

PARTNERS IN MISSIONS

Training National Leaders for "Ministry"

Supporting and Developing National Leaders in "Ministry"

Ray and Pam Trantham ... missionaries to Ukraine since 1995.



Graduation and New Students: The work in Ukraine continues. Seventy-nine students graduated this Spring, and we are currently admitting new students for this Fall. The continuing war makes recruiting students and operating a Bible college difficult, ... but the need remains to train national leaders for ministry. This also remains our mission, "[Training National Leaders for Ministry.](#)" You continue to play a part in this work in Ukraine, and we thank you for your faithfulness over the years.

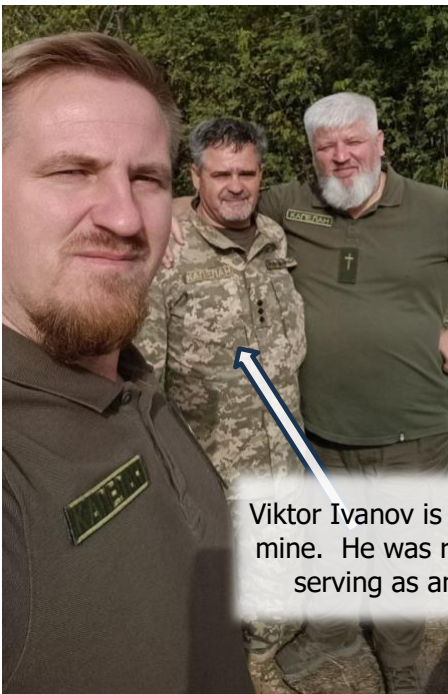
When in the States, our focus is upon "Ministry Projects," that are overseen by Sasha or Regina, and carried out by our former students. The work is different, but the work continues, and God is glorified.



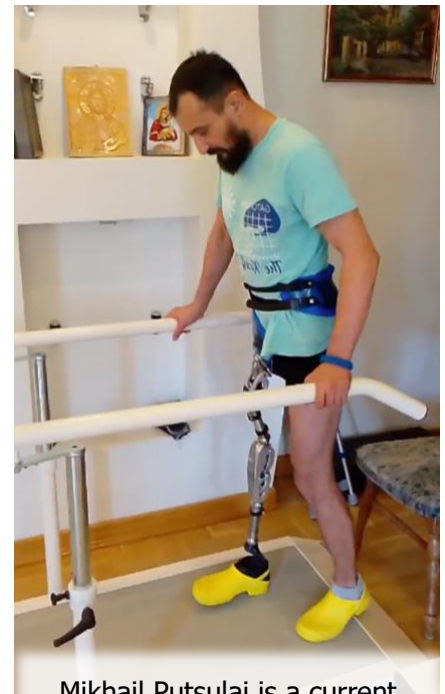
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Viktor Ivanov is a former student of mine. He was recently killed while serving as an army Chaplain.



Mikhail Putsulai is a current student of mine. He is a local minister who was serving in the army.

Students: Unfortunately, the above images are too commonplace in Ukraine and rarely make the news. Viktor was the fourth Chaplain from our group of churches to be killed. The situation has grown steadily worse over the past four-and-a-half years. Although Odessa is 100 miles from the front line, missile and drone attacks are a daily occurrence. Power and water supplies are also unstable. A drone recently fell next door to Sasha's brother's house. The neighbour's house was completely destroyed, while debris and shrapnel fell into their yard.

Ministry to Soldiers and Civilians: The first person in the picture on the left is Vitaly, ... he is my academic dean, and also an army Chaplain. Your financial giving helps him to be able to share the gospel with soldiers. I have travelled with him and assisted him on many occasions. The task of the church is to proclaim the hope of Christ, and show the love of Christ to all people. That is what your gifts are helping to do.

Ministers are now considered "Essential Workers:" The church has always thought the preacher was essential, but now the Ukrainian government has designated ministers as essential for the war effort. This is because churches are providing humanitarian relief and ministering to soldiers. The government sees that Christians are giving of their material resources and risking their own lives to minister to those in need. Your support for our ministry in Ukraine helps the local churches reach people with hope.

Cold Winter: Russia has targeted civilian infrastructure during the past three winters, and this winter there is expected to be even less power and heat. We are currently purchasing coal and firewood, as well as food supplies for the church to distribute in rural areas. Through this act of love, you are helping to bring the gospel to those in need.

Buying basic food products for the church in rural areas.

The sister store to this warehouse was recently hit by a drone.

Sasha was allowed by the Ukrainian government to visit with his family in the US, for three weeks during August. Even though he had documents, we did not know until he crossed the border, that he would be allowed to leave.

