

AMAZING

MISSION COMICS PRESENTS!



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# Yodis In Ukraine

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BUT YOU'RE ABOUT TO PASS UKRAINE!

BUCKLE UP, BETH! THINGS ARE GONNA GET DICEY WHEN WE JUMP INTO HYPERSPACE.



Life!  
Ministry!

Family!  
Friends!

THE HUMBLE STORY OF TWO AVERAGE PEOPLE BEING USED BY GOD FOR HIS KINGDOM IN UKRAINE...



ERIC & BETH JUMPED OUT OF THE PLANE AT 35,003 FEET AND LANDED IN KOMFORT TOWN, KYIV, UKRAINE...

AFTER FOLDING THEIR PARACHUTES, ERIC AND RUSTAM LEFT FOR LVIV TO MEET WITH SOME VERY SERIOUS PEOPLE ABOUT CHURCH PLANTING IN THEIR PROVINCE...



**SPLAT!**



SAY "CHEESE"? I'D RATHER BE TALKING ABOUT A CHURCH PLANTING PARTNERSHIP

WE DON'T SAY CHEESE AT MY SEMINARY

YUM! I LIKE CHEESE!

SAY "CHEEEEEEESE"

I WON'T SAY ANYTHING OF THE SORT! I HAVE THE JOY OF THE LORD DOWN IN MY HEART. I COULD SHOW IT TO YOU, BUT THEN I'D HAVE TO KILL YOU!



Ideas for a Church Planting Partnership

DUDES! DOES ANYBODY HAVE A GOOD SLOGAN?

BELIEVE IN JESUS... EVEN IF IT MEANS SACRIFICING EVERYTHING.

ELISHA WAS A PROMINENT PASTOR IN EASTERN UKRAINE, BUT NOW, AFTER HELPING MANY PEOPLE ESCAPE THE WAR DURING THE THICKEST PART OF THE FIGHTING, HE IS HELPING DEVELOP A SEMINARY IN THE WESTERN UKRAINIAN CITY OF LVIV.



WHAT A LOVELY GROUP OF BLOKES, BUT UTTERLY INCAPABLE OF FORMING A PROPER QUEUE.

NO CHURCH PLANTER GETS PAST ME ON THESE STEPS UNTIL WE GET A PICTURE!

CHURCH PLANTING STUDENTS GROUP PHOTO

MEANWHILE AT OUR CHURCH, BETH TOOK PART IN READING SCRIPTURE



WOW! SHE'S AMAZING! WHEN I GROW UP, I'M GONNA MARRY HER!

"IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD AND THE WORD WAS GOD."

SHE'S ALREADY MARRIED, YOU NERD!

(WHISPERED) YOU CAN HEAR MY THOUGHTS?!?

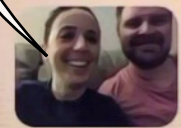
IT'S MY SUPERPOWER!



**RING RING**

A VERY SPECIAL CALL!

MOM... DAD, WE'RE GONNA HAVE A...



YOU'RE WHAT?



INSPIRED BY SOME OF THEIR FAVORITE SUPERHEROES, ERIC & BETH DRINK ELIXIRS GUARENTEED TO GIVE ERIC HULK-LIKE POWER AND TO GIVE BETH CAPTAIN AMERICA POWERS...

WHY AM I TURNING PURPLE INSTEAD OF BLUE?



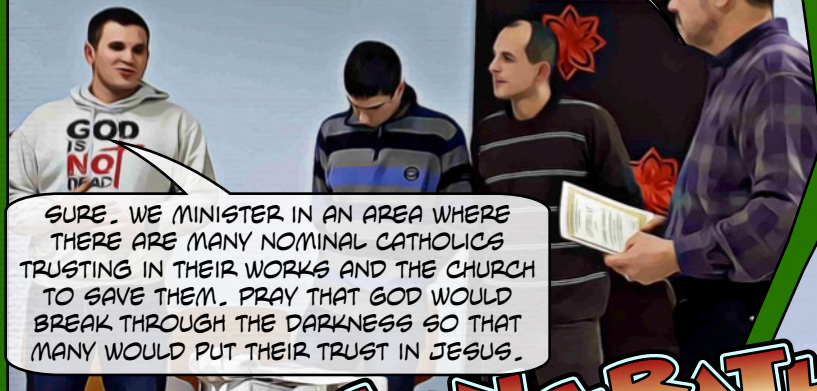
AAAAUUUUUU  
UUGGGGGHHHHHHH  
!!!!!!!



