



## DORI'S TRIP TO THE UKRAINE

Thank You!! It was my privilege to represent Hope Community Fellowship in the Ukraine!! You empowered and

released me to go...and I am very appreciative!! It was a wonderful time!! God is sooooo faithful!! He showed up in every meeting and ministered healing, deliverance, encouragement, baptism... all of His goodness poured out on His children. I was strengthened and filled with His anointing to have the word for the moment. Thank you for praying for me.

Elsie sends her best to everyone. It was great to be



with her and minister together. The Lord began speaking to me at the beginning of September about the

"armor of the Lord" and Elsie was hearing the same message...about being His arrow and

being polished by God, hidden in His quiver. We didn't talk about it until we were together and picked the theme of our conferences to be "Last Days Warriors". That just demonstrates the faithfulness of God!! He put it together without us even discussing it!! We called the nation of the Ukraine to get ready for the final battle. By the third meeting in each church we anointed everyone with oil to receive a warriors anointing. Powerful!!

As I arrived in the Ukraine it was like going back in time!! It was just like Estonia when I arrived in 1991.

They have not progressed as much as the Baltics, but are still very much influenced by Russia. It was all too familiar!! The Communists never did anything for the welfare of the people, it was all about keeping everyone poor while they got the best. A mentality of the aris-

toocrat and the peasant. In the Ukraine right now the average salary is \$300.00 a month.

Some of the younger entrepreneurs are making big bucks...about 10% of the 15 million population. Very frustrating for those who don't have. We faced the same dilemma in Estonia. And the problem it creates for the church is do people follow after God or go after money. Some who start out after God get sidetracked by the lure of getting rich.

We met one young man with an amazing testimony. His name is Andrei and he was our



THE APARTMENT BUILDING WE LIVED IN

## Ukrainian FLAG colors are blue and yellow...

driver for the first three days. He grew up with a criminal heart and mind. Always wanted to kill someone. His passion was to become an assassin. He ended up in jail several times and the last time he was in it was for 9 years for armed robbery. His cell mate was a Christian and God began speaking to him. His story was long, so the shortened version is that with 5 people holding him down he got delivered of demons and gave his life to Jesus. He got married shortly after he got out of prison to a wonderful woman who keeps him accountable. They had some really tough years to begin with. No money, no job...they ate macaroni and bread. His wife is an artist and she would paint pictures of meat, milk, cheese and put them in their frig, prophesying that one day they would be able to afford these things. She also painted radia-



...ANDREI WITH HIS LADA...

tors under their windows, wanting one day to have a source of heat in their apartment. Now he is in the plumbing business and brings home \$5,000.00 a month...wealthy compared to most. But God has given him the heart of a giver. While we were there God told him to give his car to his pastor...and after a little arguing with God...he was obedient to do that. He was full of stories and very entertaining.

The hardest thing we did while there was to visit the "place that God forgot". It is a home for the mentally handicapped, invalids and terminally ill. Tucked away outside the city, where no one has to see them. Very hard to describe to you what I saw, smelled and felt...heart wrenching. The worst was the "cage" where terminally ill can get out for fresh air. We met them there and prayed for each one...running sores, filthy,

angry, and I understand that some are even misdiagnosed and sentenced to this place. Right now their toilets are tin pails in the same area where



Existing Bathrooms

they sit. Everyone watches as you relieve yourself. I was appalled. Ed's team is trying to build them some bathrooms and showers right now. They are \$1200.00 short to finish this project. So many needs, but how inhumane to not even have privacy to use a toilet. In another area here there are those who are deformed. I have never seen such deformities.

We visited this place on a Saturday and had the privilege to take 11 of the more mobile residents to the Moscow Circus in the afternoon. They were just little kids, so excited to get

God's special kids going to the circus!!



## Ukrainian money is called "grivna"...5 grivna to the dollar.

out and do something.



Some of the men in the cage...  
And one young man who will spend his life in this bed...



We taught in Bible School 5 mornings for 3 hours. We met with the rehab people that the church houses and helps a couple of times to speak into their lives and pray for them. We did four conferences at four different churches. The churches we worked with are called the "Churches of Praise". They used to belong to the old Pentecostal Union, which is very legalistic. Pastor Gregory got kicked out because he liked to dance and

worship...so formed his own union based on openly praising the Lord. He has founded 40 churches throughout the Ukraine and in Armenia, Afghanistan and Kyrgyzstan...with a total of about 5000 members.

