

## STANDARD OF LIVING IN UKRAINE

In the European Union (EU), Denmark tops the wage scale with a median pay of \$34 per hour. Ukraine's median pay is one percent of Denmark's or roughly 34 cents per hour with Moldova's and Belarus' levels even lower. According to Ukrainian government reports, at the end of 2003, 40 percent of wage earners were owed back wages. Further statistics reported that 70 percent of Ukrainians live below the \$65 per month poverty level. While the minimum monthly wage of \$39 will rise to \$45 on September 1, it will still be below poverty level. The highest pay in Ukraine goes to employees of banks and other financial businesses followed by transportation, mining and heavy industry production. Only agricultural employees receive less than school teachers (\$35 per month) and health care workers. Until this year, income tax used a progressive taxation system of 10 to 40 percent depending on one's income. This year's flat 13 percent tax was enacted to encourage people to declare their full incomes. The flat tax is already scheduled to increase to 15 percent in 2007.

Your faithful prayers for the KTS ministries and its faculty, staff and students are the foundation of the Lord's blessing. KTS relies upon the western world for its financial support. Consider the following possible ways of assisting KTS.

- A full-time KTS student can be sponsored for \$200 per month or a yearly sponsorship gift of \$2,400. This will cover tuition, room and board as well as fees. A part-time KTS student can be sponsored for \$800 per year. A picture of your student and an email address can be provided upon request.
- The library is always in need of more books. The average cost of a good Russian book is \$4.00. Or make a contribution to the operating budget for the library, which needs \$500 per month.
- All textbooks used in the 14 Bible Institutes in Ukraine, materials for national pastors training conferences, and KTS classroom texts and materials are printed and bound at the seminary. The present press and auxiliary equipment are antiquated and were donated to the seminary in the mid '90s. A new printing press, plate maker, binder, etc. are needed and will cost approximately \$40,000.
- A new copier, which will allow for collation and double-sided copying, is needed for faculty. The entire student body and faculty have been using a used machine, which was purchased in 1996. A gift of \$10,000 will cover this need.
- Remodeling of the fourth floor of the existing building is needed to provide classroom space during the building process so that programs can be maintained and expanded. Enclosing a "loft" area will cost \$6,000 and provide a classroom for 30 students. A second room needs remodeling to also be used as a classroom and will cost \$900.
- Three existing classrooms require upgrades to accommodate video projectors, personal computers and desks to house the equipment. The upgrades will allow all classes to be taught via computer presentations and will assist the seminary in using other forms of distance educational programming. Each classroom will require \$3,000 to upgrade.

### Charitable contributions to KTS including the building and/or monthly operational funds can be made payable to:

Rick Campana Ministries, 141 Muirfield Circle, Maples FL 34113  
Phone: 239.775.7180

All designated contributions (building, student sponsorship, library books, etc.) for KTS will be forwarded in full to the seminary.

## UPCOMING EVENTS & NEWS

### May 10-14 — CLDI

(Church Leadership Development International) a partner ministry of KTS, will host its 10th anniversary conference in Belaya Tserkov. Dr. Howard Hendricks will be the conference speaker. Andrew Zalischuk (KTS 2000) is the Ukrainian director.

### May 15 — KTS Graduation

with Dr. Howard Hendricks, Dallas Theological Seminary, as the keynote speaker.

**May:** Todd Marshall, Academic dean, will receive a Master of Library Science degree from Syracuse University. Todd has been selected to receive the "Antje Lemke Book Award and Scholarship" which is given each year to an outstanding student who embodies devotion to libraries and scholarship.

**Early June:** Selection of 50 new non-residential students will take place. 25 students will attend classes in Kiev and 25 in Kharkov. *Pray that God would bring students who are serious about studying.*

### *A look ahead towards the next issue:*

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## DIRECTING ATTENTION TO THE MINISTRIES OF KIEV THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

### GROUND BREAKING! April 16, 2004

With the first shovel of dirt our dreams of expanding the seminary's enrollment and influence are at long last becoming reality. The proposed new multi-purpose dormitory, library, classrooms, kitchen and dining facility will permit doubling our current enrollment of 125 residential and non-residential students and allowing KTS to accept a new group of full-time residential students each year.

The process has been long and not without disappointments, but now we are seeing God's blessing and timing. While many options were considered (buying nearby apartments, buying an older dormitory, buying land and all new construction), we are certain that what God has permitted is nothing short of a miracle. The decision was made to research and design ways to add to and improve our existing buildings on the land that is presently occupied by KTS. The amazing part of this plan was that it was overwhelmingly approved by all of the city committees who have authority over new construction. Their only request was "to make it beautiful" which of course is our desire as well. New construction will double classroom, office, dining room, and residential capacities to permit 250 students to enroll. The new kitchen will be modern and will meet code requirements, giving KTS the possibility for an expanded conference ministry. This is a desirable way to generate income for the seminary. KTS already acts as a "hotel" during the summer months to visiting ministry teams.