BETH HAD AN ALLERGIC REACTION TO THE ELIXIR AND EVEN AFTER DRINKING "HULK-A-BE", SCIENTISTS WERE NOT ABLE TO INDUCE ERIC'S INWARD HULK - NOT EVEN WITH ELECTROCUTION.

THIS YEAR, THE FIRST SET OF CHURCH PLANTING STUDENTS FINISHED THEIR COURSE AND WERE AWARDED CERTIFICATES... AND BOOKS.

CONGRATULATIONS BOYS! SASHKO, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANT US TO PRAY FOR.



SURE. WE MINISTER IN AN AREA WHERE THERE ARE MANY NOMINAL CATHOLICS TRUSTING IN THEIR WORKS AND THE CHURCH TO SAVE THEM. PRAY THAT GOD WOULD BREAK THROUGH THE DARKNESS SO THAT MANY WOULD PUT THEIR TRUST IN JESUS.

HOW ABOUT YOU VANIA?

PRAYER REQUEST? WELL, I NEED WISDOM TO NOT COMMIT TO TOO MUCH, SO THAT I WOULD HAVE MORE TIME FOR MY FAMILY AND THE CHURCH PLANT.

THAT WOULD HELP A LOT SINCE THE BULK OF THE CHURCH PLANTING WORK FALLS ON ME.



# CONGRATULATIONS!

RUSTAM SHARES A WORD WITH THE GRADUATES.



O.K. GUYS, TAKE OUT YOUR GADGETS AND TURN TO FIRST JOHN...

MY WIFE RECENTLY GAVE BIRTH AND THERE HAVE BEEN HEALTH ISSUES FOR THE KIDS. PLEASE PRAY THAT I'LL BE THE DAD AND THE PASTOR I NEED TO BE.

OUR CHURCH PLANT IS MOVING ALONG AND NOW I'LL ALSO BE HELPING WITH THE CHURCH PLANTING TRAINING PROGRAM "GENERATION". I'LL NEED LOTS OF WISDOM!



CONGRATS GUYS! DON'T FORGET, YOUR REAL DIPLOMA ISN'T A PIECE OF PAPER, BUT RATHER A LIVING, GROWING CHURCH



SERGEI MOROZ MOTIVATES AND CHALLENGES THE GRADUATES



BRANDON AND CHARITY FINALLY MADE IT OFFICIAL... ERIC & BETH WILL SOON BE GRANDPARENTS!

AFTER FAILING IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO BECOME SUPERHEROES, A NEW SELF-IMPROVEMENT IS TRIED... TAKING A CLASS ON "MINISTRY IN THE CITY" OFFERED AT A LOCAL SEMINARY.



**BABY!**

DID I DO THAAAAAT ?!

NO STEVE, YOU DEFINITELY DID NOT!



TECHNICALLY, YOU'RE NOT "TAKING" THE CLASS, ERIC... YOU'RE AUDITING THE CLASS

YEAH RIGHT JOHN, YOU SAY PO-TA-TO, I SAY TO-MAH-TO..



IN THE EARLY PART OF THE YEAR, THE STARS ALIGNED AND THE YODISEES WERE ABLE TO VISIT FOUR PARTNERING TENNESSEE CHURCHES AND THREE MISSION CONFERENCES, WHILE STILL MAKING TIME TO VISIT THREE MUSEUMS...

ERIC & BETH TOOK A TWO DAY VACATION TO VISIT THE ARK MUSEUM AND THE CREATION RESEARCH MUSEUM.



OH, THAT'S GREAT. MAYBE A LITTLE TO THE LEFT.

CURSE THESE SHORT ARMS OF MINE!

HOW'S THAT?!



