

# International Teaching Ministry of Douglas Jacoby



## International Bible Teaching Ministry Update 2008 Issue 04 Russian Language Bible School Launched

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### KIEV, UKRAINE—RUSSIAN BIBLE SCHOOL BEGINS by Shawn Wooten

#### Getting Equipped for the Battle!

Paul wrote, "Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers." – 1 Timothy 4:16. Last week the Eurasia church leadership was blessed with the opportunity to attend Douglas Jacoby's Bible Training Program, in Kiev, translated into Russian! The churches in Eurasia have been blessed by God, and have seen a huge amount of growth over the last 16 years. Many of those converted had never read the Bible, due to the atheism brought on by communism. With the dream to see the church grow and expand all over the Ukraine and the Russian speaking world, the full time leadership knew they needed to go much deeper in their Bible study. To build high, we have to dig deep! Surveying our local talents and gifts, we realized we would need help from the outside to really get the training we need.

#### The Russian language Bible training program begins

Last week was absolutely amazing. Doug arrived on Monday, and the teaching began on Tuesday. Four classes, each 75 minutes, for four days, with lots of time for Q&A. The session was focused on covering the entire New Testament! The tools that Doug presented to study the Bible, I feel have opened up an entire new world to my own Bible study! I feel a little like I felt the first time I read the Bible -- that feeling when you wonder what God will say next... The Word of God has come back to life for me, and I am excited about my walk with God! Those who attended have been inspired to take their Bible study to the next level! We want to glorify God and reach the lost!

#### More to come!

This was the first visit of eight over the next two years! Doug stayed around on Saturday and we rented a hall and invited the church! The church was strengthened as Doug taught on the plan of salvation (repentance, baptism, and the Holy Spirit). He taught with great conviction – and left everyone convicted and inspired that we need to go out and teach and preach the truth – without compromise – as this is a lost world's only hope!

I personally appreciate the depth with which Doug has developed his gifts, and how he is using them for God to encourage and strengthen our movement all over the world. And it's great after 17 years to feel like there is still so much to learn about my God! It is also inspiring to aim to become an expert in the word – so I can give an answer and persuade people from the scriptures that Jesus is the Christ! This visit also helped me with several pastoral issues. May the new school bear much fruit and may we reach those who are seeking God, but are entangled in error.



Russian language Bible school, Kiev