

Summer team involvement changes lives *by James Triskle*

From July 9 to August 21 a team of twelve Canadians and Ukrainians held vacation Bible camps with a safari theme that taught children that Jesus is king of the Universe. We went to the villages and cities of Savron, Krasnoperikoosk, Kargarlyk, from there to Alpha Omega camp where we joined the Dnepropetrovsk team for seven days. From there the team went to the Dnipro River camp where we spent time with the youth and pastors in fellowship and camping on the river. We finished our last VBS in the city of Nikolaev where the seminary was holding the graduation of its last class.

As leader of the Odessa team and after completing my third summer in Ukraine, I have seen the difference in the children. They have grown in their faith and in some places youth have become members of their youth group or young adults groups. The experience in Ukraine changed each member of the team for the better and we have all grown in Christ. Being part of an overseas outreach is something I would recommend to anyone interested in missions. This summer was the hardest but most rewarding summer yet. I pray God has it in His plan for me to return next year!

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The Odessa summer team: Rodic Avtushenko, Feodor Belie, Olga, Renee Clarke, James Triskle, Sarah Holden, Vanya Lyashenko, Jessica Sullivan, Andrea Lyashenko, Ira Chorney, Svieta Ionova.

News from Canadian Lutheran World Relief

Contributions increase

Donations to Canadian Lutheran World Relief (CLWR) this past fiscal year, ending March 31, jumped 9.3 percent from the year before. Total income from CLWR's constituency in the 2004-2005 fiscal year was \$2,740,165. This includes donations through Lutheran Church-Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada's Global Hunger and Development Appeal, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and directly to CLWR. The agency's total income this past year, including cash donations, government grants and interest, was \$6,201,543, up 18.9 percent from the year before. This does not include the value of donated goods like quilts, blankets and kits, which would add another \$273,577.

Annual Report

CLWR's 2004-2005 annual report is available and was mailed to congregations and individual donors in September. The colourful, eight-page



report provides an easy-to-read synopsis of the work of CLWR and includes a two-page world map highlighting the countries where the agency helped make a difference last year. Lutheran congregations received 10 copies of the report in the mail. More are available by calling toll free 1-800-661-2597 or e-mailing clwr@clwr.mb.ca.

New study guide on hunger

A new study guide that explores what the Bible says about hunger is available from CLWR. Produced by Canadian Foodgrains Bank, *Hunger in a World of Abundance* is designed for people of faith interested in discussing hunger issues in the context of economic globalization, technological advancement and world governance. The material aims to spark discussion, not pushing people to predetermined answers. The six sessions are geared towards adults. *Hunger in a World of Abundance* is available free by calling CLWR

More information is available at www.clwr.org.