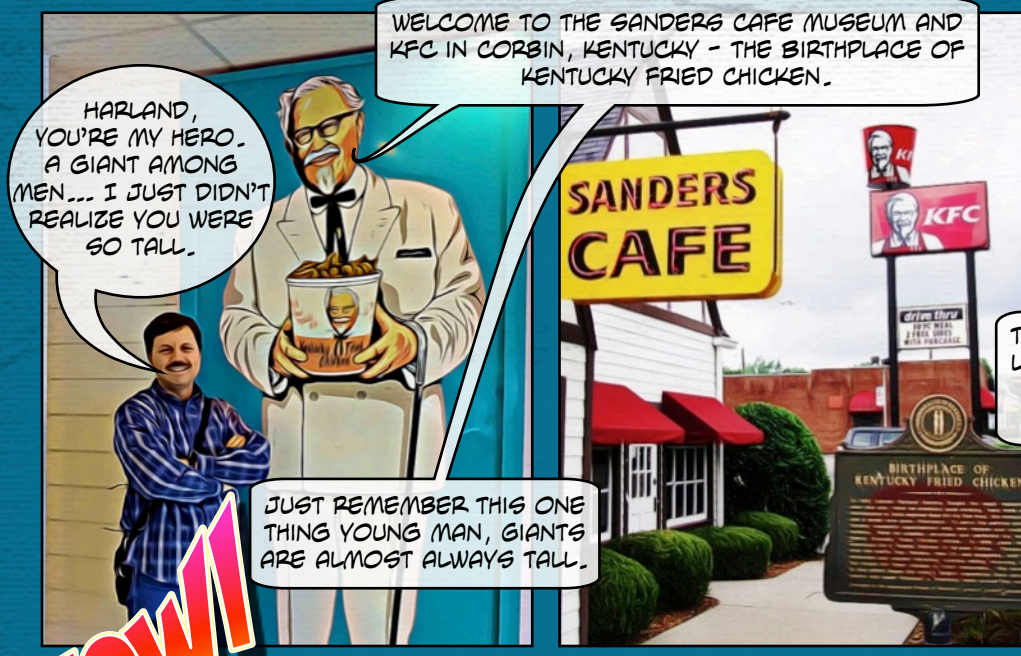
**HELP!**



READ THE NEXT PAGE TO SEE WHAT AMAZING MUSEUM THEY VISITED ON THE WAY BACK FROM THEIR TWO DAY EXCURSION!

AT THE CREATION RESEARCH MUSEUM, BETH FEARLESSLY BEFRIENDS THE DINOSAURS AND EARNED A NEW MONIKER - "THE DINOSAUR WHISPERER". "THEY WANT WHAT WE ALL WANT... JUST A LITTLE LOVE AND COMPASSION," SHE WAS QUOTED AS SAYING. MEANWHILE, ERIC WAS FEELING A BIT ENCLOSED AT THE ARK MUSEUM. "PREVIOUSLY, IT WAS BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION TO UNDERSTAND HOW ALL THE ANIMALS IN THE WORLD COULD BE REPRESENTED IN ONE BOAT. THIS LIFE-SIZE MODEL OF THE ARK HELPED ME SEE HOW POSSIBLE IT REALLY WAS. IT'S A GREAT MUSEUM THAT SHOULD BE SEEN BY EVERYBODY!" HE SAID.





HARLAND, YOU'RE MY HERO. A GIANT AMONG MEN... I JUST DIDN'T REALIZE YOU WERE SO TALL.

WELCOME TO THE SANDERS CAFE MUSEUM AND KFC IN CORBIN, KENTUCKY - THE BIRTHPLACE OF KENTUCKY FRIED CHICKEN.

JUST REMEMBER THIS ONE THING YOUNG MAN, GIANTS ARE ALMOST ALWAYS TALL.



DINNER WAS GREAT COLONEL. WE'D LOVE TO STAY AND LIVE HERE, BUT WE MUST GET BACK TO UKRAINE!

THAT'S O.K. YOUNG LADY... YOU'RE NOT REALLY MY TYPE ANYWAY.

**WOW!**



DONETSK PROVINCE BORDER

MEET VOLODIA... HE HELPS TRAIN CHURCH PLANTERS. WE TOOK A TRIP TO THE EAST TO VISIT PASTORS, CHURCH PLANTERS AND POTENTIAL CHURCH PLANTERS.



