

AMAZING

MISSIONS COMICS PRESENTS:



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Yodis in Ukraine!

THIS
WALKING ON WATER IS
A PIECE OF CAKE... PETER
MUST HAVE BEEN IN WAY
OVER HIS HEAD.

MISSIONS AS NEVER BEFORE
SEEN OR HEARD...

THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF
WHAT GOD IS DOING IN
UKRAINE WITH CHURCH
PLANTING & EVANGELISM
(WITH A BIT OF SATIRE,
HUMOR, NEWS, COMMENTARY
AND MORE)...

MY HERO!

2017

YEAR END

ERIC & BETH

Odessa, Ukraine

THIS YEAR ANOTHER SET OF STUDENTS FROM AROUND UKRAINE STARTED STUDYING CHURCH PLANTING. (IRPIN, UKRAINE)



BUNCH OF POSERS!

EVERYBODY LEAN THIS WAY!

HE SAID ACT LIKE YOU ARE LEARNING, NOT ACT LIKE YOU ARE LEANING!

AWESOME!

Ukraine Chernigivska

I CAN'T TAKE IT... I'M TURNING MY HEARING AID DOWN

REALLY VALERI... THAT'S HOW YOU DO THE GANGNAM STYLE!?

VALERI (IN WHITE) IS THE LEADER OF THE COMMITTEE FOR GOOD NEWS (EVANGELISM). WE OFTEN TRAVEL TOGETHER CONSULTING WITH CHURCH LEADERS ABOUT EVANGELISM AND CHURCH PLANTING.



LET'S SEE... YOU PUT YOUR RIGHT FOOT IN, YOU PUT YOUR RIGHT FOOT OUT...

IN THIS ISSUE, WE'LL BE TAKING YOU WITH US ON OUR JOURNEYS THROUGHOUT UKRAINE. YOU'LL MEET INTERESTING PEOPLE AND SEE INTERESTING PLACES. BEST OF ALL, YOU'LL FIND LOTS OF WAYS YOU CAN BE PRAYING FOR UKRAINE AND THE YODISES.

MEANWHILE... BETH VISITS A FALLEN HERO!



MISS YA' DAD

BY THE WAY, I'M ANDRE AND I COULD REALLY USE YOUR PRAYERS. YOU SEE, I'VE GOT LOTS OF MINISTRY SKILLS AND SO I'VE TAKEN ON MANY DIFFERENT RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT WHAT I REALLY WANT TO DO IS PLANT A CHURCH HERE IN CHERNIGIVSK.

MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE YODIS FAMILY TO YOURS! WHENEVER YOU SEE THE PRAYING HANDS AS SHOWN BELOW, YOU'LL KNOW THERE IS SOMETHING THERE FOR WHICH TO PRAY!



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WE TRAVELED TO 13 PROVINCES TO MEET WITH GROUPS OF PASTORS LIKE THIS LEADERSHIP GROUP IN POLTAVA, UKRAINE...

YOUTH DIRECTOR
LEONID THE CHURCH PLANTING DIRECTOR



WHAT MORE DO THEY WANT FROM ME?! WE'RE ALREADY PLANTING 4 CHURCHES IN OUR PROVINCE.

