



"Though Ukraine is now free from Communism, there is still much corruption and suffering. The gospel is Ukraine's only hope for change, and we were honored to take part in offering them hope."

Janet, team member from Cedarbrook Community Church, Clarksburg, Maryland

Connecting in Prayer

- Praise God for a great response to a computer outreach in Kharkov, Ukraine, this month!
- Pray for wisdom in our new relationship with Al-Andalus Theological College in Seville, Spain. We are helping them start a distance-learning program and have our first detailed planning meeting at the end of this month.
- Pray for Sue (pictured at the right) and Andrew (eDOT missionary in Kiev) as they visit eDOT's 17 eLearning Centers in Ukraine this month. Ask God to give them grace and insight so they can help the centers be more effective.

"For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again."
 2 Corinthians 5:14,15 (NLT)

A Team Shows Christ's Love in Kiev

Posters placed on fences and personal invitations by church members announced the coming of a team from the U.S. to teach computers at the Birth of Christ Church in Kiev in April. The response was, as always, amazing.



Posters invited Ukrainians to the Birth of Christ Church in Kiev to learn computer skills.

Forty students joined the team of eight from the Washington, D.C., area to crowd around eight desks during two classes each day for a week. Some came curious about America and wanting to practice their English. Others came though they'd never touched a computer, realizing the importance of new job skills. Delight spread across their faces as they experienced

the magic of cut-and-paste and the creativity of developing a colorful graphic design based on Christ's empty tomb or John 3:16.

Often in a classroom setting, students remain strangers to each other and never talk personally with the teachers. But the U.S. team found most of the students open and responsive, perhaps due in part to the many great needs in their lives. One teenage girl was the oldest of 11 children, all of whom lived in one room with their alcoholic parents. She began bringing her younger siblings to the classes; they loved decorating cakes in a computer game but really ate up the hugs and conversations with the teachers! A young man who walked into the class using a cane bore scars of a near-fatal drunk-driving accident. We learned that God had used his brush with death to reclaim his life and heart.

Several students specifically mentioned that they came to upgrade their job skills since computers are becoming more commonplace in Ukraine. But teaching computer skills is not the primary course objective in a computer outreach. The team came to Kiev to show Jesus Christ to a community through their love, service, and words.



Sue, the team leader, helps a Ukrainian draw a graphic of Jesus' cross and tomb.

At the beginning of the week, one student started openly arguing with the men who gave the gospel talks during class. At the closing ceremony he asked for the microphone and spontaneously expressed his gratitude "not only for the opportunity to learn computers, but also to learn about Jesus."

During the last class the students learned how to do e-mail. Several of the students and their teachers have already found a very positive application: they continue their new friendships - by e-mail, of course.

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