He pastors the main church in Krivoy Rog with 1100 members. His wife, Galina, pastors another church with 600 members!! The city of Krivoy Rog is 100 kilometers long and 15 kilometers wide. It is a mining city, but surprisingly clean and beautiful. They love their city and the people who live there.

A lot of drug users here, we saw syringers laying around on the ground everywhere we walked. We had a group outside of our apartment every day drinking and drugging. Elsie and I made up 5 plates of sandwiches and a large container of hot tea and went visiting. Our translator came with us...we listened to their

stories and told them about Jesus. One young man, Maxim, 28 yrs old...his wife is divorcing him because he is an alcoholic. He gave his life to Jesus and we have asked the church to follow up on him. We are believing that they will do that. For some of

the older men and women out there...they have just given up hope. They have no jobs and are not qualified to do anything...so

Pastor Gregory and wife Galina with Elsie and I at a private dining room in an Asian Restaurant.



Maxim, on right, giving his heart to Jesus. Other man Juri, trying to talk him out of it.

## Ukraine just had elections and a woman is the new prime minister.

they drink and use drugs and feed each others habits. Sad situation. We saw him again before we left and encouraged him to follow Jesus...and to get involved in the church.



We had two wonderful young ladies who worked with us the whole time as translators. Anya on the right, is Pastor Gregory's daughter, she is only 20 years old and very good. She is training another young woman, Jana, on the left, is 25 and married. She is also a worship leader in the church...and writes her own music. Very talented. We enjoyed them both and got some real incite into the country through their eyes and experiences.

One day we went into a juvenile detention center with young boys from ages 11-18. They had a program put together for us with dancing, singing and skits. They also made paintings for us that they

framed. We got to share Jesus with them and led them all in the sinners prayer. It is a government run institution...but the ladies who work there are all Christians. It was a fun experience.

In the two larger churches we prayed for hours after each service with people who wanted prayer. At my altar call in Galina's church 400 came forward for prayer. It was a bit overwhelming...but others helped us also. The 1st Sunday in Pastor Gregory's church we each wore out two translators before we prayed with everybody that came forward. Some double dipped...came to both of us for double blessings!!

I enjoyed seeing my friend Ed Dickson again too. Ed is a former alcoholic that got saved in 1992...his wife left him

and took their two kids. He tried to reconcile with her after he gave his heart to Jesus, but she had plans to remarry. Ed came to Estonia in 1993 to help anyway that he could. I helped give him his start in missions. Now he has left a high government position in the Canadian Agricultural Dept. to be a full time missionary. He has been in the Ukraine now for 10 years.

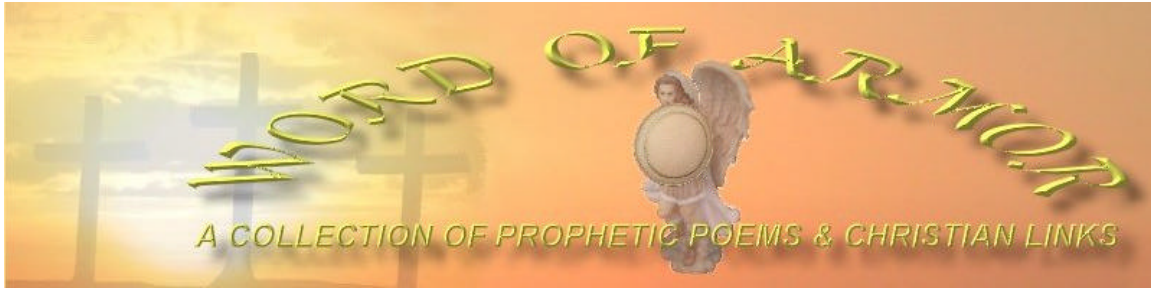


Three years ago he married a Ukrainian woman, Natasha, who is the worship leader in Pastor Sunday Adelaja's church in Kiev. He is very happy to be in the middle of what God has for him.

Our impression is that the Ukraine is under "OPEN HEAVENS!!" God is changing lives and pouring out his spirit. The people are hungry and ready to do damage to the kingdom of darkness. We were there to light a spark. Thanks so much for sending me...it was a tremendous experience!! Love you...Dori



Elsie and I with the boys from the detention center.



Hi,

If you feel led to make a donation to help the people in the Ukraine, we request all donations be sent to:

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Titusville, FL 32780  
Attn: Dori's Ukraine Project

Thank you,

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