

TAKING THE SAVING GOSPEL TO A LOST WORLD

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While home between trips I have had several preaching opportunities and made one PowerPoint report to a supporting congregation—**Plano East** here in the Dallas area. I have visited some others who help in our work and have been preparing for and trying to organize coming efforts.

THE COMING TRIP TO UKRAINE

Rose and I will leave on October 3 for our next trip to Ukraine. Going with us will be **Don Oelze**, who preaches in Anacortes, Washington. He has been a co-teacher in the Bible school in Kremenchuk for many years. He will land in Kiev from Amsterdam about an hour before we arrive from London—then we have a four-hour road trip to **Kremenchuk**. Unfortunately, Don's wife, **Elnora**, will not be with us this time due to an injury.

The battle between Ukrainian soldiers and Russian supported insurgents in the eastern regions of Ukraine is in our news every day. The UN estimates that more than 2,600 people have been killed, 3,500 wounded and perhaps 1,000,000 displaced. (I'm told from Ukraine that 8,000 would be more accurate for the number of fatalities.) One source said 400 people have been abducted; some were released, some still held captive and some found dead. Five hospitals have been bombed and much of the basic infrastructure of the area has been destroyed. Many Christians are now refugees. Some are cared for by God's people in other parts of the country, including Kremenchuk. Some Christians are known to have been killed and some captured by

the Russian forces. A few of our church buildings have been taken over by the rebels. Occasionally the news media incorrectly refers to all this as a “civil war.” More correctly, it is an **invasion** by Russia. Where Russian President Vladimir Putin will stop is anybody’s guess at this point.

Kremenchuk is 200 miles from the worst of the fighting. At the present time it is considered a safe place for us to go. Without doubt, the Christians there need our help. The Bible training school in the city began 1993. This has been very good for the church in that area and I believe our continued participation is important. Also, I’m certain that our fellowship with the Lord’s people during our stay and our preaching opportunities the Sundays we’re there are an encouragement. It is certain that in the present circumstances the generous benevolent help we always take will be more needed than ever! **If you plan to send assistance please get the money to me by Wednesday, October 1.**

I hope you will remember from previous reports the preacher training school where I teach in **Tamso, Ghana**. I plan to be back there early in December to teach Christian Ethics and to speak at the graduation ceremony for the first class to complete the three-year course of study. **Jacob Dassah**, the preacher for the Tamso church, directs the school and is one of the teachers. At his request I have been seeking some help for the school. Not money! They would like to have some advice about curriculum, and, if possible, better access to teaching and research materials for Jacob and the three other preachers who teach. **Robert Stapleton** is the director of the Brown Trail School of Preaching in Fort Worth, Texas. He has furnished to me a wealth of good material to take when I go in December. Jacob is also in touch with **Tim Burow** who works with the overseas Bible training schools connected to the Sunset church in Lubbock, Texas. He informs me by e-mail that from them he has received 20 Solar Players. These solar powered devices are the size of smartphones, but somewhat thicker. They contain an amazing amount of Bible study material and, of course, can be used even in villages that have no electricity.

Mike and Pat Deasy have been good friends of ours for many years. They are in the West Huntsville congregation...Huntsville, Alabama. The Deasys have generously supported our mission efforts through the years and even visited us overseas. They help extensively in providing for orphans in India. We recently met them about half way...in Mississippi...and had three enjoyable days together. Much of our time together centers on spiritual things; the Bible, God’s church and its important mission in the world. It’s always an encouragement to be with them.

Your coworker,

Ronald Coleman