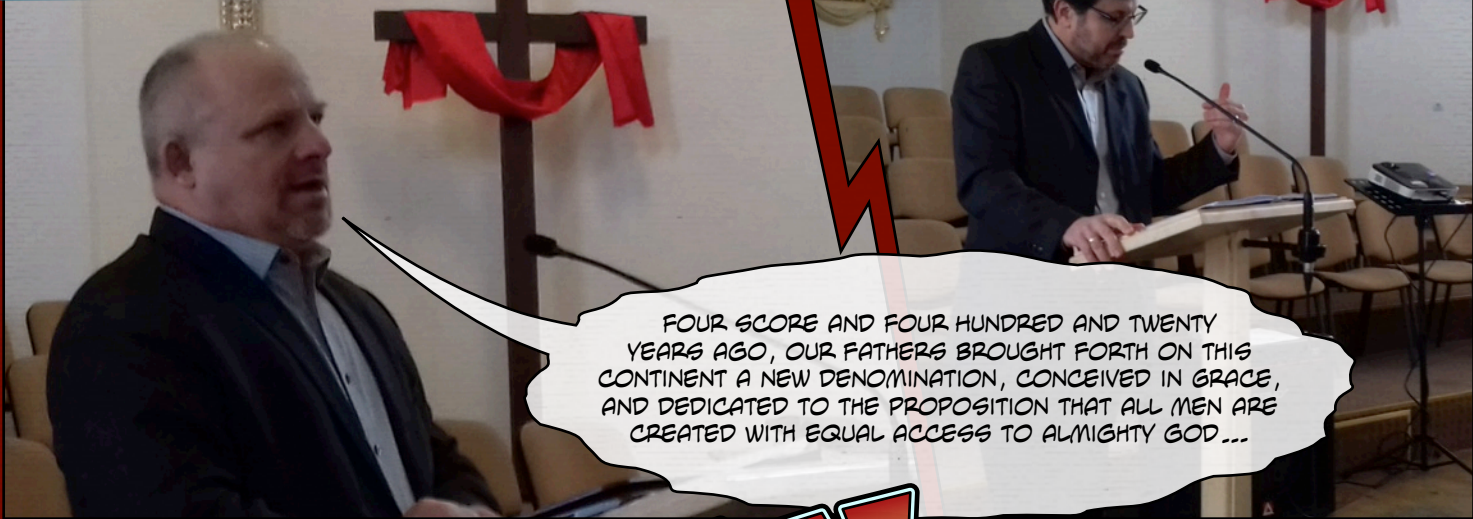


HE'S GETTING CLOSER. I CAN SMELL HIM... CAN'T BE MORE THAN 300 KM AWAY... WOOF! GAHV! SOMEDAY HE'LL COME FOR ME...



CHARLIE, OUR DOG IN DONETSK, NEVER GIVES UP HOPE THAT SOME DAY HE'LL BE REUNITED WITH HIS TRUE OWNERS.

2017 WAS THE YEAR OF THE REFORMATION IN UKRAINE HISTORICALLY AND BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE. ERIC AND HIS COLLEAGUE, SERGEI, TRAVELED TO THE FARTHEST SOUTHWEST REGION OF UKRAINE (ZAKARPATIA) SPEAKING TO PASTORS ON THE THEMES OF THE REFORMATION.



FOUR SCORE AND FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY YEARS AGO, OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH ON THIS CONTINENT A NEW DENOMINATION, CONCEIVED IN GRACE, AND DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED WITH EQUAL ACCESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD...

NICE!



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DADDY! HE BECAME A PASTOR TODAY... AND ALL I GOT WAS THIS LOLLIPOP!



Авва
Отче

IN THE CITY OF UZHGOROD, A CHURCH PLANTING PASTOR IS ORDAINED IN A NEW BABY CHURCH. THE CHURCH IS COMPRISED OF MILLENIALS AND IS A SHINING EXAMPLE OF A CHRIST-CENTERED, BIBLE-BASED, GRACE-ORIENTED, MODERN CHURCH PLANT.



BE CAREFUL
ERIC, YOU'LL SHOOT
YOUR EYE OUT!



NONSENSE MY
DEAR. THAT'S
INCONCEIVABLE!

FAMOUS
LAST
WORDS!



WHO WOULD'VE
KNOWN?

I COULD'VE TOLD
YOU THAT!

AS ERIC & BETH TRAVELED THROUGHOUT SOUTHEASTERN UKRAINE TALKING TO PASTORS, CHURCH PLANTERS AND LEADERS OF CHURCH PLANTING, THEY WERE ALSO ABLE TO VISIT A FEW OF THE CASTLES THAT REMAIN... OR THEIR RUINS.



THIS BEAUTIFUL HUNGARIAN-BUILT CASTLE IN THE TOWN OF MUKACHEVA IS IN GREAT CONDITION AND IS BEING RENOVATED AS FUNDS ALLOW.



WE TRY TO MAKE FRIENDS
WITH THE LOCALS, BUT THEY
JUST GIVE US THE COLD,
STIFF SHOULDER!

"GIRL YOU SHINE LIKE REFLECTIONS ON THE WATER.
GIRL YOU SHINE LIKE THE SUN IN THE SKY.
GIRL YOU SHINE LIKE THE MOON DOES IN THE NIGHT TIME.
GIRL YOU SHINE LIKE THE STARS IN THE SKY!"

LENA YOU'RE
SO PRETTY THE WAY THE
LIGHT IS SHINING ON YOU
LIKE THAT.

DOESN'T HE
KNOW ANY OTHER
SONGS???

