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Continued Ministry in Ukraine

When Gordon and Nancy Snider first moved to Ukraine in 1996, the country was still shaking off the effects of years of Soviet control.

Zaporozhye Bible College was a new ministry effort to meet the needs of people who for years had longed for, and been denied, training for ministry. This meant that the student body included several who were in their 40s -60s.

Classes were taught in English and most often by guest teachers from the United States. Government corruption and a complex bureaucracy frequently created obstacles for the college.

All of the 80-100 students were full-time.

The Sniders played a key roll over the next 15 years as the institution transitioned to being Ukrainian-led and achieving accreditation.

Today, the scene is different. The student body is made up of college-aged young adults, and includes Bachelor's and Master's level courses for full-time and part-time students. Most of the teachers are Ukrainian graduates from the school. The government has pursued ethical practices and shown support for Protestant churches.

The ministry of Zaporozhye Bible Seminary, as it is called now, remains vital to the local church, training pastors and Sunday school teachers, who in turn train others about the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.



Zaporozhye Bible Seminary campus

It is our privilege each year to contribute to the **Snider Scholarship Fund**, established in honor of Gordon and Nancy's years of service in Ukraine, to benefit deserving and needy students. In January, we sent \$2000 to Zaporozhye Bible Seminary for this purpose.

Conflict in eastern Ukraine continues, as does the ministry of some Bible college graduates, taking real risks and making a real-life difference by bringing food aid.



Gordon and Nancy Snider, 2010

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The Kirksville dinner and auction raised money for wells in Ghana. The village of Gberi needs a clean water source, as can be seen by the water pots above.



Literacy workshop in Bougainville

AROUND THE WORLD

“HEART FOR MISSIONS” AUCTION

What happens when you combine a missions’ fundraiser with a Valentine’s dinner and throw in the latest quilts from the church ladies? You get a fun night with lots of good people, a buffet of excellent food, and a generous offering for wells in Ghana.

Pastor Ralph Wheeler and the Kirksville, Missouri, church put together a wonderful dinner and auction for this purpose in February. After raising \$1700 in their children’s nickel march for clean water, this event raised enough to total \$7700!

We are so thankful for the initiative and generosity of our friends in Kirksville.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Larry Doyle recently traveled back to the island of Buka, where he and his family lived from 2011-2013.

The primary purpose of this trip was to help with a workshop in Bougainville where staff and translators worked together to develop readers for elementary students in 10 languages. Literacy is vital for education and for knowledge of the Bible.

Larry was also able to stop and visit the Solos people. He continues to oversee their progress of Bible translation that began while the Doyles lived there. More chapters were printed for village checking!



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