

LADAGE NEWS

Serving with United World Mission & Partnering with City to City

Kiev

Even though church planters are rare, God continues to put like-minded people together in order to reach this city for Christ. They have to take risks and have unwavering faith that God has called them and their family in order to persevere through many obstacles. Recently we met 2 men who are willing to do this. They have the desire to start a new church in this city, but they have to risk leaving the comfort of their home church and friends.

Warsaw

Two men have been prepared to start a training center in the city. It's our hope that other men and women from Poland will eventually be trained here to start new churches. *Center Church* by Tim Keller will be published in Polish by the end of the year and will be used as a valuable resource for the training. Our home church, Cedar Springs in Knoxville TN, gave the funds for this project.



Church Plant in Stockholm

In June, Bobby and I visited these two amazing women: Sarah is an American, teaching in a local school, and Caroline is Swedish and a nurse. They are living in a neighborhood surrounded by 1,000s of immigrants and are sharing the gospel with as many as possible. This summer they are hosting short term teams connected with UWM to help them meet people, and through building relationships eventually invite them to their house church. They are on a team with a church planter who is also working with them to reach this difficult part of Stockholm.

We met Caroline's father at a conference when we first moved to Berlin. The family was living in the northern part of Sweden at the time. When we found out they moved to Stockholm to pastor a church, we contacted them about partnering with City to City. We love it when God connects what we do as regional leaders for UWM and our role as church planting catalysts with Redeemer City to City.



Prayer Requests

In June we celebrated 35 yrs. of marriage (picture above). I'm thankful for the wonderful husband God gave me to live and minister with for so many years. We praise God for the cool July we've had in Berlin. Our apartment has been bearable as we've worked on reports, prepared for our UWM conference, made Skype calls, and answered emails. We continually thank God for providing for us through wonderful churches and individual supporters! And we appreciate your prayers so much!

Please pray we will

- stand firm in our faith.
- stay in an intimate relationship with the Lord & each other.
- make decisions wisely.
- trust God daily for direction.
- listen attentively to each other and to those whom we minister.
- serve our partners well.
- preach the Gospel daily to ourselves and to others.

Church Planting in the United Kingdom

Another opportunity we have to connect our two roles is in the United Kingdom. Ken, who lives in Liverpool and also partners with City to City, met with leaders in two denominations. When he asked them what they needed, they responded with this Macedonian call to Americans, "Please come help us plant churches!" Their goal is to plant 1,000 churches across the UK. We are recruiting men and women to partner alongside national church planters in 5 major cities in the UK: Birmingham, Manchester, Edinburgh, Liverpool, and London. In September we will be in the US for meetings, then we will visit our former seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, in order to present this "Macedonian Call" to the students. If you know of anyone who is interested from your church, please tell them to contact us! As the Beatles, who were from Liverpool, famously sang, "Help, we need somebody." **Please pray** for "more workers for the harvest." We believe American missionaries are still needed and can contribute greatly to seeing God's Kingdom grow in Europe.

Ken & Bobby in Liverpool, England.



