

OM Ukraine News



Greetings from the Field leader
Greetings from Ukraine!

Allow me to thank you for your partnership through prayers and support during 2009. I can assure you that God indeed gave us many blessings in ministry. In our memories are many fruitful camps, a growing new church in Odessa, hosting the regional sport conference CESC in the Ukraine, and many more...

... but there is always a desire to see more fruit, more partners, co-workers, more ministries; in short more honour for our Lord Jesus! Therefore, my wish for all of us is to grow in our ability to listen and obey Him in 2010. I believe this is the key to success in whatever we could attempt this year.

Jesus gave his disciples, after a night of fruitless labour, a seemingly heartless command: "Try again! Go back into the deep and throw again your nets out!" I can just imagine how difficult it must have been for the disciples to obey. Not just tiredness, but bad past experiences must have haunted them as they struggled to come to obedience.

How much are we doing better than these disciples? Are we not also easily answering that "we've tried that and it will not work?" But does that mean that it cannot work? Especially if Jesus Himself is commanding us to do it? Maybe we haven't had much success in ministry or support-raising or ... (and you can add the disappointment of your own heart in this list).

But, I believe, Jesus calls us to listen to Him! And if needed to attempt is again. With just as much effort if not more! Definitely with more faith in God's ability to bring us the success we are called to have.

May God give your ears the ability to hear, your hearts the ability to feel and your will the desire to move out with Him and for His glory in 2010. Lets move out again for the big catch. Together!



Church planting



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Odessa province is the largest of the 24 provinces in Ukraine (5.5 percent of the total territory of Ukraine) and has about 2.5 million inhabitants. From observation and statistics on social problems, it is clear that those areas of the country with the least Christian witness have the highest prevalence of social problems. Odessa province is one of the top regions in the Ukraine for drug trafficking, increase in HIV infection and alcohol abuse. One of the major hindrances for change is alcoholism.

The OM team in Odessa is trying to change this by starting a church called "House of Restoration" in the city of Odessa. When co-worker Julia shared her vision to start a rehabilitation centre for alcoholics, it seemed so unrealistic. A year and a half ago Julia died of AIDS; but, since then, a local church has started a centre and nine people have already received help. There is an answer, and Julia's vision is being fulfilled!

Please pray for the House of Restoration. Praise God that these nine people have received help, and pray that more lives will change through this ministry.



Rent – new church plant in Odessa

Code: 43303 (Odessa ministry)
Note: Rent/E1

R370
month

Summer camp cost for a child



R180
child/camp

Code: 43303 (Odessa ministry)
Note: Camps/E3

Beds for the rehabilitation center



20 beds
R550
bed

Code: 43303 (Odessa ministry)
Note: Beds/E2

Kid's ministry



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During the summer, workers of OM Ukraine organised 10 Bible camps for children, ages 6-15. The camp in Trostonets, like any any other summer camp, had a few boys offending the others. They were probably seeking attention by their use of foul language and the fights they caused. To maintain discipline in the camp, these boys were sent to Anya, OM worker and camp coordinator. They expected to be reprimanded and punished, but instead Anya shared with them about Christ. She told them that only He could really help them and be their true Friend. One of the boys, Sasha, told her that neither does he have friends nor does it bothers him much. Anya decided to pray for him. She asked God to help him make the right choices. After the prayer, Sasha asked the other boy for forgiveness and thanked Anya for the prayer.

Summer camp cost for a child

R180
child/camp

Code: 43305 (Children&Youth ministry)
Note: - Camps/C1

Costs to organise a new Sunday school/youth group

Code: 43305 (Children&Youth ministry)
Note: - Groups/C2

R370
new group/month

Later that day, the OM team invited the children to trust Jesus as Friend and Saviour. The very first child to respond was Sasha. He prayed and trusted Jesus to be his Friend forever. His joy, about having a new Friend, was visual for all to see.

The next day, Sasha was brought again to Anya as he offended somebody. Anya asked him about his decision the previous day and told him that only Jesus could help him conquer the desire to bully others. Immediately, Sasha asked the other child for forgiveness and they prayed together. Praise God, that He always forgives and helps us in our weaknesses.

Training seminars

R2600
year

Code: 43305 (Children&Youth ministry)
Note: - Training/C3

Puppet show

ministry

In the Vinnitsa region of the Ukraine are 36 children's homes (orphanages) and other rehabilitation centres. During the year we minister in these institutions and some villages, using our mobile puppet theatre in about 200 evangelistic programs. Currently we have trained (over the past 2 years) 5 puppet ministry teams to assist in this ministry. In partnership with 4 churches (in our region of the Ukraine) we minister to about 10000 children, mainly using puppet ministry and Bible correspondence lessons.

Eight volunteers answer the letters of children and correspond regularly with 270 children (from 28 towns and 26 orphanages) through our Postbox Bible correspondence ministry.

Here are some of the responses we received from children:

I miss you so much. I don't have parents and I miss them. I don't know how to pray.
I like to know more and more about God.

(Luda, 10)

I know that God came to this world. He loves us with all His soul. And He loves me too.

(Tanya, 13)



R40
child/year

Bible correspondence postage costs

Code: 43306 (Orphanage&Postbox ministry)
Note: - Postbox/O1

Transportation cost for puppet ministry



R2200
month

Code: 43305 (Children&Youth ministry)
Note: - Puppet/O3

Christmas children's gift distribution cost



R70
gift

Code: 43305 (Children&Youth ministry)
Note: - Gifts/O2

Sport ministry



Sport equipment : Balls, Frisbees, etc.



R740

Code: 43304 (Sport ministry)
Note: - Balls/S1

During the year the OM Ukraine SportsLink team ran various camps. One of these camps was a football camp in the village Mikolaevka, attended by only about 30 children. The camp staff was a bit disappointed. Seeing that all arrangements for the camp were already made, the team decided to give their best and to make the camp a success. The team decided to 'show' and 'share' Christ, but not to ever make an alter call.

Ropes for extreme camps



R1100

Code: 43304 (Sport ministry)
Note: - Ropes/S2

One of the days a boy came to Ben, local OM worker, to pray with him to receive Christ as Saviour. The very next day Vanya came to the camp leader Vova, also an OM worker, to pray. Vova told him that it is not easy to be a Christian, but Vanya insistent and knelt right there in the middle of the football field to receive Christ.

Costs of extreme camp

This was the beginning of change also for others. God indeed uses the sport field as stage to change the lives of children in Ukraine!



R370 person

Code: 43304 (Sport ministry)
Note: - Extreme/S3



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