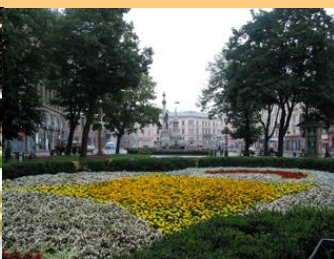


From Kiev to L'viv



September, 2006

A momentous day

It was a beautiful summer day in Nikolaev, and guests arrived from various parts of Ukraine....



Sunburned, smiling people filed into the small but airy hall, warmly welcoming the ordained guests who had gathered for this special occasion. Amidst sweet reunions and hugs, there was an air of anticipation: After 9 years of

being a mission church, the Nikolaev Evangelical Presbyterian Church was finally receiving its own local leadership and becoming a particular church! It had taken many years of discipleship, leadership training, growth, disappointments, struggles, and other events to get to this point, but the Lord had now provided this congregation with some peace and stability along with its own ordained pastor and -- at last -- its own ruling elder as well. Though installing a ruling elder may not seem like much to some, it is a very significant step in the young Ukrainian church where good leaders are so hard to come by. The service and subsequent congregational meeting took a few hours, but it came as a small, special celebration to crown many years of service by numerous followers of Jesus Christ...!

On another summer day less than a week later, the Ukrainian parliament voted to make Viktor Yanukovich Prime Minister. The man who had once been president Yushchenko's opponent in rigged presidential elections (which led to the Orange Revolution), now returns to this public office which he had held through 2004. While he brings a strong hand to the executive government, he also brings many connections to Ukraine's oligarchs, Russia, and the Russian Orthodox church....

Five full weeks!



Corn on the cob at Anya's parents' "dacha" is just one of the sweet memories of a busy and enjoyable five weeks in Ukraine this past summer. While Juliette's "babushka" and "dyedushka" kept her on a fully organic diet,

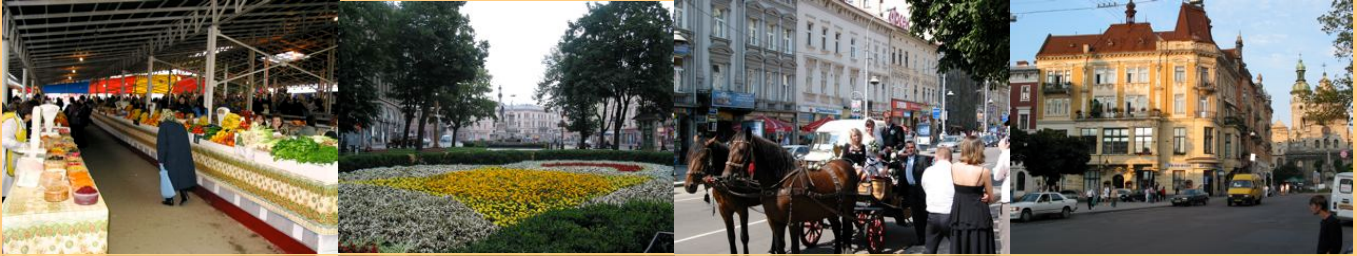
Anya and I reconnected with many friends as we traveled around the country. Our future teammates in L'viv -- Doug and Masha Shepherd -- moved to Kiev from the U.S. in August, and Doug and I took a three-day scouting trip to L'viv, the Western-Ukrainian city where we hope to plant the region's first Reformed/ Presbyterian church. Being there makes us all the more eager to return and continue the work to which God has called us!

Right now the Lord has provided 61% of the total *monthly* funds we need to return to Ukraine, and we hope to have 100% raised by year's end. If you're still writing checks to support us, we'd like to encourage you to consider *electronic giving* by credit card or electronic funds transfer, since this cuts MTW's administrative costs and helps us get the monthly support we need on a regular basis. You can read more and download a simple form by using the "how to support us" link on our website: <http://web.mac.com/hacquebord.h>. *Thank you for being part of what our Lord is doing in the heart of Ukraine!*

Heero, Anya, & Juliette

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Please remember some of the following Prayer Requests:

- We rejoice in our Lord's provision for the church in Nikolaev and for the stable situation in the congregation. Please do be in prayer for pastor Alexei and Andrei, the church's one elder. Pray that the present unity in this small church will remain and will only strengthen as the church seeks to build and grow through a focus on evangelism and discipleship.
- We do ask you to pray for the church in Kiev where we worked for three years: Visiting there this summer made it clear to us that this congregation is struggling and probably losing momentum. Please pray for Pastor Artyom and the other leaders to guide and build this church with effective wisdom and unity!
- Pray for Doug and Masha Shepherd, our future teammates in L'viv, who have moved to Kiev for language training and the birth of their second child. Doug is working on his Ukrainian, while Masha (originally from Odessa) will have her hands full with two kids at home. We look forward to serving with them in L'viv!
- As requested before, we do ask you to pray for increased political stability, justice, honesty, and positive government policies in Ukraine. We want to train believers in Ukraine to be salt and light in all spheres of life, and this is one area that is both particularly important and exceptionally needy!
- Thank our Lord with us for the 61% of our overall monthly support He has already provided! Please be in prayer as various churches and committees are presently considering supporting us. Please also pray that we'll be able to make the most of our time here in the Chicago area (through Thanksgiving). We still hope to return to Ukraine in January, 2007.
- We praise the Lord for providing us with housing and a car for the months of October and November (while we remain in the Chicago area)! We covet your prayers for safe travels as we continue to visit churches in the Chicago area and the upper Midwest. Please also pray that Anya and Juliette will be healthy, and that we will all grow in love for and devotion to our Savior!
- For updates and prayer requests, please frequently visit our website's "news + prayer" page:
<http://web.mac.com/hacquebord.h/iWeb/Ukraine/news%20+%20prayer.html>

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