SO, WE ARE REACHING OUT TO YOUTH AND IT IS GOING WELL, BUT YOUTH DON'T FEEL PARTICULARLY WELCOME IN MOST OF OUR LOCAL CHURCHES. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

MAYBE YOU SHOULD START A CHURCH GEARED MORE TOWARD THE PEOPLE WHO ARE COMING TO CHRIST THROUGH YOUR MINISTRY.

THAT WAS EASY! QUICK, HIT THE BUTTON!



COOL! LET'S EAT!

THANKS FOR COMING GUYS!

I SURE NEEDED THE GUIDANCE.

**YUM!**



AH HAH... SO THAT'S HOW WE ARE SUPPOSED TO BE SPLITTING UP OUR RESPONSIBILITIES!



THIS JEWISH CULTURAL CENTER IS IN THE EASTERN UKRAINIAN CITY OF DNIRO. THE FACILITY IS CALLED "MENORAH" INSPIRED BY THE ASCENDING ARCHITECTURE. THE SYNAGOGUE IN FRONT IS STATELY ON THE OUTSIDE.

THE INSIDE OF THE ADJACENT SYNAGOGUE WASN'T SHABBY EITHER!



LARGEST IN THE WORLD? OY VAY!

10 STORIES HIGH? OY VAY!

62 MILLION DOLLARS TO BUILD? OY VAY!

THEN IN SUMMER... A BRIEF TRIP TO COLORADO TO CELEBRATE THE MISSION'S 75TH ANNIVERSARY.

ERIC & BETH HOSTED A VARIETY TALENT NIGHT ON JULY 4TH FEATURING WORLDVENTURE MISSIONARIES! MUSCLE MEN "ANDRE" & "SANJE" (COUSINS OF HANS AND FRANS) KICKED OFF THE PATRIOTIC FESTIVITIES.

BRILLIANT! "W-V-STAR-STUD-ED-TALL-AUNT-SHAW". I GET IT NOW!!!

HOW VERY JUVENILE!

WORLDVENTURE URBANE MISSION TEAM



GREAT JOB HOSTING THE CONFERENCE TALENT NIGHT!

YOU TWO ARE LIKE CELEBRITY HOSTS!

AW SHUCKS. IT WAS NOTHIN'.

HE'S TOUCHING ME! I'LL NEVER WASH THAT SHOULDER AGAIN...



HAHA... YOU GIRLY-MEN ARE SO PUNY! HAHA!



THERE WAS GREAT MUSIC, JUGGLING, VAQUEROS, CLOGGING, DANCING...

MUSICAL FAMILIES, SKITS, AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION



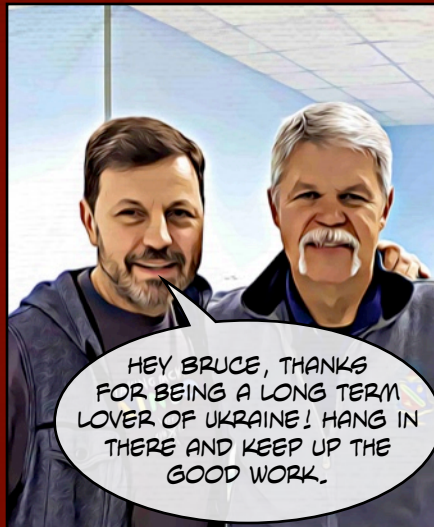




I'M SO EXCITED FOR OUR PARTNERSHIP. WOOHOO.

FUNNY... YOU DON'T LOOK EXCITED.

WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM A BRIT? A YANKEE SMILE MAYBE?



HEY BRUCE, THANKS FOR BEING A LONG TERM LOVER OF UKRAINE! HANG IN THERE AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.



SOME KYIV CHURCH PLANTERS

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR, PARTNERSHIPS AND MINISTRY RELATIONSHIPS WERE STRENGTHENED WITH UKRAINIAN AND WITH FOREIGN PARTNERS. BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST WERE GIVEN VISION TO BE INSTRUMENTS OF CHRIST'S GRACE AND FORGIVENESS. PASTORS AND CHURCH LEADERS RECEIVED VISION FOR CHURCH PLANTING AND EVANGELISM. YOUNG LEADERS ARE BEING TRAINED, MENTORED AND HELD ACCOUNTABLE. PEOPLE ARE COMING TO KNOW CHRIST AS SAVIOR, LIVES ARE BEING CHANGED, AND THE BODY OF CHRIST IS GROWING!



