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GRACE, MERCY AND PEACE BE UNTO YOU FROM GOD OUR FATHER
AND OUR EXALTED LORD JESUS CHRIST!

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Our 2nd Ukraine Mission Trip

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. It brings me great joy to tell you the wonderful things God did on our 2nd trip to the Ukraine. We departed from Birmingham on April 4th and returned April 10th, we were only there for a week. God allowed us to go back and teach some important truths. It was a very busy week, teaching at four churches, a university for students studying nursing, a school for young boys, a school for girls, and for prison ministry leaders. Also, we met twice with the international students from Africa (mostly from Nigeria). The churches were located in small villages approximately 20 to 30 miles from where we were staying. Andrew, our host and missionary transported us to every meeting and also was our translator. Our main topic which is a big doctrinal issue in the Ukraine is the **Assurance of Salvation**. Their belief is that you can be saved, but you can also lose your salvation based on sin in one's life. I was confronted by a man from one of the churches after I had preached from Romans 5:1-10, which is a chapter on assurance of salvation through the Lord Jesus Christ, he told me he agreed with me on everything except he did not agree with the eternal security of the believer. After much labor with him from other scriptures, he still held to that belief.



We also spoke with the women of the first church we went to and taught from Ephesians 4, the believers walk after salvation. They were very receptive to the teaching and asked a lot of questions. As we arrived they were in the church singing songs from their hymn book; I asked what were they singing, they replied songs about their suffering in Ukraine. My wife had the opportunity to sing *Blessed Assurance* at a church in a small village. Afterwards, I taught on personal Evangelism; we actually had them to interact using an Evangelism outline. The pastor asked me to go to a prison with them to preach but I was unable to go because of short notice.

My prayer request is for the people of Ukraine, and I know I have the heart of God on this matter of their insecurity concerning their salvation: I pray that God would turn them from darkness to light in their understanding of **The Gospel**. One of the most rewarding things of this trip was when we went to the School for Nursing, the instructor asked me to speak on love, and I also shared **The Gospel** and most of the students raised their hands to receive Jesus Christ, including the instructor. Praise God!!!

We are asking for your continued prayers for the people of Ukraine and for our ministry. Pray that there will be much fruit. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen

Love,
*Larry &
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