ERIC & BETH MEET WITH CHURCH PLANTERS GREGORY AND LENA IN LVIV. LITTLE DID WE KNOW THAT LENA WOULD UNDERGO SURGERY IN A FEW MONTHS TO REMOVE CANCER. SHE VERY MUCH NEEDS YOUR PRAYER FOR CONTINUED RECOVERY!

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IN APRIL, BETH & ERIC TRAVELED TO A FAR AWAY LAND TO HELP COORDINATE THE LOGISTICS AND TO ATTEND A SERIES OF SEMINARS PUT ON FOR WORLDVENTURE MISSIONARIES...

LITHUANIA



Relational skills conference a huge success

HERE WE PUT INTO PRACTICE THE PRINCIPLES OF THE "HOW TO HUMILIATE YOUR OPPONENTS" SEMINAR.

FIRST, MAKE THE LOSER SIGN WITH YOUR THUMB AND FOREFINGER. SECOND, LOOK YOUR OPPONENT IN THE EYE AND SAY, "NAH NAH, NAH NAH NAH!"

SHE SCARES ME!

HAVE YOU TWO LEARNED YOUR LESSON YET?

BETH, SOMETIMES YOUR RELATIONAL SKILLS ARE JUST A BIT TOO MACHIAVELLIAN.

THANK YOU JOSH... YOU'RE TOO KIND!

OUR DIRECTOR, ED GUDEMAN, SHOWED US YOU CAN WEAR YOUR MESSAGE ON YOUR SHIRTSLEEVES, BUT IT ALSO MUST COME FROM WITHIN.

FIND ERIC & BETH AT WWW.YODIS-LIVE

BACK IN UKRAINE, ERIC & BETH
CONTINUE THEIR TRAVELS



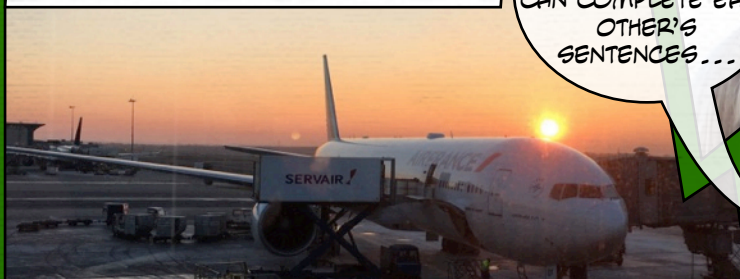
SOMETIMES OUR MEETINGS ARE NOT SO CONVENTIONAL AS WITH THE LOVELY TKACHUK FAMILY WHO LEADS CHURCH PLANTING MINISTRY IN THE TERNOPIL PROVINCE...

PIZZAAAA!!!



OR AN ENCOURAGING PIZZA EVENING WITH THESE TWO CHURCH PLANTING TEAMS

HAVING COMPLETED THEIR MISSION IN SOUTHWEST UKRAINE, BETH GOES ON ANOTHER MISSION TO TENNESSEE TO VISIT HER MOTHER JUST SIX MONTHS AFTER THE PASSING OF HER FATHER...



HER NEW MISSION WAS TO BRING LOVE, COMFORT, CHEER AND JUST A SMIDGEON OF SANITY TO HER SISTERS AND HER MOTHER AS THEY REMEMBER THE FAMILY PATRIARCH...

I FEEL LIKE WE KNOW EACH OTHER SO WELL, WE CAN COMPLETE EACH OTHER'S SENTENCES...

LET'S TRY. I'LL START --- "LET'S GO ON A ..."

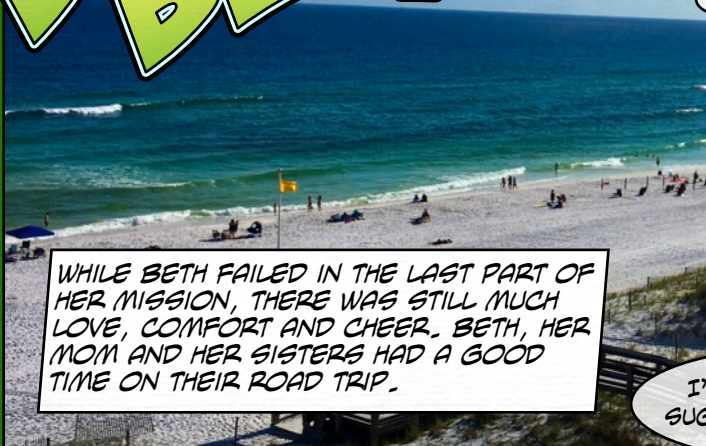
NO!!! YOU'RE ALL WRONG!!! I WAS GOING TO SAY "ROAD TRIP!" WHAT IS SO HARD ABOUT THAT!!!

