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The enthusiasm of students in both Tracks of the Institute was nothing short of amazing. Gordon and Theresa will be going back to Kiev in April for three weeks, during which time the next two courses will be taught (“Old Testament Survey” for the Shepherding Track students and “Homiletics” for the Ministry Track students). Additionally, if all of the translations can be done by then, Gordon also plans to conduct a Dynamic Marriage Facilitator Training Seminar as well. Finally, we also have a teaching day scheduled for the whole Kiev church on the subject of “Romans.” With Theresa accompanying Gordon this time, she will also have some special opportunities to work with the women there. A special part of the plan is for Shawn and Lena Wooten, dear friends and fellow workers in God’s Kingdom, to get some special discipling times with the Fergusons.

“Ever go to a cafe and order a salad... and in your mind when you ordered it ... it was this little bowl, with just a few leaves and some green things that you never really know what they are called? Then the waiter brings out a plate just a few inches larger than the table you are sitting at, and the salad towers high a little like the Rocky Mountains? And you think: This is so much more than I thought I ordered! Well, that describes my 12 days with Gordon Ferguson! I thought a few greens and some blue cheese was what I needed! I got the meal of a lifetime!

This month we have started a month of “Repentance” in the Kiev Church (Thank you, Ed Anton – for letting God use you in such a great way!) God used Gordon as a prophet to not only bring great teaching – but strong discipling, the kind that brings great refreshment and hope! I am thankful for the Ferguson family, and for the ministry they share together. Pray for us to clean our plate, and not miss any of the teaching that we have received!

“It was a great time that helped me to take a look at God, at myself and at my relationship with Creator in a new way. At first I thought it would be a good time to be kicked-off towards the right walk with God. But I was wrong, I saw not God who was pushing me towards heaven so I would finally drag myself in, but a priceless treasure in Heaven that I desire to run to myself and to show the way to others. I could see Father who wants for us to focus on Jesus and not on ourselves, not to be prideful and materialistic. Thank you for that time.”

Igor Ustuzhanin, Kiev – 17 years in Christ, Track 2

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Ukrainian Institute of Ministry Begins!

by Shawn Wooten, Kiev, Ukraine — Europe / Eurasia >> Eurasia

The first session of the Ukrainian Institute of Ministry was held in Kiev on January 15-25, 2010. Besides the two official Seminar sessions of four days and three days respectively, Gordon Ferguson met with the main staff leadership group in Kiev twice and also once with their small group leaders.

Additionally, Gordon spoke to two of the four Regions of the Kiev Church of Christ on the Sunday that he wasn’t teaching an Institute course.

The more official part of the program consisted of a four day Seminar for the Ministry Track students on the subject of “Sound Doctrine and Church Discipline.” A four

lesson version of this material was taught in Hawaii during a teaching day there, entitled “Developing a Biblically Balanced View of God,” and is available from Illumination Publishers International (IPI) as a DVD video set. Of course, the four day version was much more in-depth by design. For this course, 50 ministry staff students attended from the Ukraine, and 4 from Latvia and Russia.



Following this course, a three-day course entitled “Spirituality Development” was held for the non-staff Shepherding Track students. They are enrolled in the Institute primarily to develop as leaders in their present roles, but also to prepare for other roles in the future. Prayerfully God will raise some of the 24 couples to serve as elder couples in the future.

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• UPCOMING EVENTS

- **HOPEworldwide Global Summit**

Reston, Virginia USA
May 13-14, 2010

- **International Campus Ministry Conference**

Chicago, Illinois USA
July 29-August 1, 2010

- **SOAR 2010 International Singles Conference**

Manila, Philippines
August 11-14, 2010

- **International Leadership Conference 2010**

Miami, Florida USA
September 23-26, 2010

- **Steps of the Apostles Tour**

Rome, Athens, Ephesus, Israel, Egypt, Sicily and Naples
October 5-18, 2010

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