



**"This trip opened my eyes to the possibilities my church family has to fulfill the Great Commission in partnership with healthy churches in other parts of the world. What a blessing it was to go with a team from my own church, including my 12-year-old son, Luke!"**

Glen, pastor of Crossroads Church, Albert Lea, Minnesota

### Connecting in Prayer

- Pray for the **Ukrainians** in the church in Kharkov who will now be **starting a computer ministry** with the computers donated by Crossroads Church.
- Several **volunteers** are entering course material into Moodle. Ask God to give them **clarity and wisdom in this detailed work.**
- Praise God for the arrival of **John, eDOT's newest full-time missionary!** John will be living in Zaporozhye, Ukraine.

**"Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop - thirty, sixty or even a hundred times what was sown.."**

Mark 4:20 (NIV)

## Planting Seeds in Ukraine

*In March 2009 a team from Crossroads Church in Albert Lea, Minnesota, conducted a computer outreach at Central Baptist Church in Kharkov, Ukraine. Lois, a team member from Crossroads Church, shares her life-changing experience.*

Arriving in Kharkov in the middle of an ice storm, our team of eight was thrilled to meet Sue (with eDOT) and Jim (with Greater Europe Mission's EuroTeam ministry), as well as Anna, our competent Ukrainian interpreter. After a year of preparation, we were ready to begin our computer outreach!

Our pastor challenged us to be faithful in sowing the seed, which is what we did the next five days. We offered two three-hour classes each day. Between the afternoon and evening classes, a total of 54 students attended faithfully. They came to improve their computer skills, learn more English, and "meet the Americans."



*Margarite came to be with her daughter... and found Jesus waiting for her.*

With three to four people gathered around each laptop, we helped them learn to create files, cut and paste text, draw, paint, send emails, and use the Internet. Each day we shared our life stories and gave object lessons about Jesus and His love for them.

Margarite came with her teenage daughter. Years before, she attended this church, but then she fell away from the Lord. She wanted to learn more about computers, so she could better understand the technology her daughter was using and so she could email her other children who live outside Kharkov. The following Sunday, Margarite came forward during the worship service to recommit her life to the Lord. God had worked in her heart during the week, drawing her back to Himself.

That Sunday was an exciting day in other ways, too. Nearly all of the students, including one who had never been to church before in his life, attended the worship service. Each student received a certificate and a Bible. After church we took many pictures and exchanged hugs and farewells. There were lots of smiles and genuine appreciation. It was obvious that we had made many new friends.

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What a privilege God gave us to serve! When asked if he would go again, one member of our team said, "I'd do it again in a heartbeat."