Classes will continue during the construction. The fourth year students graduate May 15 and a new non-residential group will begin studies next fall. If construction is on schedule we will also be able to admit a new group in fall 2005.

Ground preparation has now begun where the new main campus building

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### From Our FOUNDING PRESIDENT



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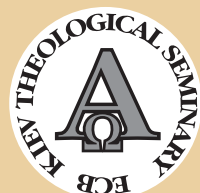
Everything in Ukraine is either ground breaking or neck breaking. Everything is still new and unpredictable in our young country. Ukraine's business and political climate could be better compared to the Wild West than to her European neighbors. Most things started here feel like exploring a new frontier in this wilderness produced by the reign of socialism and communism.

Similarly, Kiev Theological Seminary has advanced. In the first draft of her goals and programs (May 1995), the most important goal was to teach foundational biblical truths and Bible study methods. Even now, many churches rely more on the traditional interpretations by their elders as they are guided by the Holy Spirit rather than on any historical-grammatical methods. An attempt to bring biblical standards to them often feels like breaking hard concrete rather than working fertile soil. Just an innocent attempt by a seminary graduate to say

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**Dr. Grigory Kommendant,**  
President Ukrainian Baptist Union  
and **Dr. Anatoly Prokopchuk,**  
President KTS break ground.



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## MEET THE NEW '03-'04 KTS FACULTY

**Vadim Mironoshenko**, Dean of Christian Education, has a long history of ministry to children, training teachers, and teaching. Following graduation (KTS 2000), he was named acting director for Child Evangelism Fellowship of Ukraine, a position he held until joining the KTS faculty last fall.

**Mike Manna** has been in full-time youth ministry for the past 20 years and is the Eurasia Director for Youth Ministry International. With the help of professors from Boyce College on the Southern Seminary campus in Louisville, he has established the National Center for Youth Ministry on the KTS campus. Judy, his wife, is also involved in the ministry.



**Lois Thorpe** began teaching English at KTS this year. After graduating from Biola University, she taught English in South Korea and in southern California. She is a member of SEND International.

**David Spirek** is a native Texan and a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary. He has been teaching Old Testament Survey to the first year students. His vision is for developing leaders in Eurasia who will impact the world with the gospel.



**Sergei Tereshchenko**, Assistant Academic Dean, also a KTS (2000) graduate, was an Instructor/Researcher for The Center for Apologetics Research for three years and taught in many Bible institutes in Ukraine. He joined the seminary team last August as a translator and is now making the transition to Assistant Academic Dean.

**Holly Rist**, SEND International, teaches English to first-year students with the goal of training these future leaders to use English language theological resources. Holly is from Ohio, a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and has a certificate in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). She is the wife of Andy Rist, Professor of Church History. They have 2 children.



**Joel & Mary Ellen Ragains**, are IMB missionaries. Joel was Worship Pastor at Graceland Baptist Church in New Albany IN for almost 35 years before coming to Ukraine. This past year he has worked with the Practicum program and is now heading the new Church Planting Major at KTS. Mary Ellen teaches the orientation class to first year students.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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that the Greek New Testament text differs from the Russian translation on minor baptismal formula could be neck breaking for the young chap. That is to say, a finishing of his teaching and preaching career in the local church.

God has given the seminary team the great privilege to teach the Word, staying away from denominational and political struggles, and to teach how to understand and interpret Scripture. Now we are able to see that the Lord has grown good fruit from the tough soil. Many graduates have become excellent teachers, pastors and servant leaders. Their teaching and their lives have contributed to the seminary's good and growing reputation. This reputation has attracted more and more students, so that which felt big nine years ago is now very tight. A new breaking of ground is necessary; not breaking the ground in theology, spiritual formation, teaching methods or youth ministry and outreach, but a literal ground breaking.

Several years of paperwork and red tape, of looking for a suitable location close by or even farther away and the constant prayers of the seminary faculty, students, workers and seminary friends, brought us to the decision which was strongly felt as the Lord's will. Honestly speaking, we do not want to presume on the Lord; therefore, I said "strongly felt." Only when the project is completed with all its plans and technical details will we see clearly that it was ground breaking and not neck breaking like so many changes which have come to my beloved country, Ukraine.

## GROUND BREAKING!

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will stand. Initial funding (\$150,000) to begin is already in hand. It is necessary to complete the foundation of this building within a year to keep permits intact and current. Failure to do so would require starting the approval process again. Final completion is projected for spring 2006. The total cost of this project is nearly \$3.1 million. It is a "God-sized project" and we must trust Him to move in the hearts of His children to accomplish His purposes for Ukraine and beyond.

### How can you help?

Pray as this expansion begins that God would be placing in the hearts of many Ukrainians, Belorussians, Russians and others to come and study with the goal of reaching the lost and equipping the saints for ministry in Ukraine and beyond.

Pray that God would send finances so that this first phase might be completed in the time we have been given.

Share this information with like-minded people who want to see God's kingdom advanced so that they might participate in prayer and giving.

