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Dear friends,

When we travel to visit our partners both here in Canada and the Slavic nations it is often by air. From that elevation it is fascinating to see the landscape and oceans which gives us a sense of humility. The world is immense and we are so small yet God chooses to work through us.

The task of reaching people with the Gospel is beyond comprehension but by working together with faithful servants of Christ it's happening. We hope these updates from those we support bring a new higher perspective of God at work changing lives for eternity.

Bill Ball

Bill Ball, Executive Director

A Ministry Report from Our Friend and Partner, Vasyl Bodnar in Vysoke

Greetings to all,

Praise to Jesus Christ! Our church in Vysoke is flourishing with God's grace guiding our service. In the first quarter of 2024, we've engaged in meaningful activities:

- New Members Preparation: We've welcomed individuals preparing for baptism through the "Foundations of Faith" Bible study.
- Military Family Support: Our church has provided spiritual and practical aid to families affected by military service.
- Weekly Gatherings: We host Sunday prayer meetings and Sunday School, fostering community and education.
- Outreach to Bereaved Families: We've comforted families of fallen soldiers with the Gospel's hope.
- Christmas Celebrations: Thanks to the SGA mission, we organized a Christmas program for children and hosted a festive dinner.
- Public School Activities: We've conducted programs at a local school to positively influence our youth.
- Armed Forces Support: Our ongoing support for service members continues.

We're grateful for these opportunities to serve and look forward to more in Christ's love.

Blessings, Vasyl Bodnar



Vasyl is a long-time friend and partner of the work that we are doing in Ukraine. We've been supporting the work that he does for over a decade now, and are inspired by the ways God is using church planters like him that we meet through this season. Please pray for Vasyl and his family as they continue to seek God through a difficult time for their country.

Will You Pray With Us?

As supporters and friends of SGA Canada, your prayers are a cornerstone of our ministry, nurturing the soil in which our initiatives grow and flourish. In a world filled with challenges and needs, your intercession is a powerful force that propels our mission forward, allowing us to reach the forgotten, share the Gospel across Slavic countries, and demonstrate Christ's love in tangible ways.

As you come before the Lord, we humbly ask for your prayers on these key areas, knowing that through God's grace and your faithful support, we can make a profound difference in the lives of many.

What You Can Pray For

- 1) Ongoing Conflict:** Pray for peace, safety for displaced families, and support for all aiding those impacted by conflict, aiming for relief and hope in challenging times and places we are working in.
- 2) Leadership:** Lift up SGA Canada's leaders for wisdom and guidance as they navigate ministry efforts and outreach.
- 3) Ministry Impact:** Ask for God's blessing on SGA Canada's diverse ministries, that they may effectively touch lives and spread hope.
- 4) Ongoing Support:** Pray for the generosity of donors to continue, enabling the growth and impact of SGA's mission.

Rev. Sergey Naboychenko's Ministry

Update from Kaluga, Russia

It's with great enthusiasm that we share with you the latest developments from Rev. Sergey Naboychenko's ministry in the Kaluga region of Russia. His efforts to advance spiritual growth and strengthen community bonds are truly commendable and reflect the significant impact of your generous contributions.

Over the past year, Rev. Naboychenko embarked on several key initiatives that have profoundly influenced the spiritual landscape of the region. His journey to Minsk to provide pastoral training underscores our collective mission to nurture and develop future church leaders. This event, focusing on the crucial topic of "Coaching—the raising of new church ministers," brought together Christian men from Belarus, fostering an environment of prayer and mutual growth.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the first enlarged All-Russian Conference of ministers, hosted in Moscow. Dubbed "Creativity," this conference drew an impressive attendance of 450 ministers from across Russia, making it a historic gathering in terms of scale and impact. The conference's success, marked by a comprehensive agenda of reports, testimonies, and workshops, has already inspired plans for a subsequent conference in St. Petersburg in June 2024.



The Creativity Conference, in the Golgotha church in Moscow

Rev. Naboychenko continued his tireless work into November, participating in a regional Youth Conference where he addressed over 700 attendees. His topics, "Endure Afflictions" and "Double Life," resonated deeply with the audience, further amplified by his leadership in a personal coaching training session for coordinators from Russia and Belarus. This initiative served as a vital "Reset" for ministers deeply committed to their calling.

Recognizing the dedicated service of pastors and their families, Rev. Naboychenko has identified a pressing need for a retreat aimed at providing encouragement and support. This proposed gathering, which seeks to bring together pastors and their spouses, underscores the importance of community and mutual support among those at the forefront of ministry work.



The work accomplished in the Kaluga region, spearheaded by Rev. Naboychenko and supported by your generosity, stands as a testament to the power of faith and community. As we look forward to these initiatives' continued success and the growth of the ministry, we extend our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and commitment.

Your contributions are not just donations; they are investments in the spiritual well-being and development of communities in need. We thank you for your partnership and for the hope and light you bring to many through your support.

An Update from Hebron Academy

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous donation, which supports socially vulnerable young women in Ukraine through tech education at Hebron, Inc. Your contribution has profoundly impacted their lives, and we are sincerely grateful to have you with us on this journey.

With respect and gratitude,
Liliya Valihun
Co-founder, Hebron IT Academy



Hanna's Story (Current Student)



Hanna recently joined other female students living at Hebron IT Academy. Before joining Hebron IT Academy, she studied online.

Hanna is 19 years old and is from Druzhkivka, Donetsk region. She was forced to evacuate to Lviv.

Later, she learned about Hebron IT Academy and decided to try her hand in tech. At the Academy, Hanna is studying Full-Stack development. In her free time, she likes to study Asian languages.

"For me, Hebron is not only an opportunity to get a tech education and find a job, but also a place of spiritual healing and a community of people with whom I am always comfortable," she says. 'Learning is easy for me, and I like database classes with teacher Ostap Kucha the most.'

*For more information
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Other Students We Support

Please meet Daniella, Valentyna, Yelyzaveta, Hanna, and Mariia. These talented young women are continuing their studies at Hebron IT Academy, all thanks to your generous support! Your contributions have made it possible for these socially vulnerable female students to pursue their dreams, and for that, we extend our heartfelt gratitude.



Spiritual Growth at

At Hebron IT Academy, spiritual growth is emphasized, particularly through initiatives like the Alpha Course with mentor Yevhenii Klius and Sunday services at local churches. They also experienced Winter Camp 2024 by Young Life and benefit from weekly sessions with pastors, enriching their values and life goals.





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