THE CHURCH IS AN ORGANISM, AND EVERY HEALTHY ORGANISM...



...IS CAPABLE OF REPRODUCING ITSELF...



SO THE QUESTION IS, "IS MY CHURCH A HEALTHY ORGANISM?"

IN SEPTEMBER, HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS GATHERED IN KYIV CENTER TO GIVE THANKS TO GOD. IN THE NEXT FRAME, ERIC & BETH ALSO HAVE MUCH FOR WHICH TO BE THANKFUL!



SO MANY PEOPLE, IT'S LIKE THE LAST FEW SCENES ON "NEWSIES"

AMAZING!!! SO MANY PEOPLE AND NO PUSHING, SHOIVING OR LITTERING.



ISN'T OUR FIRST GRANDCHILD PRECIOUS!

ISN'T SKYPE WONDERFUL? ELIORA, SAY HI TO YOUR PAPI,

YES, SHE'S JUST DARLING. CAN YOU MOVE THE PHONE SO I CAN SEE THE TOP OF HER DARLING HEAD

YEAH, SKYPE'S GREAT, BUT I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET HER IN PERSON!

Always Thankful for Skype



DUE TO A CHANGE IN UKRAINIAN LAWS, ERIC AND BETH'S VISAS EXPIRED IN AUGUST. SO BY NOVEMBER, THEY WERE BACK IN THE STATES YET ONE MORE TIME TO 1) APPLY FOR NEW UKRAINIAN VISAS, 2) VISIT MORE SUPPORTING CHURCHES, 3) WORK ON FINDING MORE SUPPORT, 4) TO MEET THEIR NEWLY BORN GRANDCHILD - ELIORA

VISA'S ARE NOW IN HAND AND THE YODISES WILL BE BACK IN UKRAINE SOON AND THEY REALLY NEED YOUR HELP.

WHAT A GREAT CONFERENCE! THANK YOU YODIS MINISTRY PARTNERS. I COULDN'T HAVE MADE IT HERE ON MY OWN.

I LIVE SO FAR FROM KYIV, BUT ERIC DIDN'T FORGET ABOUT ME... THANKS ERIC... WAIT, THIS SHOULD PROBABLY BE A SPEECH BUBBLE, NOT A THOUGHT BUBBLE.

MAYBE WE DON'T NEED TO BE SUPERHEROES AFTER ALL..

AT THE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER, ERIC WENT TO THE CITY TO CITY CHURCH PLANTER CONFERENCE IN KRAKOW AND TOOK A COUPLE UKRAINIAN CHURCH PLANTERS WITH HIM.



THE BIG QUESTION: HOW WILL ERIC AND BETH SOON LEAVE SUCH CUTENESS AND RETURN TO A LAND 6000 MILES AWAY?

COSTS HAVE GONE UP SIGNIFICANTLY OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS AND YET GOD IS STILL DOING GREAT WORK IN UKRAINE AND THE YODIS FAMILY IS POSITIONED TO HELP THE BELIEVERS THERE DO A MIGHTY WORK OF CHURCH PLANTING. THE URGENCY IS GREAT AS PUTIN IS CROUCHING AT UKRAINE'S BORDER, SPRING LOADED AND READY TO POUNCE. HOW LONG THE DOOR REMAINS OPEN IN UKRAINE IS SOMETHING ONLY GOD KNOWS. WOULD YOU PRAY AND ASK GOD HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE UP WHAT IS LACKING IN THE YODIS MINISTRY SUPPORT? THEN IF HE LEADS YOU TO HELP, USE THE FORM BELOW TO MAKE A SUPPORT COMMITMENT. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING!  
MEMBERS OF PARTNERING CHURCHES SHOULD ALWAYS CONSULT THEIR MISSION'S PASTOR BEFORE MAKING A FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

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