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Our Mission Presentations

September 2
Carter Gospel Fellowship,
Carter, SD

September 9
Grace Bible Church,
Highmore, SD

September 10-14
Spiritual Life Emphasis Week
Sunshine Bible Academy
Miller, SD

September 16
Christian Life Center
Belle Fourche, SD

September 22-23
Missions Conference
St. Lawrence Community Ch.
Miller, SD

September 30
Atonement Lutheran Church
Jamestown, ND

October 5-6
STEER, Inc. Missions Conf.
Bismarck, ND

October 9-10
Manna Family flies back to
Kiev, Ukraine

**Kiev Theological Seminary
Compass newsletter
enclosed - Read the special
feature article about our
first Youth Ministry
Graduation.**

**New photos and videos
online - Go to our website at
www.youthdiscipler.com
to sign up for our email news-
letter and more.**

50 Youth Ministry Students at the Seminary From Mike

While we have been home sharing about our ministry in Ukraine this past summer, the ministry in Ukraine has continued. Lena (my secretary in Kiev) and I email daily concerning assignments, grades, ministry reports, and class notes. Her husband was hired by the seminary to recruit, and he has been successful! Lena reported to me that 21 *new* youth ministry students have been accepted to begin their studies this month. Twenty of the students are from different regions in Ukraine - along with our first student from Belarus. Two of the new students are actually a newlywed couple who are youth leaders in southern Ukraine. With our current sophomores, juniors, and seniors (a total of 29 students), this new freshman class brings our total to 50 students that I will be teaching in the Youth Ministry bachelor's degree program.

Since I am still in the States, a missionary colleague, Mike Gustafson, will be teaching the classes. Between Mike and I, we will be teaching six college courses in youth ministry this semester. I will resume teaching the day after I return to Kiev on October 10th. Our goal is to see these students become the first generation of Youth Ministry Trainers in the Russian-speaking world. Therefore, my greatest prayer request is for God to give me His wisdom as I teach.

Our Support Need – 60 % committed

We honestly think this has been our best summer back in the States. We have been very busy traveling around the Western U.S. sharing about our ministry, but the miles in the van have given us time together as a family. Plus, we've had wonderful visits with all of our family members as well as many of our dear friends. Mandie is now enjoying her studies at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago (majoring in youth ministry, her proud dad might add). Luke is back in Kiev, living in our apartment with our translator and her husband so he could start school on time. He has taken a real plunge back into the Russian language, as they have all decided to speak Russian at home. The rest of us are basing ourselves at Sunshine Bible Academy in Miller, SD, for the month of September. Sammie and Katya are attending the grade school here and are LOVING it!

We came home with the need to raise an additional \$1,000 per month for our family and ministry needs. The additional funds are necessary because all costs in Ukraine have risen sharply since the Orange Revolution 2 years ago. Plus, the salaries for our translators and secretary have been paid these 5 years by a grant secured by YMI. We now need to personally raise their funds. So far, new churches and individuals have committed an additional \$600 per month. Thank you so much for your investment into our ministry in Ukraine. We are still in need of \$400 per month. If you would like to support our family, please use the enclosed envelope and make a note if it will be a regular monthly, quarterly, or yearly gift. Thank you!



We visited supporters and friends from San Francisco to Chicago this summer by traveling over 7,000 miles. We only wished we could have spent more time with everyone!