huntsville, AL. The West Fayetteville Church is also taking care of ½ of my monthly support for this mission work. This is a Church that truly is desirous of seeing the gospel carried to the entire world! We will send the next bi-monthly newsletter out about mid-October, 2002.



Above are 9th grade students from School #11 in Kremenchuk, with Natalie Regeda, their teacher, in the center.

On Going Work in Kremenchuk

The 7th summer mission team from the East Hill Church of Christ in York, NE has just returned as of July 6th. There were 6 wonderful Christians from York College involved in this mission trip. The three women taught the 5th through 7th graders and the three men taught the 8th through 11th grades. Most of this teaching was done in School #11. However, another door was opened up because one of our workers is from Kremenchuk. Anna Koslova was a freshman at York College this last year and became a Christian while she was there. Anna returned home for the summer and was able to open the door for our Team at School #10 where she attended. Our students were able to teach about America, but also to help set up devotionals and Bible studies outside of the school. Several students from School #10 are waiting for me to come and study with them.

The example that our Christian College students have set while in Kremenchuk has such a tremendous impact. Parents can see their children changing because of our Christian workers. Several new families in the city want their children to enroll in School #11 so they too can learn about God!

One 10th grade boy didn't believe in God. He said because he had never seen a Bible and really didn't know anything about it. He became one of the most

avid Bible readers and students that they had! Now he can't wait to learn more about Jesus Christ and God's way for his life!

My Schedule Until I Leave

Now through August 22nd, I will be working with and getting to know the Brethren at West Fayetteville. I also will be speaking at area churches of Christ about this work.

August 23-26 – Davenport, IA with my first new grand baby and the child's parents (Butch and Erin my son and daughter-in-law)!

August 27-29 – York, NE with my daughter Janessa and friends.

August 30 - September 1 – In Pierre with my Mom, sisters and family.

September 2-4 - travel to Abilene, TX to be with my daughter Jenise and leave her my car.

September 5 - fly back to TN.

September 12 - depart for Kiev, Ukraine.

September 13 – Arrive at Kiev at 1:50pm their time, and go to Kremenchuk.

Financial Update

Start Up Funds – Estimated Goal - \$9500.00

Total Given.....\$8588.00

Checks.....\$- 13.00

Ship Doug's books.....\$- 122.00

One Way Ticket.....\$- 460.00

Total in Bank.....\$7993.00

Monthly Support – Budget Needs - \$2105.00

Amount pledged per month for at least the first year.....\$1735.00

Still needed to meet Budget...\$370.00 per month.

Some of these pledges are for one year and some are for the full five years of the mission. For more details: ukrainemission.com.

Starting Your Support

Some of the monthly supporters are already giving to this work on a monthly (and one church by quarterly) basis. If you would please start your monthly support before September 1st and send that to the:

West Fayetteville Church of Christ

P.O. Box 456

Fayetteville, TN 37334

Please send us your change of address.

You could then attach a note that this would be for the Kremenchuk, Ukraine Mission work.

Thank you for sharing

We, the West Fayetteville Church and Doug, would again like to thank each of you for sharing in this mission work for the Lord!



We believe that one of the greatest reasons for us participating in this mission is to see that Jesus Christ is preached to everyone at least once! The boy on the far left of this picture is Igor, a Christian. The rest in the picture are not Christians. He has written me, telling me that he has been talking to his friends about God and they are anxious for me to get there so we can study the Bible together.

Open Doors and Opportunities to Serve

As you know, we are involved in the boys prison work for 14-18 year old boys. There is a prison ministry work teaching materials by Christians that is called "New Life Behavior Ministries" that is now being used worldwide. They have this in Russian and are donating their material for our use, free!

Many have asked how they share in this ministry besides just giving funds. As I have told many, collect multiple vitamins and vitamin C to send for winter use. I was at a garage sale today and found and bought several simple children's books, one story per book. I think that these would be great tools and gifts for us to use. I also believe that winter clothes and other things like this can be useful, but I will let you know more about that when I get to Ukraine.

Your prayers are needed

Please pray for me on the mission field. Please pray for the lost souls that so desperately need Jesus. Pray for the young and growing churches. Pray for our outreach to the boy's prison. Pray for my language study & that I may have a serving heart.

I love you and God Bless! Doug Berry