

## Brief History of Ukraine

Ukraine was the center of the first eastern Slavic state, Kyivan Rus, which, during the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> centuries was the largest and most powerful in Europe.

A new Ukrainian state was established during the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

During the latter part of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, most Ukrainian ethnographic territory was absorbed by the Russian empire.

Following the collapse of czarist Russia in 1917, Ukraine enjoyed a brief period of independence, only to be conquered again and endure a brutal Soviet rule that engineered two artificial famines in which 8 million died.

In World War II, German and Soviet armies were responsible for 7 to 8 million deaths.

Although independence for Ukraine was achieved in 1991 with the dissolution of the USSR, democracy was evasive.

A peaceful protest “Orange Revolution” in 2004 forced authorities to overturn a rigged presidential election and to allow a new internationally monitored vote that swept into power a reformist state

The team will consist of 10 members.  
The following dates are planned:

Dates: Apr 1- Apr 8 2011

Cost: \$1,000

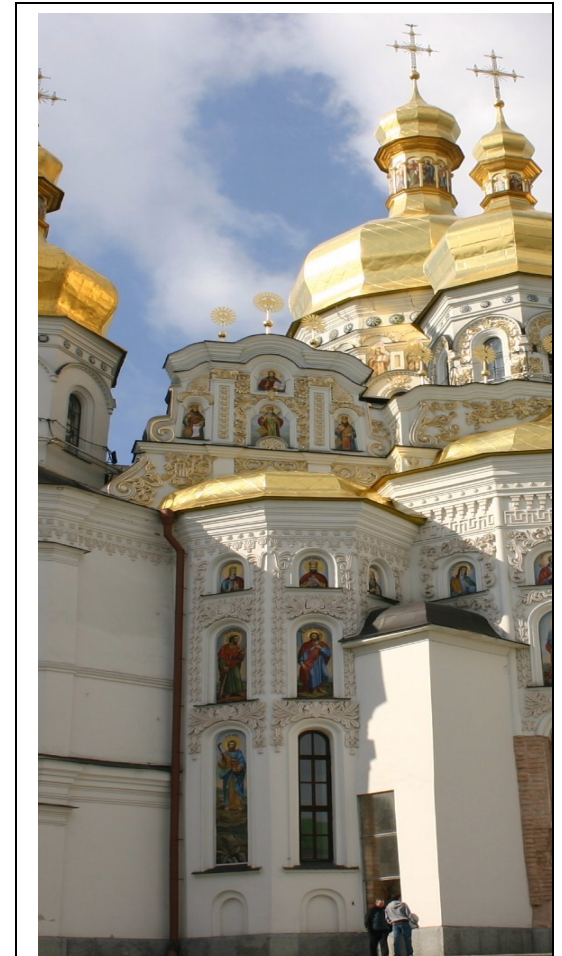


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Evangelism through the Shoe Box Ministry is unique in that it combines the local church, a gift box, and the Gospel in a compelling way that is appropriate in most cultures around the world.

The Shoe Box Ministry is much more than promotions and distribution events; it's a movement of the Spirit that calls children into the Kingdom.

In Ukraine we will be working with New Life Church and their pastor, Anatoly Kalyuzhnyy. He acts as co-director of the National Leadership Team (NLT), which is responsible for coordinating the distribution of over 500,000 shoeboxes in an estimated 7,000 different distribution events, utilizing thousands of trained volunteers.

*Every good gift and  
every perfect gift is  
from above, and  
cometh down from the  
Father of lights...*

*James 1:17 KJV*

The Ukraine NLT is one the most experienced in the world. Ukraine has been receiving shoe box gifts for 13 years. First Baptist Church of Matthews is blessed to be able to partner with New Life.

The distribution events in which FBCM will be participating will typically utilize such outreach tools as music, drama and presentation of the gospel.

We may visit orphanages, children's hospitals and public schools while in Ukraine.

Please pray that our Lord will lead and direct each of us in our efforts and that many will be blessed and brought into His Kingdom through these distribution activities.

