



Ukraine Project

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CrossTalk Ukraine was for me an extraordinary experience. In the beginning, I didn't think that I was up to the task of being an 'Apprentice Instructor.' After my three years as a CrossTalk student, I was just being able to preach in a clearer way myself, but to teach others was a great responsibility.

The invitation from Dr. Kent Edwards to help teach the Ukrainian cohort honored me and I realized that is a great need for biblical preachers everywhere in the world.

During the residency, Kent helped me to understand how to teach local pastors how to preach. One of my contributions during the residency was to act a bridge between the students and Professor Kent. I heard the principles that the professor taught, but I could also hear some of the challenges the students were facing. Being closer to the student's way of thinking, I could explain again to the students how should understand and apply the information they were receiving.

At the beginning of the residency the students' level of preaching was pretty low. At the end of the two weeks, however, most of the students understood the principles of biblical preaching, could identify the 'big idea' of a biblical passage, and could preach the idea effectively!

I am looking forward to next year residency. With the students' enthusiasm after making such great progress in only two weeks, their renewed commitment to biblical preaching, and a year of applying what they learned this year, I think their progress will be noticeable.

I am also already surveying the need for a class like this in the area where I live (in Constanta, Romania) or some other places where I will be asked.

God bless you,
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