



Mission

EASTERN EUROPE

[U - KRAINE]

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For years, the Church in Ukraine struggled to shake the long shadow cast by 69 years of communism. Despite the collapse of the Soviet Union and newly gained freedoms in the early 1990's, most churches appeared paralyzed, afraid to engage in outreach. Sadly some closed their doors all together. However, all was not lost as not every church fit the mold. One church, Irpin Bible Church, began humbly as a gathering of four families drinking tea in a living room of one apartment eager to spread the hope they had found in Jesus to those who had been without for so long. They grew and soon became catalyst for spiritual change in Ukraine. Today they are intentionally sending their members to engage in parts of Ukraine where there is still no local expression of the church. Join Carmel's ongoing relationship of over 15 years of partnership with Irpin Bible Church.

 <p>Date & Cost June 26 - July 4 \$2000</p>	 <p>Focus Use sports and games for community outreach.</p>	 <p>Imagine The efforts invested into this trip being multiplied by local believers in areas we cannot reach.</p>	 <p>Fun Fact You cannot buy peanut butter in country.</p>	 <p>Apply By March 15</p>
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<p>Expected Impact</p>	<p>01 Help a local church create an environment for people, especially unbelievers, to experience Jesus and connect to the church.</p>	<p>02 Work with local leadership, equipping them to reproduce these environments in other parts of Ukraine.</p>	<p>03 Encourage and strengthen our partner church to better live out what God is calling them to do in their part of the world.</p>
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The Challenge

Carmel began its relationship with Irpin Bible Church over 15 years ago by helping facilitate an outreach event which is now well known as "SportsFest." In those early years, Carmel's teams planned, led, and hosted the camp with Irpin Bible Church assisting where they could. Over time, as the local church has grown, Irpin Bible Church slowly began to take over more and more of the planning and facilitation of the camp! Today, Carmel assists by serving where our friends identify their greatest need. With nearly one thousand children and youth attending, many of whom do not yet know Christ as their personal Savior, it takes a lot of manpower to run the camp. We are excited to continue to link arms with Irpin Bible Church in this exciting ministry and are encouraged as they



now use this same model to share the love of Christ in places Carmel Baptist Church could never go. Their vision is not to merely grow their own church. Rather, they are actively spreading the hope of the gospel and planting churches in places where there are none.

Bumpus Scholarship

Lois Bumpus Missions Endowment and Scholarship Fund was created in honor of Lois Bumpus' lifetime commitment to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The purpose of these funds is to underwrite mission work across the globe for those who have completed the first year of high school to 24 year old members of Carmel Baptist Church. It is the desire of the Bumpus family that these dollars be used to help young men and women in their endeavors to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ across the globe through short-term mission trips. For complete details and the application please visit <http://carmelbaptist.org/lois-bumpus-scholarship/>

Safety

As with every trip, there are risks involved and a need for training in order to be wise and intentional about making provisions for safety. We will be diligent about this leading up to and during the trip itself. At the same time, after multiple trips by Pastoral Staff and in assessing the potential risks, the Pastoral Elder team along with our Global Outreach Team has agreed that we are confident about the safety of this trip due to our relationship with our partner on the ground and the environment to which we are going.

Pray With Us

Pray for wisdom and effectiveness as they plant churches in parts of the country where there are none. As more people, particularly non-believers, move to their city, pray that they would have continued opportunities to reach out. Pray our students would have boldness in living the gospel in word and deed as they go. Pray that our team would look for God in realtime, being sensitive for how He is leading.

Standards

Spiritual preparation is vital to serving on mission. In order to participate in the Eastern Europe mission project, students are expected to have 80% attendance in Student Discipleship Community, and attend all training dates.

Important Dates

- Jan. 29 - Open Trip Application
- Mar. 15 - Trip Application Deadline
- Mar. 25 - Training 1 - 8-9pm (SDC)
Parents Required to Attend
- Mar. 31 - Lois Bumpus Scholarship Deadline
- Apr. 30 - Half cost Due
- May 13 - Training 2 - 6:15-7:45 (SDC)
- May 20 - Training 3 - 6:15-7:45 (SDC)
- May 31 - Full Cost Due
- Jun. 3 - Training 4 - 6:15-7:45 (SDC)



Accommodations

- Dorm style rooms with twin beds.
- Linens and towels provided.
- Rooms sleep 4-5 people.
- Bathrooms within each room.
- At night the security gate is locked and only IBC staff can enter/exit.
- Food will be prepared and provided by IBC church members.
- Students will need to bring water bottles to refill with clean water.

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