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# QUARTERMAN YEARLY REPORT

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Dear Fathers & Brethren,

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Last year, we had to evacuate from Ukraine for about 6 months, due to the unrest near our home. Russia invaded and continues their proxy war in western Ukraine, but we returned almost a year ago to continue our ministry here. Here is a summary of my ministerial activity since then:

## **TEACHING & PREACHING**

I taught two 2-credit-hour courses in ERSU Seminary: Discipleship and Small Group Ministry. I also taught a week-long seminar for 20 Lutheran leaders in Odessa, at invitation of their bishop. This resulted in good relations between our churches and further Lutheran students coming to ERSU Seminary for training. I also taught an introductory course for new ERSU students.

I helped ordain 2 ruling elders and particularize our Kharkov church in eastern Ukraine. Both men have trained in ERSU Seminary. I also preached the installation of one of our Ukrainian pastors in Kiev.

I preached 9 times in our Presbyterian churches – once in Russian, and celebrated communion in Russian to relieve one of our pastors who was indisposed.

I spoke on Foreign Missions in one of our church plants, and the church members decided to send a short-term team to Albania to work with a Reformed church.

I returned to the USA for the month of February, making 8 reports at churches in MS, GA, and AL.

I attended several conferences: Ukraine Leadership Conference in Lviv, Ukraine Team Retreat, MTW Leadership Forum in Siem Reap, Cambodia. Eurasian Accreditation Association consultation on the changes in Ukrainian laws regarding religious educational institutions. Midsouth Men's Rally at 1<sup>st</sup> Pres Jackson. MV Presbytery retreat. Odessa Conference on Counseling, which visited a Refugee center 3 hours south in Sergeevka. I produced a promotional video of that for the Rodnik Christian counseling center, and we celebrated their 7<sup>th</sup> birthday. We also had several Ukraine Leadership Team meetings in Lviv.

Darlene and I taught a week of evangelistic English camp, and we both taught through the year in the English outreach, which has over 40 people weekly and is bringing new people to Christ and into the Presbyterian Church of the Big City in Kiev.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

I resigned as President of ERSU Seminary after serving for 15 years. I will continue on the Academic Staff. At Graduation on May 30<sup>th</sup>, we inaugurated the new President, Erik van Alten of South Africa. ERSU Seminary has 23 active students, and we've already accepted 5 more for fall. I produced a PowerPoint presentation of the history of ERSU for the occasion.

I led the Staff in Strategic Planning, and we decided to build our own dormitory and administration building! We considered offers of cooperation from two churches in Kiev, and we are working with one church to design a new building on their property. I raised some additional funds for the construction. Please pray for us to sell our current office, and praise God for three large donations to get us on our way.

I served as seminary President until March 15<sup>th</sup>, presiding at our regular Staff meetings, presenting at Board meetings, and having meetings with sponsors from the PCA, the Netherlands, ITEM (Will Hesterberg), RITE, and the ARP's World Witness.

As MTW Team Leader for Theological Education in Ukraine, I am also on the Ukraine Country Leadership Team. I continue to serve in the Presbytery of Ukraine, attending two presbyteries and participating on various committees. The Reformed denomination of Ukraine (UERC) and our Ukrainian Presbyterian denomination (EPCU) continue to hold joint meetings twice per year.

I had numerous meetings with Koreans to try to coordinate our work with the UTS Seminary and the GSM missionaries in Ukraine. I met with Campus Crusade coordinators and was a delegate to the Lausanne Eurasia consultation in Kiev. I met with an Army chaplain to find how we could better serve the churches in his ministry. I had several in-depth discipleship meetings to help church members deal with complex issues. I met with a local pastor from MMK and with the administrator of RITE seminary to share common interests. We helped a Korean missionary launch the Lydia Women's Institute, which sponsored this year's Presbytery WIC retreat.

I am still on the Board of TULIP Publishing, and we're getting the rights from P&R to translate David Hall's book, *Calvin in the Public Square*. We're also considering publishing a new book about Federal Vision by Dewey Roberts. (<http://tulip.org.ua>) They've published several books this year by Paul David Tripp and David Powlison, among others.

I wrote quarterly prayerletters and monthly newsletters, seminary and personal reports, and kept up websites and a photo site. I wrote two articles for our new ERSU Journal, "*Reformatsky Vzglyad*" (Reformed Worldview, <http://journal.ersu.org/>) I handled our seminary budget and reporting, but trained a new bookkeeper to take over. By the way, I do not have a secretary.

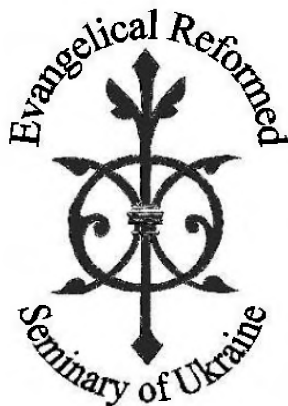
## REQUESTS

I would again request permission to labor out of bounds with MTW in Ukraine.

Thank you for praying for us as we've served in Ukraine for 21 years! There's now a Presbytery of 13 churches, a Reformed Seminary, Christian Clinic, pregnancy center, Christian counseling center, and TULIP Publishing House! All of these are being run by national Ukrainian leadership! But many of them need funding! (see [www.ClayQ.com/GIVE](http://www.ClayQ.com/GIVE) )

Please promote these efforts in your churches. They need your continued cooperation, prayers and support, especially at this time. Donations can be sent via MTW for **Ukraine Humanitarian Aid Account #95981**. Or consider partnering with **ERSU Seminary** for a completely Reformed, Covenantal, and Connectional mission ministry (MTW Account **#95995**). We need your help!

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