A SAFARI. A YELLOW SUBMARINE. A HIKE UP MT. EVEREST. AM I GETTING WARMER

OH, I KNOW! BLIMP! LET'S GO ON A BLIMP!

CARUISE! THAT'S RIGHT - YOU WERE GOING TO SAY "A CRUISE!"

BLIP BLIP



WHILE BETH FAILED IN THE LAST PART OF HER MISSION, THERE WAS STILL MUCH LOVE, COMFORT AND CHEER. BETH, HER MOM AND HER SISTERS HAD A GOOD TIME ON THEIR ROAD TRIP.

(SIGH) IF YOU CAN'T BEAT'M, JOIN'M

AH... MAKING NEW & PRECIOUS MEMORIES WHILE REMEMBERING THE OLD ONES... NOTHING'S BETTER THAN THAT!

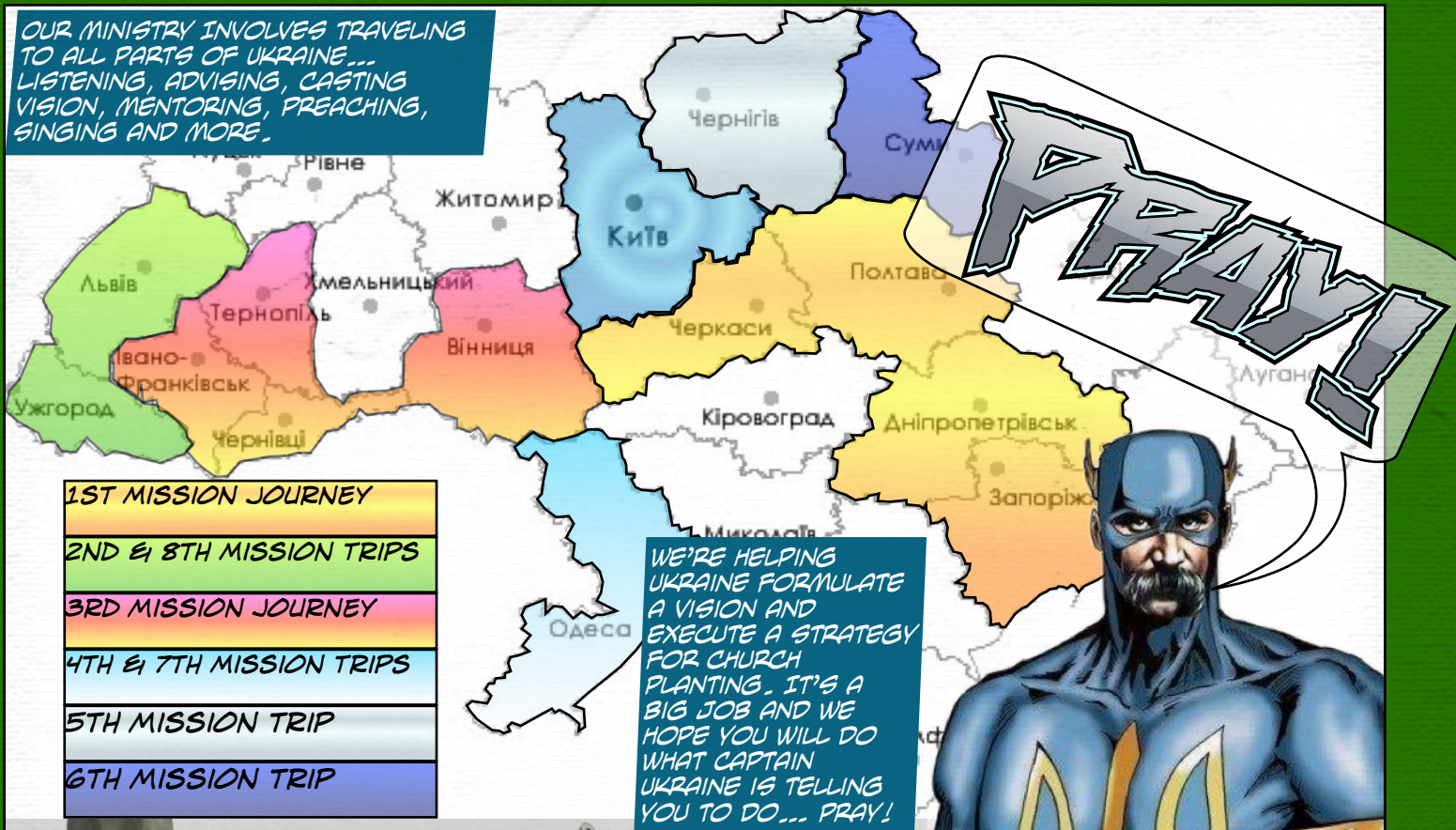
(BESIDES A NICE MUTTON, LETTUCE AND TOMATO SANDWICH)



