

## Preparing to serve in Ukraine

helping students meet Jesus, know  
Jesus and serve just like Jesus

# News from the Chmiels

Summer  
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Most of you probably know that we are in the **last months of our preparations to move to Ukraine**. Once we move to Europe, we will spend time learning Ukrainian and then we will slowly start youth ministry in Lviv (city in western Ukraine). We will be working with the Lutheran congregation there. Some of you might be saying, "We know what you will be doing in Ukraine, but what are you doing now?" Right now, we have

**two goals: find people who will commit to pray regularly for us and God's work in Ukraine and raise 100% of the necessary financial support by December 2006.** Our summer has been very busy with **traveling, visiting churches, sharing our presentation and talking to people about our vision for the ministry in Ukraine.** We were also able to be at the **AFLC Annual Conference** in Stanwood, WA where we were commissioned



together with Nate and Rhoda Jore going to Uganda (see picture above). In July we were very blessed by a week at the **AFLC Boot Camp** (youth ministry leadership camp). It was exciting

to see these young students eager to learn more about how God could use them in their own youth groups. We also started **learning Ukrainian** (or should we say українська мова?) We are learning it on our own using tapes and we enjoy every moment when we find the time

to do it. And as you probably have guessed we also spend many **hours on the computer**: communicating with churches and individuals, sending out prayer updates, creating prayer cards, and right now writing to you! ☺



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## PRAYER BOARD

- **Ukraine** — pray that God would be preparing the hearts of the people in Lviv, especially the young people
- **The Lutheran church** in Ukraine
- **Strength, energy, wisdom and God's guidance** for our deputation months
- **Another missionary couple or a single person** to come help us in Ukraine
- **Miriam's back problems**
- **Departure date** — pray that, God willing, 100% of the necessary financial support would be in by December 2006 and we would be able to leave at the beginning of 2007



*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14*

**If you are praying for us on a regular basis, please let us know!**



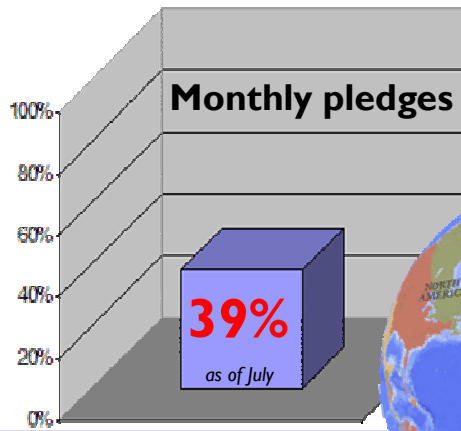
# Quiz yourself and your friends! How well do you know Ukraine?

- Who is the president of Ukraine?**
  - Yanukovuch
  - Kavulkov
  - Yushchenko
- When is the Ukrainian Independence day?**
  - July 4
  - August 24
  - September 24
- Which river flows through Ukraine?**
  - Dnieper
  - Danube
  - Elbe
- Around how many million people live in Ukraine?**
  - 32
  - 47
  - 61
- Which of these NBA basketball players is from Ukraine?**
  - Marco Jaric
  - Dirk Nowitzki
  - Vitaly Potapenko
- Ukraine is a major center of which food production?**
  - Grain
  - Wine
  - Rice
- When did Ukraine gain independence from USSR?**
  - 1989
  - 1991
  - 1993
- Ukrainians will make reference to Ukraine as...**
  - Little Russia
  - The bread basket of Europe
  - The old country

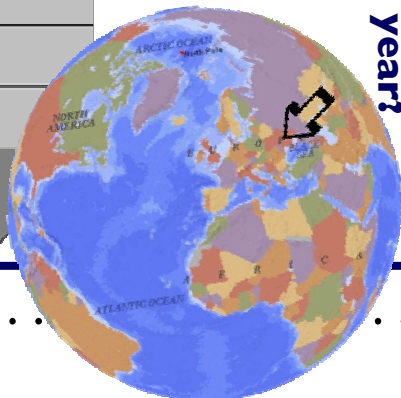
Answers: 1c, 2b, 3a, 4b, 5c, 6a, 7b, 8b

## Raising support

As many other missionaries we too are responsible for raising our own support. **We believe God is calling us to move to Ukraine** to work with the local Lutheran church in Lviv helping with their youth ministry. Following Christ's example our vision is to equip young leaders to make disciples who again introduce others to Jesus. **We would like to ask you to pray about joining our support team.** We need those who would be willing to stand behind this ministry on a monthly basis. Right now we have 39% of the monthly pledges that we need to be able to move to Ukraine. If you feel led to give towards this ministry, **please use the enclosed support coupon and envelope.** If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.



Thank you so much!



Will you help us go by the end of this year?

Are you praying for us?  
Are you part of our support team?  
Are you our friend?

**If you are, send us your picture!!!**

We are sure there will be moments in our life in Ukraine when we will feel lonely or discouraged. We thought it would be great to create a **big poster with pictures of all the people who "stand behind us"** to put on our wall in our new home in Ukraine. And then every time we look at this poster we will be encouraged. This will also help us to pray for you! So **please** send us your picture!



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<http://www.chmiels.com>