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Dear All,

Greetings from Kiev, capital city of the Ukraine! Thanks for all your prayers and support, and I hope you like the newsletter... --DJ

KIEV

2008 Session 2 of the Eurasian Bible School saw nearly 90 attendees from Russia, Belarus, the Baltics, and all over the Ukraine. The Ukraine is the nation I am visiting most in 2008 and 2009. This is a tremendous joy for me. The brothers and sisters here have a deep conviction about the need for biblical training for all. Special thanks to Shawn and Lena Wooten and those in Kiev who have generously donated to make this a reality. After our 4-day session, 400 joined for a congregational teaching day on the theme "Anchored for Life." Then we flew to the city of Kharkov (2m) for a special Easter service. (The Ukraine, like many eastern countries, follows the Orthodox dating of Easter and Christmas.) Please say a prayer for all the Christian believers in this great nation. In case you are not familiar with the location of the Ukraine, see the map.



SPANISH WEBCAST

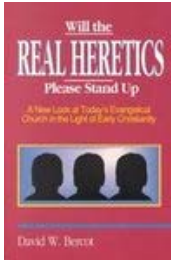
On Saturday morning, 19 April, I was able to webcast classes on *Revelation & the End of the World*. Viewers tuned in from Chile, Nicaragua, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain, several cities in Mexico, and even Nashville. With a good cable connection, the powerpoint presentations were easy to follow. What a great way to get the message out, without having to travel! The webcast took place through the teaching ministry of my friend Arturo Elizarrarás in Mexico City. (Thanks, Arturo!)

MIDDLE EAST TOUR UPDATE

158 are now registered for our summer tour, from 15 nations. As there are still a few spots left, be sure to write soon if you think you might be interested.

SPECIAL EVENT WITH DAVID BERCOT

We are thrilled to announce that this autumn David Bercot, author of *Will the Real Heretics Please Stand Up?* and 15 other books will be coming to Atlanta for a seminar on early church history (Patristic Studies).



Full details will be sent out in an upcoming newsletter. For now, for those who want to pencil this into their calendars, here are the basic details:

Date: 19-21 September 2008

Location: Marietta, Georgia (at the new building of the North River Church of Christ)

Topic: Lessons from the Early Church

Speakers: David Bercot, Steve Staten, Joey Harris, Douglas Jacoby

Cost: TBA

Provisional Schedule

Friday -- Opening lesson: David Bercot

Saturday -- Morning session: Douglas Jacoby, David Bercot /

Afternoon session: Joey Harris, Steve Staten, Douglas Jacoby

Sunday -- 8.30-9.45 -- David Bercot

Sunday 10-11.30 -- all are invited to stay for the Sunday service of the North River Church of Christ

"CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?" -- REPORT FROM KUALA LUMPUR by Vincent Sim



The Kuala Lumpur Church of Christ started in 1991 with just 15 disciples. Today, she is 330 strong, with plantings in Penang, Kota Kinabalu, Kuching, and frequent mission trips to Taiping, Seremban, Kuantan, Malacca and Ipoh. Malaysia is a Muslim nation. Conversion of Muslims is an unwelcome activity as far as the government is concerned. Many who were involved in such conversions have been arrested under the Internal Security division where they may be under custody for an indefinite period. By the grace of God, we still evangelize freely to the other religious groups. There are 3 major ethnic groups: Malays (55%), Chinese (25%) and Indians/other indigenous groups (20%). The population of Malaysia is 27 million, as of April 2008.

This was the title of a special event the church in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, had planned with Douglas Jacoby on 10 April, 2008. The goal for the night was to pack the hall to the brim with friends and disciples!

For us this was quite visionary, because as a church, we have not exceeded 350 in our attendance for any special service for a very long time. But we had faith, and all the members were going all out to evangelize and share their faith wherever they went. A lot of preparation went into this meeting (the band, invitations, PA system, lighting, etc). However, the number of people committed to attend was not as high as we had hoped. And worse, the rain in the past few days had been causing bad traffic jams. We feared this would deter many guests from coming to the event. Still, many disciples prayed and asked God to bring in the "harvest."

On the day of our event, the rain stopped just before office hours ended. Traffic eased up. One prayer was answered. But would the people come? Yes indeed! With a church membership of 330, we had 190 friends come that evening, and thus we had a record attendance of more than 520 people for the special service. The Malaysia Christians were very encouraged.

The talk was eye-opening for visitors as well as for the disciples. We are all so glad to have a brother in the faith who is so

gifted with scriptural knowledge, as well as the knowledge of other religions. The Q&A session was a fruitful time for many people, and we were impressed by how DJ has handled all the difficult questions. Some of the visitors studied the Bible the very next day. Many felt their doubts were cleared, and they came two days later for our Sunday Worship. Others will be studying the Bible soon. Glory be to God!

Vincent Sim serves as evangelist in Kuala Lumpur.