



Mukachevo Minutes

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Prayer letter of George & Sarah de Vuyst
Serving with Christian Reformed World Missions in Ukraine

Mukachevo Congregation Moves

On June 28th the Mukachevo congregation celebrated her 5th anniversary and worshiped for the last time on Dukhnovicha street. The special service included a Profession of Faith and the Lord's Supper. The following day, church members packed, cleaned, and helped move the church's possessions to a new facility on the 2nd floor of a recently constructed building. The new facility gives the congregation more room which is appreciated the most during

fellowship time and monthly potlucks. Unfortunately, however, the building wasn't constructed according to any standards and there are many problems including leaky roof, no running water, electric blackouts, etc.



Profession of Faith



Moving into new facility



New church facility

Watch a video made in commemoration of the Mukachevo congregation's first five years!

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Our vision

We see healthy congregations emerging through church planting and leadership training as well as in partnership with existing Reformed congregations in Ukraine in order to bring healing and transformation to lives and communities throughout Ukraine and beyond her borders in the post-Soviet countries of Eastern Europe so that more and more people hear the gospel and lives and communities are transformed.

Points for praise

- Mukachevo congregation has found a new facility to rent
- Excellent seminars encourage and challenge participants
- Profession of Faith of a new church member and five others who are attending a new members' class

Points for prayer

- Home service preparations and travel
- Good health for Matthew and no more need for hospitalization
- The Mukachevo church's continuing search for property to buy

Seminars Impact Lives

Suffering. Forgiveness. These two subjects were the focus of two seminars led by Dr. Ron Nydam of Calvin Theological Seminary



and Rev. Ken Vander Horst of Grand Junction, CO. Participants came from different parts of Ukraine. We heard such comments as, "This is exactly what I needed to

hear." We are thankful to see God using the seminars to transform lives!



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Upcoming Visit to the U.S.

We will be serving in the US from September 1 to December 4. Our schedule for visiting partner churches & individuals includes spending time in Michigan, Maryland, Florida and Texas. We are

also looking forward to a family reunion for Sarah's family out in Oregon. A lot of driving awaits us! Our church visitation schedule is posted on our website. We look forward to sharing with you in person about the ministry in Ukraine!

Summertime in Ukraine

The last couple months have been busy ones for us as a family. In June, Matthew had another

asthma attack with bronchitis which sent him to the hospital outside Budapest. This was his fourth hospitalization in the last 18 months. He's back on his daily steroid inhaler and is taking Singular as well. We have an appointment with a specialist in the States to make sure he's get-



ting all the right treatment.

July 19th we celebrated Abigail's 6th birthday with a Tinkerbell party. She had a great time at her party

but I think the anticipation leading up to her birthday was just as exciting! The joys of being young!

Sarah and Abigail also have the privilege of reading, doing mathematics



problems, and conducting science experiments together. Abigail

has started 1st grade of home school a bit early to compensate for days off during our travels this fall.

Although no vacations are on the agenda for this summer, we have spent a few Sunday afternoons at a lake and one evening tent camping. The kids are loving the time outdoors!



Your Support Counts

Thank you for responding to our request for financial support! At the end of the fiscal year (June 30), we had 96% of the minimum financial support that we were challenged to raise. We are honored to have you as partners

and appreciate your generosity!

World Missions estimates the cost of keeping a missionary family on the field for this fiscal year to be \$112,875. We are challenged to raise a

minimum of 60% (\$67,725) of that cost. If we do not raise 100%, the CRCNA has covenanted to provide the difference.

Thanks to your partnership, we are able to continue the ministry of establishing healthy churches in Ukraine!