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FW: Will You Participate in the History of Missions?

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To: [klargentwhbc@yahoo.com](#)
Subject: Will You Participate in the History of Missions?[View this email in your browser](#)**October 22, 2018****Dear Praying Friends,**

We are now residents of Kyiv and living in the area where we plan to see the Lord begin a church early next year. We live only two to three blocks from the dormitories of one of the largest universities in Ukraine with 35,000-40,000 students. We are excited about the potential in this growing region of Kyiv, the youth here, and the prospects for a church

plant. We are still learning the region, where to shop, etc . . .but the need here for a gospel preaching church is evident. Our new mailing address is: Derek and Julie Thomas, Akademika Viliamsa Str. 5, Apt 34, Kyiv, Ukraine 03189

Last week we traveled to Eastern Ukraine and the country's second largest city, Kharkiv. We met with current and former students of SBI and on Sunday I preached in two churches. There was a warm reception to the Word of God at both services. It is always encouraging to see the Lord working in the hearts of His people. We have returned home to Kyiv and are now focused on our upcoming ministry. We truly covet your earnest prayers on our behalf. In the next six weeks we are teaching in four different one-week institute settings and participating in two missions conferences. The first of these begins next week, October 29-November 1, with our first session of SBI Advanced. This is a graduate program aimed at training those already serving in pastoral ministry.

We follow this with our Fall Session of SBI, November 12-16. Pray for students and new students to attend with hearts anticipating and thirsting for the work of God in their lives. Pray as well for more deaf students to enroll. We are excited about the work God is doing in the lives of our students. After the Fall SBI session, we especially request your prayers for institute ministry opportunities in a country of restricted access. It is a wonderful open door that we are stepping through by faith. In one of these sessions we estimate 70 pastors to be in attendance. We cannot share with you publicly the name of the country, but look forward to sharing of God's work there. Pray for the glory of Christ to be known in this dark place and for a special manifestation of the power and hand of God during these two weeks.

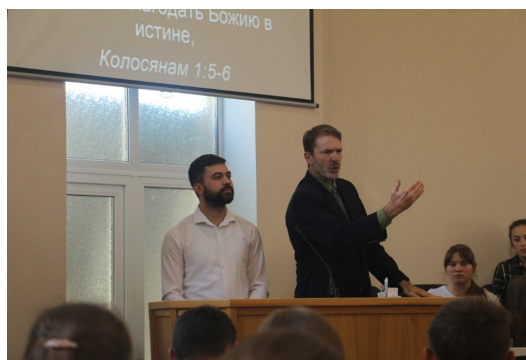
Missionary Samuel Zwemer said, "The history of missions is the history of answered prayer." *Will you be a part of "the history of missions" through your participation in imperative and intercessory prayers for us?* "Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, even as it is with you." (2 Thes. 3:1)

For the glory of Christ in Ukraine,**Derek and Julie**

Kyiv, whose founding some estimate at 482 A.D., is a city filled with churches. It is the 7th largest city in Europe just behind Madrid, and ahead of Rome. "Christianity" came to the region in 988 A.D. The problem is while the churches have beauty and shine when the sun gleams upon them, the majority are dark concerning the gospel of salvation by grace through faith in Christ. There is little gospel light in this large metropolitan area.



The Dnieper River, one of Europe's largest, runs through Kyiv to the Black Sea. It divides Kyiv into what the locals call the "left bank" and the "right bank." The "left bank" is the east side, and the "right bank" is the west side. The district where we live is on the "right bank" or west side of Kyiv.



Preaching a week ago Sunday morning in Kharkiv. It was the church's annual "Harvest Sunday."



This is the city of Kyiv and her districts. We are located in the Holosiiv District. We are west of the Dnieper River and south of the very center. There are 3 metro stops within a 20-25 minute walk.

Derek was encouraged by the response of God's people.



Group of students and former students after the service Sunday evening in Kharkiv. A minimum of two of these are committed to missions. Praise the Lord! Please continue to pray with us to the Lord of the Harvest for laborers.

If you would like a printable version of the prayer letter, please write us at dthomas.sbi@gmail.com and we'll send you one as soon as possible.



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