

# Bill & Judy Ball

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## Slavic Gospel Association

### Ministry Overseas

*From a man's perspective we often define our lives by what we do. That is true in God's work as well. It is part and parcel because of our relationship with our Saviour.*

May began with preparation for the overseas trip bringing a work team to Russia. We took six others with us to Otradnoye where we began a project back in 2011. This was a regional ministry center building with multiple purposes. Though we had completed much of the exterior work, the interior was needing the finishing touches. We owe a large thank you to a great group who laboured tirelessly every day alongside the dedicated national believers.

While they worked at the site, Judy and I traveled about 2,500 km visiting a number of missionary pastors SGA supports and observing several potential sites we could become involved with. One such meeting would be to aid in the outreach of four new orphanages. This is most encouraging. Much of what we do is building relationships, hearing their stories and visions, then wisely assisting the nationals.

**This has been a fruitful time in our lives serving the Lord. From the comments in this report you will see we have had much activity and some times of refreshment as well. Apart from ministry we have allotted time for ourselves and family connections.**



# Ministry Overseas

On May 31<sup>st</sup> the team returned to Canada, then Judy and I continued to Ukraine through Belarus. Once again we hit the road and completed a 3,000 km journey into Southwestern Ukraine sharing life with many we have supported for some time but I had never met. What committed servants!



The next trip in September will be Eric & Judy Watson (retired Ontario pastor) leading a retreat for pastors and wives in Volgograd, Russia. This is their 3<sup>rd</sup> such ministry opportunity. Thank you for allowing God to use you both!

Sue, our office administrator, leaves October 2<sup>nd</sup> for a trip to Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine with the C.F.O. from our U.S. office. Sue knows everyone we serve so well through pictures and emails over the last 8 years. With Beverly often going alone, we felt this would be a perfect opportunity for Sue. Bill and Judy will stay back this time.

## Mission Office



June 26<sup>th</sup> we moved our office to a smaller, less expensive lease. Considerable savings will be realized meaning more funding will be

available for overseas. We took on the sales mindset and have been liquidating many items we no longer need.

## Ministry Opportunities

- \* God opened the door once again to represent SGA at Elim Lodge, July 14-20. The folks were most kind and generous towards the work.
- \* Speaking this fall includes such stops as: Caledon, Cambridge, London, and Brampton. In November we will do a British Columbia donor ministry contact trip concluding with the Fellowship Baptist National Convention in Richmond.
- \* Our Florida supporting 'snowbird' group from Punta Gorda had a northern reunion in Michigan which we attended (August 20-22). It was great to renew friendships.

## Personal

In July we took a few days and traveled to Quebec



visiting Judy's two brothers and her mom who will be 86. She lives in a beautiful retirement home and actually has siblings there as well. Then in September we will make our way to Pennsylvania for our nephew's wedding celebration.

We enjoy time with Kim and Dan living so close. Campfires are special in their backyard along with watching Dan play Ultimate Frisbee and hockey.

Praise the Lord for What's App and Skype so we can communicate with Chris, Karyn and our three grandchildren. We pray daily for their safety in South Sudan with Mission Aviation Fellowship.

Thank you to each one for your prayers and gifts towards this vital ministry that God has called us to.

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