



"Even though we traveled halfway around the world doing God's work, the Ukrainian ministers are so committed and devoted to doing God's work that I felt like I should be doing more. They inspire us to think about our own level of commitment."

Jason, a team member from First Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas

No Ordinary Trip

A team of four from the First Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas, helped the Transfiguration Central Baptist Church in Kharkov, Ukraine, share God's love and truth through a computer outreach. Hear about it from Jason, one of the team members:

I had been on missions trips in the past, but I found out early on that this was no ordinary trip! Our plan was to conduct a computer course as an outreach event in Ukraine, and our eDOT leaders knew what we would be up against. They had prepared a thorough, online training program to help us with cultural adjustments, team building, and testimony preparation. There was also a curriculum to be learned and high expectations for the quality of the presentations that we were to make. The eDOT group works hard to deliver meaningful training along with sharing God's plan of salvation.

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Whenever you organize a missions trip, there will be hurdles to overcome. I have come to realize that this is how God shows His power to us. In our particular case we had many obstacles



to overcome. Our team was small - six adults - and the day before we left, two of our team members had to cancel due to serious health concerns with their father. One night during the outreach all of the electricity went out at the church. God showed His power by enabling us to complete the course via the batteries in the laptop computers.

We taught two three-hour lessons each day. Although the lessons seemed to be very basic, they were right on target for the level that our students needed. As the week progressed, the computer lessons became more involved and the Bible lessons became more focused until on Thursday we asked if anyone would like to pray for forgiveness and ask Jesus into their lives. Several of our students reacted very emotionally and shared their faith with us as we had opportunity to talk with them during breaks and after class.

On Sunday, after our first week of classes, we held a graduation ceremony during the regular church service. To my surprise, almost all of the students showed up, and they each wanted to share with the church about their experiences! One couple told of their decision to follow Christ, and another student repented of her sin and asked for forgiveness.

While this missions trip was one of the most difficult I've ever undertaken, I wouldn't trade one moment of the experience. The pastor of the Transfiguration Central Baptist Church invited us to come back again next year. He shared how grateful they were to find a way to bring people into the church and show them God's love. I'm considering making the trip - but if I can't go, would you go in my place?

Connecting in Prayer

- **Praise God** for several **strong ministry partnerships** formed at an Internet evangelism conference in September.
- Many in our eDOT team recently went through **training to be more effective in working together**. Pray that the training would be **useful in enabling our team to accomplish more together than we ever could apart**.
- Several eDOT missionaries will meet with the **Portuguese Bible Institute and the Portugal Baptist Seminary Oct. 20-23** to discuss development of their distance learning initiatives. Pray that we can be an encouragement to them and that many Portuguese-speaking leaders would be able to receive the training they need.

"I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

1 Corinthians 9:23 (NIV)