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The Deborah Report

Dear Partner in Ministry,

Wow. What a complete surprise it was for me to minister in the Ukraine! There are so many testimonies--they glorify God and bring me so much joy. Truly, I didn't have any idea what to expect, and I am still astounded at what I experienced.

"It is no accident that in all of the places that the Lord could have brought you, He brought you here!" This is what the pastor said as he saw the plan and purpose of the Lord unfolding during my time with him in Zoltie Vodi, Ukraine. He proceeded to explain that during the Soviet era, this small city was key because of its nuclear munitions factory. The economy and well being of the city and the surrounding area was completely dependent upon the plans and purposes of the soviet regime, which in addition to being openly atheistic, actively suppressed Christianity.

Soviet Atheism

"The fool has said in his heart, There is no God..." Psalm 14:1. Tragically, as part of the Soviet Union, the nation of Ukraine came under the atheistic ideology that not only renounced God, but actively opposed Him. At one point, Joseph Stalin boasted *"We have deposed the czars of the earth, we shall now dethrone the Lord of Heaven."*

Then, when the Soviet Union launched Sputnik into space, this message was broadcast over the radio from Moscow, *"Our rocket has bypassed the moon. It is nearing the sun, and we have not discovered God. We have turned out lights in heaven that no man will be able to put on again. We are breaking the yoke of the Gospel, the opium of the masses. Let us go forth and Christ shall be relegated to mythology."* (continued on page 2)

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Photo: Deborah praying over young pastor at his ordination



Ukrainian women in the village.

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The consequences of that spiritually grievous position is still evident in the widespread devastation of the people and their land. However, the pastor recognized the providential plan of God in the message of restoration that God had given me for them, which involved reversing the oppositional position of that area in the spirit realm. What an awesome privilege! The evidence of the anointing was so tangible. In fact, Lena, the pastor's wife testified through her tears, **"While I've been interpreting I have been experiencing the presence of God and I am renewed and strengthened and restored on the inside!"**

A Remnant in Ukraine

God always reserves a remnant unto Himself—a remnant through whom He can show Himself strong. What a privilege it was for me to get connected with that strong and faithful remnant! In the midst of the spiritual barrenness that is still so prevalent, I met some beautiful people who are working tirelessly for the Kingdom of God! Pastor Igor and his wife Lena are pastoring the same church they founded eleven years ago—when they were only 23 years old! What an inspiration it was to see the fruit of their faith and diligence.

It was really special for me to hear all the testimonies that came forth as a result of the work God did while I was there. I don't always get to hear as much feedback, but this time, because I spent the entire time in one city, I was really blessed to get to hear the testimonies firsthand!

Awesome Testimonies

"I felt something fly away!" exclaimed a man named Vladimir after receiving the ministry of deliverance. He was completely amazed that he could immediately feel the difference--the absence of the demonic spirit. Another person

said, **"I don't feel myself—I feel so different!"** Another woman expressed her joy with surprised amazement when she exclaimed, **It feels lighter!"** Truly, he whom the Son sets free is free indeed!

Of course teaching is my first love (among ministry aspects), and it was especially rewarding as I spent nearly a week teaching in the Bible School. Each day I would sense the excitement of the students as the Holy Spirit took us "line upon line, precept upon precept" and opened a deeper understanding that will lay foundations that many will build upon for the Kingdom.

One woman named Zhana testified, **"This was for me. I needed to hear this! It answered the very questions I had been asking God!"** God is so very faithful, and it is especially heart-warming for me when He demonstrates that faithfulness through me!

After returning home, I received a beautiful thank you. There is no greater thanks I could receive than to hear that God used me to accomplish a work of the Spirit, and that's what I received through the personal testimony of the pastor.

I hope that you also experience that same heartwarming fulfillment at knowing that because you are faithful to pray and to give, I can go and do the "hands on" ministry that I do. Each one of these testimonies (and countless more) are the fruit of your faithfulness to join with me in fulfilling the Great Commission! **I look forward to the day that you will meet some of these people face to face in heaven and learn of your effect on their lives!**

Deborah

Deborah preaching at Life of Jesus Church in Ukraine





Ukraine: one of the Bible school sessions during worship
Front Row Left to Right: Pastor Igor and his wife Lena; Lil Semenchuk (contact person)

Looking ahead . . .

Please cut the bookmark section out (to the right) and put it in your Bible or on your fridge or someplace where it will serve as a reminder that ***we need your prayer support!***

Harvey will be taking a team of eight people back into Uganda on August 1. Please pray for him and the team as they bring a very practical demonstration of the gospel back into this area that God has pinpointed for us—an area devastated by death, destruction and poverty. We will be planting a church there—the nearest spirit-filled church is about 20 kilometers away, a very long walk for these Ugandans without transportation! In addition to bringing the hope of the truth of Jesus Christ, they will help build an addition onto a school in another area.

As the team returns home, Harvey will join me in Kenya where we have been invited to teach at a very large pastors conference in Nairobi. One of the nation-wide denominations in Kenya is expecting an attendance of about 300 pastors. Harvey and I will teach there for 5 days. What an opportunity to affect a nation! Truly, it is a manifestation of the scriptural concept, "he who has been faithful with little shall be entrusted with much." (I think my first meeting in Kenya had about 25 leaders!)

Then, as Harvey returns home, I will go on to Tanzania to minister at another denomination-wide pastors conference. I will be returning to the area where Harvey and I helped pioneer a Bible School. It will be a long and arduous trip—I cannot get there by plane, and I will need to travel two 13-hour days by bus to get there! The physical challenges are great for basic needs—the rest areas are basic (use the nearest bush), and it's difficult to obtain safe food while traveling.

Uff-dah; I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me!



Prayer Reminders for DMI

August 2010

August 1 - 14 Uganda

- Harvey's Team Trip to Uganda
- Team of 8 people
- Area of devastation and poverty
- Planting a church
- Helping build an addition for the school

August 16 Kenya

- Deborah leaves for Kenya

August 18-22 Kenya

- Nairobi Pastors Conference
- 5 days teaching at pastors conference
- Expecting 300 pastors

August 23 - Sept 1. Tanzania

- Denomination-wide pastors conference
- Where we helped pioneer a Bible school
- Deborah traveling 26 hours by bus
- Primitive conditions/ safe food & water

Ugandan child





***Rejoice! Rejoice with us!
We have a new grandbaby boy!***

His name is Elliot Bear and he weighed in at 5lbs., 3oz.

Elliot means 'The Lord is my God.' His big sister Katie is such a help to Eric and Sasha, and the whole family is doing great.

He is such a contented little thing--he "squeaks" with contentment all while he eats. Since we're big on nicknames in our family, perhaps he'll become our little "Squeaky Bear"!



Deborah Ministries International ministers in response to Hosea 4:6, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" and John 8:32, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

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