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Points for Praise:

- Church retreat provided the congregation with valuable opportunity for fellowship and learning
- Numerical and spiritual growth in the Mukachevo congregation
- Intern-pastor Robert's strong gift in leadership and vision for healthy churches
- Churches and individuals who support us in prayer, finances and encouragement. It is an honor to serve God alongside each of you!

Points for Prayer:

- George has a herniated disc and two bulging discs pinching on two nerves. Although it's not usually painful, he needs physical therapy. Pray for complete healing without any need for surgery.
- Timothy Leadership Trainings to take place in Hungary, Romania and Ukraine in mid-June.

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Dear friends and partners,

With Pentecost just a few weeks away our thoughts are directed to the humbling fact that God has chosen to carry out his mission in the world through His Church. When we feel inadequate and the challenges seem overwhelming, Pentecost encourages us. We are again reminding that, just as God empowered his people by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit beginning at Pentecost and continuing throughout the history of his church, we too stand together with God's people empowered by his Spirit to carry out God's mission to the world. Thanks for being a part of that with us.

Over the May 1-3 holiday in Ukraine, the Christian Reformed Church in Mukachevo left town for the church's 5th annual retreat. It was a special time of fellowship and learning led by Rev. Richard Otterness of the RCA. You can enjoy a short video of the retreat at www.youtube.com/watch?v=mO4oLSByHHM.



For two weeks in June George will be helping Gary Schipper lead Timothy Leadership Trainings in three new locations within Hungary, Ukraine and Romania. This material is vital for helping church leaders identify and meet needs in their congregations and communities with the potential of transforming churches into caring and healthy communities.

We are continually amazed by God's faithfulness and goodness to His Church in Ukraine. After only 7 years, the handful of individuals who started the Christian Reformed Church in Mukachevo has grown to a community of over 40 regular Sunday attendees. Members are growing in their faith and commitment to God. They are giving of their time, resources, and energy to plant some crops to help the congregation raise money for building their own church. Seminary intern Robert and his wife continue to provide invaluable leadership and are an indescribable blessing to the congregation and to us.

What a blessing we have to see God's power at work in the lives of His people from Pentecost in Jerusalem, around the world and all the way to the little town of Mukachevo, Ukraine today!

In Christ,

George, Sarah, Abigail, Matthew and Elizabeth de Vuyst