

Subject: VN Ukraine Team Meeting #8

Welcome everyone to the team for the very first Vida Nueva in Ukraine! I am going to save the usual stuff for last, so be sure and read all the way through!

PRAYER REQUEST

I received an e-mail from Vika Yevdokimova regarding one of our Ukrainian team member's son. Below is the text of the e-mail:

Lesya Kotvitskaya is in hospital with her son now already for 3 weeks. Her son has huge problem with health - problems with assimilation of food. They go through number of investigations now and doctors try to find the reason of the problem

Please, pray for her and her son and God's support in their life

I've talked to her, she wants to help us with VNs but she even don't know what will be tomorrow (each day lives for that day)

Hello from Lesya to whole American team

*Thanks
Vika*

Please pray for Lesya and Gleb's son Vova, and pray for the Kotvitskaya family. Pass this request on as you feel led.

HUGE UPDATE!!!

I received the actual, hard copy, for-real plane tickets in the mail last week!!! So, the next item of business is to get those tickets to you. I will need to mail the tickets to those outside the Nashville area, which I will do via some sort of registered or signature required mail. Those in the Nashville area will need to contact me (615-793-4017 or shrogers@comcast.net) to make arrangements to get their tickets. If you will be attending the CTVN team meetings, I can bring the tickets to you there.

For those whose tickets I will mail, I am asking you to please contact me as soon as you get your tickets, so that I know you have them.

FUNDING

If you have any outstanding funds for your team fee, please sent those in now. We need to get in the rest of everyone's money and we also need get sponsorship for the candidates at \$50 per person. If you know someone that would be willing to financially sponsor a candidate, please contact Wilson Burton at huntandfish@comcast.net.

Tourism

Our plan is to have a few days for sightseeing and shopping. Right now, the rough idea is for the women to go during the young men's weekend, and the men to go during the young women's weekend. I do not have much finalized as far as actual places we will go, but I have gotten some good suggestions that I will run by the Ukrainians. Just remember, we will need to be flexible with our plans, but rest assured, we will not be stuck in the facility the entire trip.

Spending Money

This brings us to the subject of spending money. I have gone over the currency conversion on the Web site, but quickly, one U.S. dollar equals five Ukrainian Hryvnias. So, if you take \$100, you will have 500 Hryvnias.

When I was in Ukraine last fall, I noticed that prices in Hryvnias were pretty comparable to prices in dollars in the U.S. For example, a bottle of water here is about \$1.50 at a gas station. A bottle of water there is about 1.50 Hryvnias. But, if you buy a bottle of water there, you are only spending 30 cents. Make sense?

So, the long and short of it is, I plan to bring about \$300 spending money. I probably won't need that much at all. But I also over pack, so there you go. Keep in mind your layovers at the airport (you may want a snack or something) and we will be eating out while we are not at the facility. Wilson suggested \$400 if you can. You may also want to purchase gifts or souvenirs, too. Which leads us to...

Gifts to Bring Home

I am sure that you will want to bring things home to your friends and family. There aren't a lot of restrictions that I know of, except agricultural items (fruit, vegetables, plants, etc.), so don't try to bring any of that home. Otherwise, when we go shopping, we will have all sorts of wonderful Ukrainian things to choose from for good prices. For example, I got a painted wooden egg for less than \$5 (it was probably closer to \$1). Let me know if you have any questions. Oh, and if you happen to look at the pictures from my trip last year, there was a pile of souvenirs. That pile ran me less than \$100.

Palanca

We still have a big need for Palanca; lightweight, easy to pack Palanca. If you, or anyone in your community, have Palanca, please contact Ollie Horne at ollielifepoint@alltel.net.

Team List

Below is the list of our current team members with their home states. If you don't see your name on the list, let me know so that we can finalize you!

Caleb Andrews, Tennessee
Jeremiah Argo, Georgia
Brandon Bell, Tennessee
Melissa Blankenship, Tennessee
Joy Burton, Tennessee
Wilson Burton, Tennessee
Trisha Faulk, South Carolina
Ollie Horne, Georgia
Sam Jacobson, Montana
John Johnson, Tennessee
Denise Rambo, Kentucky
Jack Reynolds, Georgia
Shelly Rogers, Tennessee
Nathan Tindall, Texas
Caeser Velez, Tennessee
Hannah Vanhoose, Montana
Nicole White, Texas
Shelby White, Texas

Honorary Team: Joyce Durall, Kentucky, Head Prayer

Everyone, please utilize Joyce as the head of our Prayer covering here in the states. Her e-mail address is kyladysmile@yahoo.com. Please e-mail her with any prayer requests you have.

What is Vida Nueva?

If you would like to review the basics of the Vida Nueva (VN) weekend, please refer to the following team meetings: [Team Meeting #2, March 6, 2006](#), [Team Meeting #5, May 8, 2006](#), and [Team Meeting #6, May 14, 2006](#). To access these meetings, go to <http://ukraine.ctvn.info/team.html>.

Accommodations

There is a possibility that we will be changing locations for our accommodations. We will keep you posted on this, but the pictures you saw of the other facility will give you an idea of what to expect. If you would like to see those pictures, you can access them at <http://ukraine.ctvn.info/hotelphotos.html>.

Timeline

As the trip gets closer, I will continue to publish our timeline. We have ONE MONTH until we leave!!! The dates are as follows:

Leave U.S. July 12
Arrive Ukraine July 13
Music Festival July 13-15
1st girls weekend - July 16-18
1st boys weekend - July 19-21
2nd girls weekend - July 22-24

2nd boys weekend - July 25-27
Leave Ukraine July 28
Arrive U.S. July 28
3rd girls weekend - July 28-30
3rd boys weekend - August 1-3

Young Women's #1 Weekend Scripture

Hebrews 10:9, "Here I am, I have come to do your will."

Final Thoughts & Reminders

For **prayer** requests, please contact Joyce at kyladysmile@yahoo.com.

If you know of anyone else that would like to **serve on the American team**, let me know at shrogers@comcast.net.

If you know of anyone who would like to send **Palanca**, let Ollie know at ollielife@alltel.net.

If you know anyone who would like to help **financially**, let Wilson know at huntandfish@comcast.net.

Please let me know if you have questions about anything I have covered or haven't covered.

Next time I will begin to cover shots, cell phones, weather and other goodies.

If you have any questions, or have topics that you would like for me to discuss in a team meeting, please let me know. I am available by phone (615-793-4017) or by e-mail (shrogers@comcast.net).

Thank you so much for serving on these weekends. You will be blessed!

Much love,
Shelly Rogers