I'M SURE GLAD YOU SUGGESTED THIS BETH!

ACTUALLY, IT WAS MY IDEA TO BEGIN WITH. AHHAHAHHHHH.

OUR MINISTRY INVOLVES TRAVELING TO ALL PARTS OF UKRAINE... LISTENING, ADVISING, CASTING VISION, MENTORING, PREACHING, SINGING AND MORE.



UKRAINIAN HIGHLANDERS PLAY THE "TREMBITA".
WWW.WIKIPEDIA.COM SEARCH "TREMBITA"



CONSULTING & MENTORING CHURCH PLANTING LEADERS.



BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS FOR FUTURE MINISTRY!



BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER.



"NO MORE PLANTING CHURCHES HERE. WE CAN BARELY CONTROL THE ONES WE HAVE."

UM... MR. SENIOR BISHOP SIR., IF I MAY ASK, "WHAT ARE THE ISSUES FOR WHICH THE CHURCHES NEED TO BE CONTROLLED?"

IMPORTANT ONES LIKE "CLAPPING IN CHURCH, WOMEN WEARING PANTS AND NOT WEARING HEAD COVERINGS." DON'T EVEN GET ME STARTED ABOUT "MAKE-UP"!

THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE EASY...

UNFORTUNATELY, THERE ARE STILL PASTORS AND LEADERS WHO DON'T AGREE WITH CHURCH PLANTING... LIKE THIS LEADER OF AN ENTIRE PROVINCE.

SOME FACES HAVE BEEN BLURRED TO PROTECT THE READER.

DUDE, WOW!!! SO THOSE ARE THE ISSUES THAT ARE MORE IMPORTANT HERE THAN THE GOSPEL! WHY AM I STILL SMILING???

HEY... THAT WAS MY HOME!

FAMILY, FUN, FISH & CHIPS... IN THAT ORDER!

WOW... THIS IS BETTER THAN THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S HOUSE IN DONETSK!

MAYBE WE CAN BUY ONE THAT'S 1/100 OF ITS SIZE IN COLORADO...

THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR YEAR WAS SPENDING OUR REMAINING VACATION TIME WITH THESE TWO WONDERFUL KIDS! HERE WE ARE SHOWN MEETING THEM IN ENGLAND...

...AND THEN THEY FOLLOWED US BACK TO UKRAINE. HOME TO CHARITY AND A STRANGE AND WONDERFUL NEW LAND TO BRANDON. (PICTURE OF MEZHIGORIA - FORMER ESTATE OF FORMER PRES. YANUKOVICH)

LET'S THANK EVERYONE FOR PRAYING!

AND LET'S NOT FORGET TO THANK THOSE WHO DONATE.

YES... OF COURSE. THANKS EVERYBODY...

...FOR PRAYING AND FOR GIVING!

BECAUSE YOU PRAYED AND GAVE...

THE SUBJECT OF CHURCH PLANTING HAS BECOME A TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT MANY OF THE CHURCH LEADER MEETINGS THROUGHOUT UKRAINE.

CHURCH PLANTER NETWORKS HAVE BEEN STARTED IN THREE PROVINCES.

YOUNG MEN WITH LEADERSHIP SKILLS AND POTENTIAL ARE BEING TRAINED IN THE WORK OF CHURCH PLANTING.

A VISION FOR CHURCH PLANTING IS BEING FORMULATED AS A RALLYING CRY FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST.

UKRAINIAN CHURCH PLANTER MISSIONARIES ARE LEARNING HOW TO ADAPT TO A NEW CULTURE,

PEOPLE ARE HEARING THE GOSPEL, SOULS ARE BEING SAVED, AND NEW CHURCHES ARE BEING STARTED.