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# UKRAINE

**Doug & Kay Clark:**

Serving CMI, the Antioch Movement of Ukraine, and Kiev Christian Academy.

Mike Stewart preaches at a zhatva (Thanksgiving) service in Ukraine.



## PARTNERSHIP ENCOURAGES CHURCHES...

**Churches of the Central Coast Baptist Association (CCBA) in San Jose, Ca are partnering with Baptist churches in Nikolaiv Oblast (state) in southern Ukraine...**

Dr. Mike Stewart visits Ukraine

The CCBA formed CMI (Community Ministries International) to administer the partnership, which currently works with churches in Vietnam, Turkey, and Ukraine. Mike Stewart, the director of missions of the CCBA and director of CMI, recently visited Ukraine to establish a relationship with pastors of partner churches in Ukraine and to initiate the partnership.

### Evangelistic Humanitarian Projects:

The aim of the partnership is to help churches in two areas: the first is with evangelistic humanitarian projects. The projects give churches the opportunity to serve people in the communities around them, forming relationships with these people and creating opportunities to effectively share the gospel of

Jesus Christ with them. The projects consist of various opportunities for ministry, such as children's day camps, distribution of food and clothing to orphanages and poor families, seminars in schools about AIDS, drugs, and alcohol, drug rehab centers, ministry to elderly people or street children, and many more.

We'd like to encourage churches in the US to assist the churches of Nikolaiv oblast as they carry out projects and evangelism. The Ukrainian churches are now preparing sketches of themselves and the projects they are planning. These will be placed on a CMI web page. US churches can review these sketches and consider how they might be involved with a church. That involvement would primarily consist of sending teams to the Ukrainian churches, but also has great potential for creative endeavors.



The partnership soviet (board) with Mike  
Back row: (L to R) Pastor Sergei Kravchinya, Pastor Sasha Sahnovski, Mike Stewart  
Front row: Sergei Shevtsov-interpreter, Pastor Sasha Ignatov, Pastor Kolya Maksimiuk, Doug Clark

## Church Revival

The second aim of the partnership is to assist the church to experience revival.

We believe there are 2 Biblical foundations on which revival in any church rests: the first is that the church is God's primary instrument for sharing the gospel with the community. *This means that the church must begin to look outside of herself to the community around her.* She is called to focus her attention and ministry on people in the community, blessing and transforming lives with the love of Jesus Christ.

Second, the primary task of leadership (the pastor and others) is not solely to take care of the church members, but to lead them in the charge to reach the lost. *They are strategists, who look*

*at the whole kingdom of God in their community, to lead the people of God to demonstrate and proclaim the God of Heaven and Earth and His works to the entire community.*

As you can imagine, following these two principles requires a significant amount of change in most churches and can be a difficult process.

Following the introduction of these concepts by Mike Stewart to the pastors of the soviet in Nikolaiv Oblast, we began a strategy of implementation with their churches. *We ask for your prayers for this initiative.*

## Now serving with RCE (Resourcing Christian Education)

Kay and I have also passed through another major transition, that of changing the organization (mission agency) with which we serve in Ukraine. We are very grateful to Great Commission Ministries for all they have done to serve us and give us the opportunity to serve in Ukraine over the past 5 years. They have served us well.

Last spring we learned of an organization, RCE, which partners with Kiev Christian Academy, where Kay teaches 5th grade. There are also several other teachers at the school who are with this organization. In order to give

Kay more opportunity for fellowship with this group of teachers and to reduce the amount of financial support we must raise, since the administrative fee of RCE is much less than that of GCM, we are now missionaries with RCE and are employed by that organization.

Thank you for your financial support of our ministry and that of GCM. If you would like to continue your support of GCM, you may do so. We also would appreciate your support of RCE and our continued ministry in Ukraine.

Doug & Kay

For information about:

- Assisting a Ukrainian church as it ministers to the community around it and shares the gospel
- Carrying out an evangelistic humanitarian project in your own community
- Implementing a strategy for experiencing revival in your own church

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## PRAYER

### Praises:

- Mike Stewart was able to come to Ukraine.
- A good relationship between Mike and the partnership soviet.
- Initiating a strategy for revival in churches

### Requests:

- Kay's health--she works very hard and gets run down.
- Revival in churches of Nikolaiv oblast.
- Evangelistic humanitarian projects in all partner churches.
- Financial support--changing organization and \$200 per month rent increase last month.

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