## New Programs

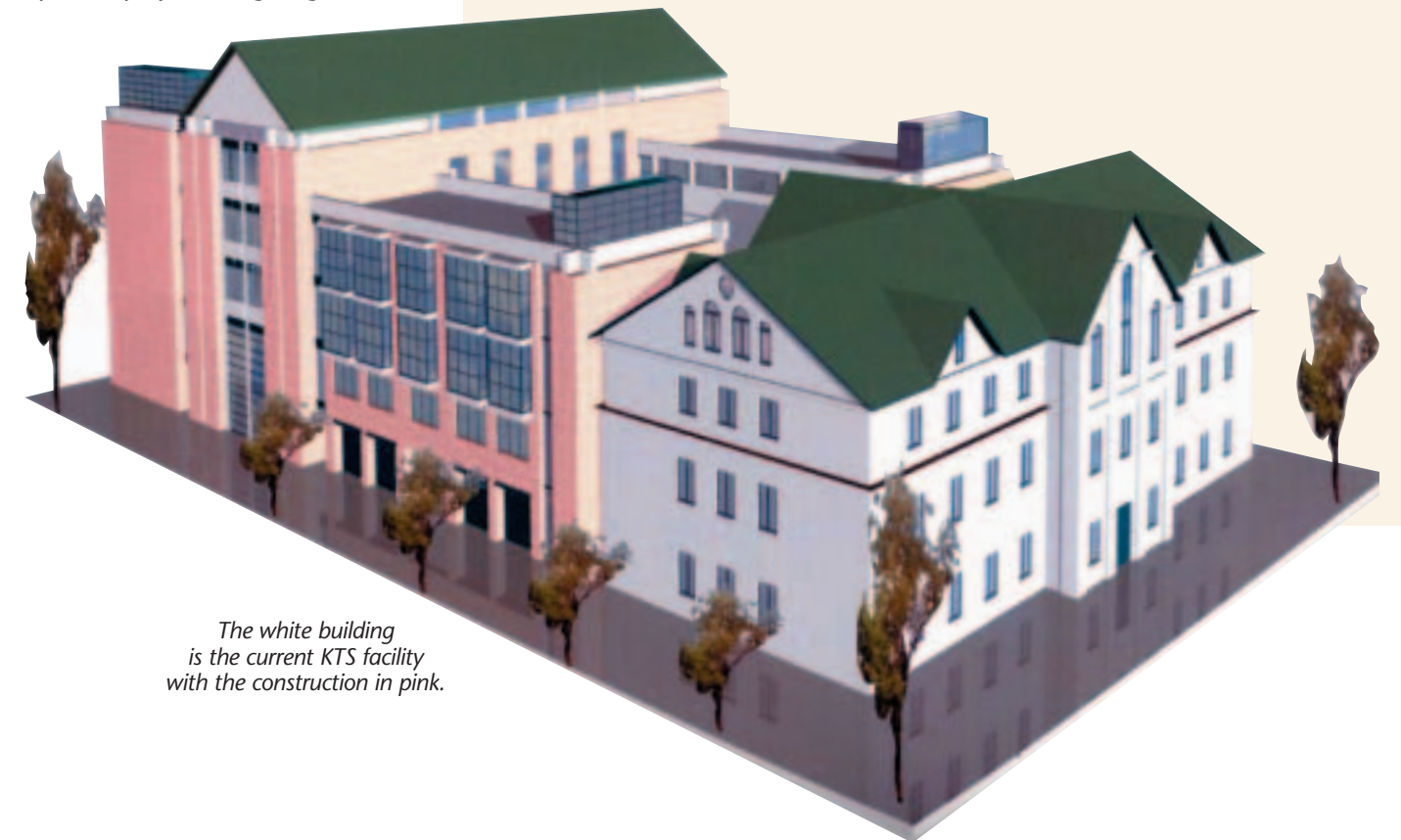
Each year brings progress and refinement to our academic offerings. Two new groups began last fall: 24 full-time residential pastoral students and 30 Christian Education students.

At the end of this spring semester, the pastoral students will "declare a major." Nine of these first year students were selected to participate in our new Youth Ministry major (department chaired by Mike Manna) and the remaining students will choose between Biblical Studies (chaired by Mark McDonnel) and Church Planting (chaired by Joel Raigans). This refinement allows the students to better focus on their areas of interest and strength. Previously all students by necessity followed the same course of study, but now with additional faculty we are able to offer three majors to our fulltime residential students and a fourth, Christian Education, to our full-time non-residential students.

What is particularly exciting about the ability to provide these programs is that it allows KTS students to focus on four very distinct areas of need in Ukraine and indeed in all the Former Soviet Union countries:

- producing teachers for Bible Colleges.
- training those who will begin and pastor new churches (It has been said that there are 400 villages without any evangelical church presence. That could translate to 400 new churches tomorrow if only there were pastors.)
- equipping some to understand youth culture because new churches will be primarily young people.
- providing solid Christian Education under-girding all ministries to insure growth of the evangelical church.

All majors have 15 core courses in common and then each major has its own additional set of specialized core courses. Electives and English study fill the remaining hours.



*The white building is the current KTS facility with the construction in pink.*