St. James Alumni Project

October/November Update

2018



This month is the time when most churches in Ukraine celebrate the harvest and Thanksgiving is the main messages preached at churches. I have been to several Thanksgiving services this fall. Christians in Ukraine pray for their country and give thanks for what they have but plead for peace as the conflict with Russia continues.

The politics of this developing nation are very important for Europe at this time. It is astounding to see how so many St.James alumni are key influencers in society and what an important role the church has in this country.

Ukraine still has a difficult road ahead but as God's hand moves over this country we see many coming to know Christ and the church continues to grow.



St. James Alumni Fellowship Night

On Saturday, November 17th The first alumni reunion will be held in Kiev. There has been a good response from alum from many countries. Some alumni from Poland, Israel and the USA have responded and plan to attend. Currently, plans are being made for this evening in Kiev. The event will be held at the "Never Give up" city club in the same neighborhood where St. James began its program in Kiev. Looking at the replies to the invitation there are expected to be 70-100 alum attending.



Alumni Nikolai and Tanya Moshkovskie

Nikolai and Tanya Moshkovskie studied at St James in Kiev. They went on to work with local churches and now worship in the suburb of Vizhgorod. I was excited to visit the Pentecostal church in Vizhgorod and see the ministry of this couple there. Pastor Ozeruga was very gracious to meet with me there and is proud of the ministry these two alum have done at the church. Nikolai and Tanya have begun a Christian preschool and elementary school. There are 80 children attending the school. The community was apprehensive when they opened the school because private school education was still quite new. The local authorities watched and checked how they ran the school. Now, they have a good student body and many on a waiting list. The classrooms are bright and welcoming and the teachers caring and well prepared. Tanya was so quick to pull out the curriculum and proudly showed me that their program is based on what they have learned at St. James. She said that what they got at the college has been applied to what they teach at this school. Sending her highest regards to Mrs.Vernita Sheley.

Plans for November

This November will be full of different events. The first weeks of November I will be preparing for the Alumni event. I am working with a several of our alum to get the right venue, order food and drinks, bring in musicians and put together the program for the evening. The event will take place on the 17th of November.

November 20th, I will be flying to San Francisco. I plan to be in the US for a month. I will spend some time with my family and visit my mother during this time. I look forward to celebrating Thanksgiving in the US and visiting my Highlands family.
December 14th, I will fly back to Ukraine.
I look forward to meeting friends and colleagues during this time in the states.
David

Please see the attachements in this email for October expenses.