

Ministry, Family, Friends and more...

LIFE IN UKRAINE

YEAR END 2016

ERIC & BETH YODIS - HELPING
UKRAINE FORMULATE A VISION AND
EXECUTE A STRATEGY FOR CHURCH
PLANTING

Please don't
drink me! I may just
be mineral water
today...

but Jesus could
turn me into wine
tomorrow.

When water whines...





We have many new ministry friends from all over Ukraine!



“Чи знала ти маріє?”





Dude! Don't look at the camera!

I can't help it bro! It makes me happy! It's so cool bro!



Please pray for our church planter training program.

Were we supposed to say "please" or "thank you"?



How'd I get stuck in the Foreigner's group???

We get the coffee break lounge? Coolest group ever!!!

We first became acquainted with these two guys, Azat and Zhenya, when Eric & his colleague, Sergei, were speaking at a pastor's conference in a province called Sumi. Promoting vision and strategy for church planting took Eric and Sergei to many provinces of Ukraine. After the conference, Azat spoke to us about planting a church in a regional center of this province. In January, he and his friend, Zhenya, moved to the target area of the church plant and began their training. Today, they have a small group that is meeting regularly.

Pictured from left to right: Rustam and Sergei. Rustam is the director of the church planter training program. Sergei is the senior presbyter in charge of home missions for the largest evangelical entity in all of Ukraine. Together with Eric, they form a team that recruits, trains, and mentors church planting teams throughout Ukraine.

The training program takes a revolutionary approach to learning. While Ukrainians are highly accustomed to learning by lecture, this training program emphasizes interaction in both lecture and small group as well as individual work. It is practical in nature and utilizes problem solving, planning, brainstorming and other creative processes for learning. Two major advantageous for the program include accountability and follow-up, which means we visit the church planters at their location, mentoring from afar and up close.

THE CHURCH PLANTER TRAINING PROGRAM

POKOLENIE (GENERATION)



PRAYING FOR EACH OF THE CHURCH PLANTING TEAMS AT THE END OF TRAINING BEFORE THEY GO BACK HOME.



Don't look now Beth, but there is a tree growing right up out of your head!



- 1) New Year's Village in Kiev
- 2) Christmas (Jan. 7) in the Carpathians.
- 3) Sunflower field near the Mgarski Monastery in Poltavaska Oblast.
- 4) Meeting with church planters and their wives in Lvivska Oblast.
- 5) Beth with friends at the Mgarski Monastery.
- 6) Touring Chernobyl and Pripjat with the infamous Reactor #4 in the background.
- 7) With friends at a pysanky (painted egg) art festival in Kyiv.



Baby, you are radioactive hot!!!

Awww, you always know just what to say!



That's a good egg! Two Thumbs Up!