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## NEEDED: *Church Building*

*by Don Stertz*

Back in 2004 Missionary Derek Thomas, who had started a good solid church in Vilnius, Lithuania, contacted me and asked if we would hold a campaign with him. His purpose was twofold: First, to distribute scriptures in Vilnius and to strengthen his existing church. Second, to reach the city of Ukmerge (population 40,000) and start a church there. At that time there wasn't a Bible preaching church of any kind in Ukmerge.

A campaign was organized, and in September of 2004, Couriers for Christ took 27 people to Lithuania to hold a church planting and scripture distribution campaign. Over 55,000 scriptures were distributed in Vilnius and nearly 5,000 in Ukmerge; 550 people attended the Vilnius meeting and 150 in Ukmerge.

The following week Derek started holding a Bible study in Ukmerge. During the first meeting there were about 25 visitors. Each week attendance dropped a little, and about the seventh week the Bible study attendance was down to 11. That evening the

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### Both Campaigns Filled

We are not taking any more applications for either the Zagreb or Sofia campaigns. Please watch in the next newsletter for 2019 campaign information. Start praying, saving, and getting a passport so that you can join us for a life-changing mission trip. It will be an uplifting experience for you and life-changing for those who will take a scripture and receive Christ as their Savior!



*Pastor Kestas preaching  
the morning service  
in Ukmerge Baptist Church*

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twelfth man came and very sadly handed back to Derek the Bible he had received the night of the evangelistic meeting. Derek told him that it was his Bible and that it was a gift. Then the man explained that the Orthodox priest had told him that he must not read the Bible and he had to return it. Derek spent a couple of hours that evening with that man and persuaded him to keep the Bible and read it because it is God's letter to him. After that evening the Bible study attendance slowly began to grow.

After about one year Derek turned over the Bible study to Brother Kestas, who had been trained by Brother Thomas in his church Bible institute. Brother Kestas and his family have remained faithful to the Lord

and the ministry in Ukmerge. The Ukmerge Baptist Church now runs around 40 people.

For the past ten years the church rented their meeting place from a Christian lady; however, she now wants to sell the building and she has offered it to the church for 40,000 euros (about \$47,500 U.S. dollars at today's exchange rate).

Would you pray about helping Pastor Kestas and Ukmerge Baptist Church purchase this building? Any amount--\$50, \$500, or even \$1,000--would be a tremendous blessing to this ministry in Ukmerge, Lithuania.

*Clockwise from right:  
Dear lady holding the invitation she received in 2004  
to attend the Vilnius meeting. She received Christ  
and has remained faithful all of these years.*

*Half of the Ukmerge Baptist Church congregation  
singing during a Sunday morning service.*

*The downtown storefront building  
the Ukmerge Baptist Church  
could purchase for \$47,500.*



## Jeremy Ingalls Family Travels



Constantly traveling on deputation can become very tiresome and exhausting. Missionaries spend seemingly endless time in the car dealing with traffic, crazy drivers, schooling, and motion sickness. It would be very easy to become discouraged and overwhelmed with the process, but along the way it is neat to experience the joys of traveling as well. By the end of this trip we will have been on the road almost two months and had meetings in Alabama, Georgia, Maine, New York, and Pennsylvania.

As we have traveled the Lord has given us some unique opportunities to see things that the children have been learning about in school. While heading up the coast from Georgia to Maine we got to stop at Plymouth Rock and see where the Pilgrims landed. We went up to Boston and saw Paul Revere's home, the Old North Church, the USS Constitution, and Bunker Hill.

When we were at Bunker Hill I remembered being there with my parents as we were traveling and racing to the top with my dad. The next day Dad was so sore he could hardly walk up steps, but I felt just fine. This time we didn't race to the top, but we did go all the way up with our kids, and they thought it was great. The next day they wanted to run around and go hiking, and this time I was the one that was sore. (Oh, the joys of getting older.)

Later when we were up in Portland, Maine, we took the advice of friends to go along the coast and try some lobster. So we found a place in the old section of Portland near the docks to try some. Afterwards we went to get a picture of the place where we ate, and right behind us was a huge chunk of the Berlin Wall, which is significant to our ministry, but the twins had also just learned about it in their history. What an unexpected blessing!

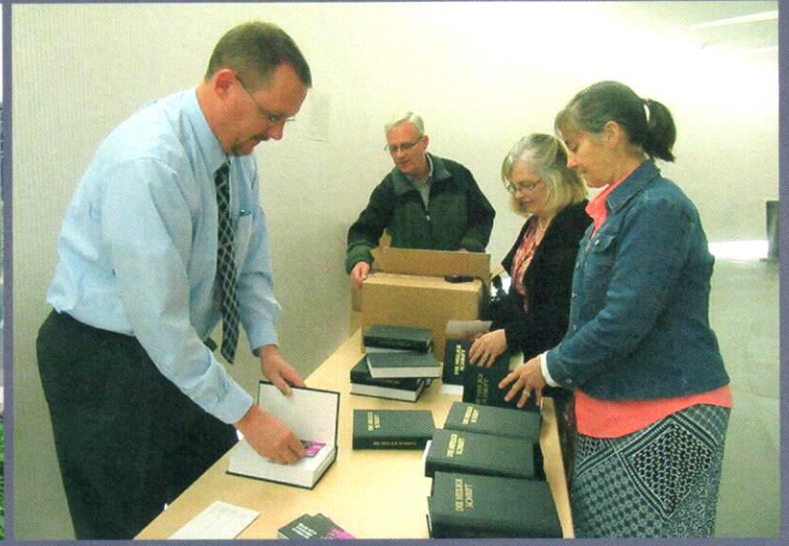
God is so good, and we are thankful to have the opportunity to serve Him. We appreciate your faithful prayer and support of our ministry. Please continue to pray for churches to be willing to partner with our family in financial support, as well as to help us to pay off our van that we unexpectedly had to replace last year. Thank you again for your faithfulness to God where He has placed you.

Because of Christ,

*Jeremy, Heather, David, Corban,  
Clayton, and Kaytlynn Ingalls*



Don in front of apartment with John and Romans and invitations



Scott and others putting tracts in Bibles for evangelistic meeting



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