

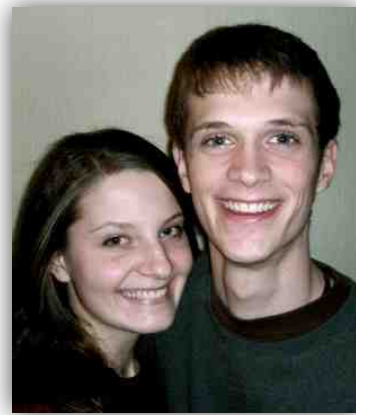
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Serving in Svitlovodsk, Ukraine

Greetings to all from Svitlovodsk, Ukraine!

Praise the Lord that He is faithful to keep us and bless us and that our sufficiency is of Him and that He has made us able ministers of the new testament.

As our pastor Ben Morrison and his family are in the states from September through October, Nastya and I are in Svitlovodsk watching over the church until they return. This has definitely been a challenge for Nastya and myself, but we are learning in new ways how to depend on the Lord and rely on His sufficiency. On a weekly basis I have been teaching at two home fellowships, youth group and on an occasional Sunday. Plus, I've had the opportunity to meet with people and do different types of counseling. I really praise the Lord that He has blessed my wife and me with this opportunity. It's been a really good growth-experience in ministry and I believe that the Lord will use it in our future. There have also been pastors and ministers from churches all over Ukraine coming to teach nearly every Sunday. This has been a great opportunity for fellowship and as a church to remember that the Body of Christ consists of other churches as well.



Youth Group: Right now in our study, we are in chapter four of Colossians. The Lord has really been speaking to us as a group that we are new creations and that we live by grace and we live simply to please and glorify our Heavenly Father. After we finish Colossians in a few weeks, we'll jump back to the Old Testament and do a study of the life of David. Also, in the end of August Nastya and I took the youth group out and did an over-night camp out. It was a really good time of growing together as a group, worship and sweet fellowship. During the camp out we had two sessions and the theme was, "The Joy of The Lord Is Our Strength." Just recently, in addition to our weekly studies, I've started doing some "home work" with the kids. We've all been reading a book of the Bible each week and before the study on Saturday, we go over the book and bring out what we saw in it. I think it's a really good way for the kids to do their devotionals and for us to grow in our passion for the Scriptures as a group.

Worship Team: Praise the Lord that He has been working in worship. As Ben, who plays percussion on the team, has been gone to the states, it has been Phillip and I playing. It's our vision as a worship team that people would simply see the Lord seated on the throne and exalt Him in worship. I really see that the Lord has been working in the church through worship. I am also keeping my eyes open for any new additions that the Lord would like to make to the team.



Home Fellowships: We currently have two home fellowships going on. One in the city and one 20 minutes outside of the city in a town called vlasylvka. We finished going through Genesis in the beginning of September and felt that instead of studying Exodus, the Lord was leading us in a new direction. Now we take what was taught on Sunday and at the home fellowships and go through the texts with time for questions and answers and with lots of application. We are also praying about starting a third home fellowship on our side of the city when Ben returns.

Outreaches: This summer a group from CC Kharkov came to Svitlovodsk. They came with a drama team and a rock group, "Sarah Said". During their two day trip, we had four outreaches. One at an orphanage where the mime team did skits and we played worship songs, another a few hours later with the same format, the third that evening where the drama team did skits and Sarah Said played some songs and then the fourth on Sunday with the same format. Praise the Lord that we were able to share the Lord with people and plant seeds. Since we live in a small city, it was an opportunity to remind people that we're here for them. Also, a group from Poltava came and we did a children's festival. About 20 children showed up, and we know that Jesus loves every one of them, so praise the Lord for that opportunity. As a church, we also went and cleaned up a beach. This was an opportunity to reach out to the city and show them that the love of Christ inspires us to help the community. We gathered 9 40-gallon trash bags full of beer bottles, cigarette packs and other garbage! During the clean up, one man came up to one person from our group and asked what the motivation was for this. The simple answer was, "Jesus".



Web: CC Svitlovodsk has a web site that is in Russian and English for anyone who is interested to find out more about the body. You can find all of the teachings on the web site. The teachings are mainly in Russian, but a few are in English. The web site is <http://svitlovodsk.golgofa.com.ua> We also have podcasts available with teachings. In Itunes store search "Svitlovodsk" or visit our website.

Praises: The Lord is bearing fruit. The last four months have been a time where the Lord has been bearing fruit in the body very literally on a daily basis. That the Lord is working in the body and adding people to the ministries. That the Lord is using the body to reach out to people in the city. That the Lord continues to give myself and Nastya the wisdom and strength we need to watch over the church.

Prayer Requests: That the Lord would bless the Morrisons as they are in the states spending time with family and sharing with churches about what the Lord is doing here in Ukraine. That the Lord would provide and bless my trip over the border and that I would be allowed back into the country without any hassles. That the Lord would bless the kids in the youth group and that He would give us a passion for His word and prayer. That the Lord would continue to give vision to the worship team and that He would move powerfully and be greatly glorified in worship. That the Lord would continue to bless the home fellowships as we go deeper into the word of God.

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