



## Phil and Denise Reed Serving in Ukraine

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### Ministry Update

January was full of youth ministry, in addition to our regular ministry in churches every weekend. A youth retreat in Poltava was first, with about 25 young people gathered for 3 days to begin the new year with God. We brought 5 young men with us from Krivoy Rog and they enjoyed riding in our Speed the Light car, even if it was tight! Phil also preached in 4 different youth services. A total of 9 young people gave their lives to Jesus and at least 7 recommitted their lives to Him. God is good!

In February, there was a water baptismal service at the main church in Krivoy Rog, with several churches in the city participating. Phil and a guest from America were privileged to baptize 51 people in water. He knew about one-fourth of them personally and after his personal investment in them of time, energy, and prayer, he thoroughly enjoyed this experience! Praise God!

Besides the young people who came to Jesus in January, we continue to regularly see people come to faith in Jesus as we minister in churches. Phil recently talked with a man who repented last fall when Phil preached in his village. He is doing great and growing in his faith. In our home group on Friday evenings this year, there have normally been between 10 and 15 young people, including 2 recent converts. We are so privileged to be your missionaries to the people of Ukraine. Keep praying!!



Denise praying with someone



We finish the home group with fellowship and Denise's cookies



Phil preparing to baptize a friend

### Ministry Plans

The focus of our area within AGWM Eurasia is "To plant the church where it is not." We do this in Ukraine by partnering with a few denominations similar ours, who also work to make this happen. Please pray that God would provide resources and laborers for these efforts all across the country!

We are partnering with the Churches of Praise and specifically with their bishops, pastors, and churches who are actively involved in planting new churches. Since the last newsletter, we visited several churches that began in the last year. Phil planned to preach at the first service in one village recently. The service was postponed because the place they had rented did not have electricity, but there is great opposition there. Please pray for God to open doors "that no man can shut" and that people would come to know Jesus in these new churches. God is able!

Our regular ministry continues, including preaching in various churches on the weekends, our home group for young people on most Friday evenings (Phil leads in Russian without a translator, while Denise bakes fresh cookies), mentorship (helping young men grow in Christ), and encouragement (pastors and young people, some Christian and some not). Please pray for safety as we travel and for God's anointing as we minister! We expect God to do even greater things throughout this year!

### Ministry Partners

Because of partners like YOU, God is using us to minister His love to people not only in Krivoy Rog, but also other places throughout Ukraine. Through your faithful **prayers**, churches are growing and disciples are being made. Please continue to pray for us, new converts, and those individuals that Phil is mentoring. Through your faithful **financial** partnership, our ministry is a blessing to and not a burden on the local church. You can give monthly or one-time; [online](#) or by sending a check to the address below; to us, to our ministry, or to another need (e.g., church building or humanitarian aid; ask us to learn more). We are grateful for YOU!! In His Service, **Phil and Denise**

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"Open your eyes and look at the fields!  
They are ripe for harvest." John 4:35

