



# Your Connection to Ukraine



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**O**ur vision in Ukraine is that there would be spiritual movements everywhere so that every student would know someone who truly follows Jesus. We want to see teams of students in every university who are united in prayer, sharing God's Good News, and life changing discipleship.

The student ministry, in Ukraine, has targeted 38 university cities, in which we are trusting God to build a spiritual movement. We see God at work in special ways in the cities of Izmayil, Zhytomyr, Irpin, Poltava, Chernovtsi, Kramatorsk, and Lutsk.

The team that I help lead plays a crucial role in building movements in cities where we do not have teams of trained staff. Working with student leaders and volunteers allows us to build movements without a staff team in that city.

I would like to introduce you to my team, especially some of the new members. Sergey and Lena, his wife, joined our team in January. They have 5 children and Sergey was the National Student Ministry Director in Ukraine for the last 11 years. Sergey brings to our team a love for the local church, a passion to share the Gospel and unending energy.

As I write this letter, Sergey is in Izmayil with a group of our students trying to initiate a movement

there. Before going there, Sergey called local pastors and shared our vision with them about a student movement. These pastors, understanding the importance of fulfilling the Great Commission, agreed to arrange a meeting with students. Plus Sergey arranged for some students, who are currently involved in the movement, to travel with him and share their experience, skills and vision. Pray that a movement would be started in Izmayil and the other cities listed above.

Zhenya and Lilia joined our team in late November. They have two college-aged children. Zhenya, besides working with students, is a pastor and a chaplain to soldiers on the front. Lilia, besides working with students, ministers to the military wives, moms and widows. Pray for wisdom and strength as they minister in so many different spheres.

Pray that my team would be able to effectively train, develop and coach student leaders and volunteers to lead student movements in Ukraine. Pray also that the student ministry would make progress towards the goal of having movements in 38 cities.

You are also a part of this team with me and I am very thankful for your partnership. Your prayers, finances and words mean a lot to me and help in building spiritual movements among students in Ukraine.

This summer Sasha Zibarov, Sasha Junior, his oldest son, and I will be in the states. We will be in Boise, Idaho from Tuesday, May 16 to Tuesday, May 30. Then we will be in Alaska until June 25. In Alaska I can be reached at my mom's number, Charlotte Rosin, at 907-262-9220.

In Idaho Sasha and I will be staying with Rock and Terry Brown in Meridian. On Saturday, May 20 we will have an open house from 11:30 to 3:30 at their home: 2188 W Sonoma Drive, Meridian 83642-1982. Here is Terry's cell number: 208-350-0543. Also I will be in need of a car while we in Boise. If you could loan me a car or know of someone that could, please write and let me know and also what type of car it is.

Two weeks after getting back to Ukraine our summer project, Speak Out 2017, will start. From July 9th through the 19 we will have an intense time of spiritual growth, fun, taking steps of growth, family atmosphere as we trust God in various ways. There will be Christian students, desiring to grow, as well as non-Christian students who are open spiritually. Right now I want to ask you to pray that students from Glukov, Mariupol, Belaya Tserkov, and Rubizhne would trust God for the finances to go and practical steps towards that. Also pray that a couple of key students from Kramatorsk and Lysycnansk would go as well as from the cities that I mention earlier. Pray that Speak Out2017 would be a life changing experience for all.

Pray for wisdom for me in leading the team, in leading the key student leaders with whom I work, and pray that I would be walking close with God.

Joyfully serving the Lord with you,

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