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Lighting the Darkness

When you attend the Christmas service at your local church this year, you may experience a tradition that is common to many churches in America. At the end of the service, the lights dim, everyone grows silent, and the sanctuary is filled with a thick darkness. It can be an unsettling experience.

Then, from a single candle, a flame is passed from person to person, until every individual is holding a lit candle of their own. Slowly, the flickering light grows, and the darkness is driven away, replaced by a warm, shining glow. The effect is beautiful.

This is how the Gospel spreads.

Since the Fall, our world has been filled with darkness: corruption, war, fear and loss. But 2,000 years ago, a light shined in the darkness, and Jesus was born! Since that day, the Gospel has passed like a flame from person to person as Jesus' love is shared with the world. And wherever people encounter the Good News of His love, lives are forever transformed — just like a once-darkened worship center filled with blazing candlelight.

This issue of *Every Home* brings you stories of Jesus' light going into the darkness of our world. In a nation torn apart by political violence, the Church steps up to care for those caught in the crossfire. When families are driven from their homes by invading forces, believers meet them to share God's miraculous love. And when my dear friend went to

be with the Lord, we thanked the Lord for the incredible spiritual legacy he left behind.

But these aren't just stories of other people in other nations. These are your stories. As a friend

of *Every Home* for Christ, you're one of God's multitude holding a burning candle against the darkness of this world and passing the flame along to others who also

need to bask in the warmth of His love.

As you enjoy the holidays with loved ones this year, let this issue be a reminder to you: God is using you to shine His light into the darkness, and the world is changing for millions as a result.

For the harvest,

Dick Eastman
International President

**God is using
you to shine
His light into
the darkness...**

"The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned." — Matthew 4:16 (NIV)



NO MAN'S LAND

BY JOSHUA SKAGGS

UKRAINE

IN EASTERN UKRAINE, RUSSIAN AND UKRAINIAN TROOPS HAVE BEEN LOCKED IN A STANDOFF FOR ALMOST FIVE YEARS. MEANWHILE, CHRISTIANS WORK BEHIND THE SCENES TO CONTEND FOR THE FUTURE OF THEIR NATION.

COUNTRY FOCUS: Ukraine



BLOCKADES CHOKED the streets of downtown Kiev, and Anatoliy Kushnir donned a new leather jacket. He also wore a small trinket, a gold pin he had recently found at a thrift store — the same one worn by Ukrainian secret service members. It was a simple disguise, helped along by a stern expression and a confident stride.

“That was my game,” Anatoliy says. “Playing a spook.”

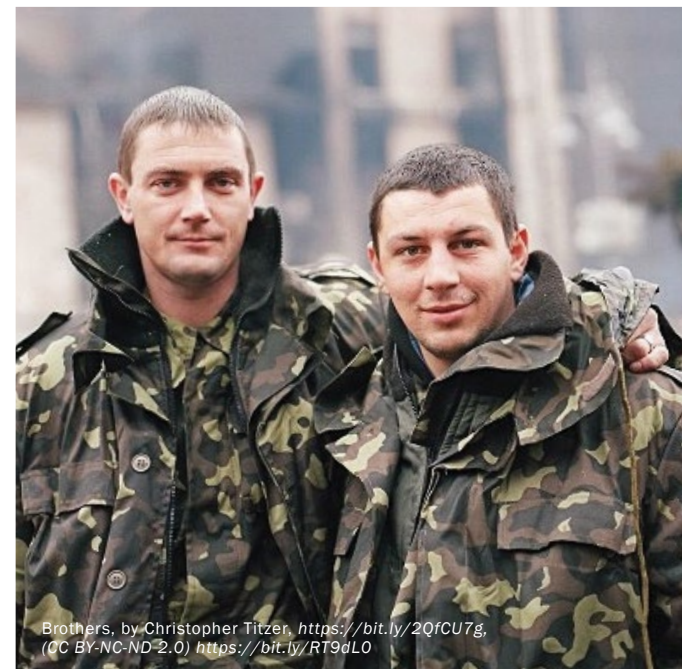
He walked past the blockades, carrying heavy boxes and looking straight ahead. Nobody stopped him.

It was winter 2014, and tens of thousands of people camped out on Maidan Nezalezhnosti, the main city square in Kiev. They were protesting the president’s decision to back out of an agreement with the European Union in favor of closer ties with Russia.

Anatoliy cut through crowds of protesters, brushing past people who refused to leave during the harsh winter months. When he arrived at the prayer booth, he opened his boxes and started handing out pieces of gospel literature as if he were delivering reinforcements. They were titled “Pray for Ukraine.”

For three months, Anatoliy returned to the Maidan to pray with people and drop off more boxes of gospel

During the Maidan Revolution, thousands of people gathered on Maidan Nezalezhnosti (literally “Independence Square”).



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literature. As Every Home for Christ’s Ministry Director in Ukraine, Anatoliy had access to resources that could encourage and comfort people through this hard season. Even though it was dangerous to enter the Maidan, he felt it was his personal responsibility to bear a Christian witness.

But on February 18, 2014, violence broke out. Civil unrest turned into a full-scale revolution, and downtown Kiev became a commotion of gunfire and explosions. The city fell into chaos.

“It was almost like time stopped,” Anatoliy remembers. “Your life is kind of hanging, and your feet are not planted on the ground. You don’t know what will happen to you, to your family, to your life. It’s very hard to think of how you can minister to people, when you’re wondering if you’ll live and if you’ll have a country — if you’ll have a home.”

The stakes were real. If the revolution failed, Anatoliy’s city — and his entire nation — might

soon be occupied by Russia. At home with his wife and newborn son, he could hear explosions from his balcony.

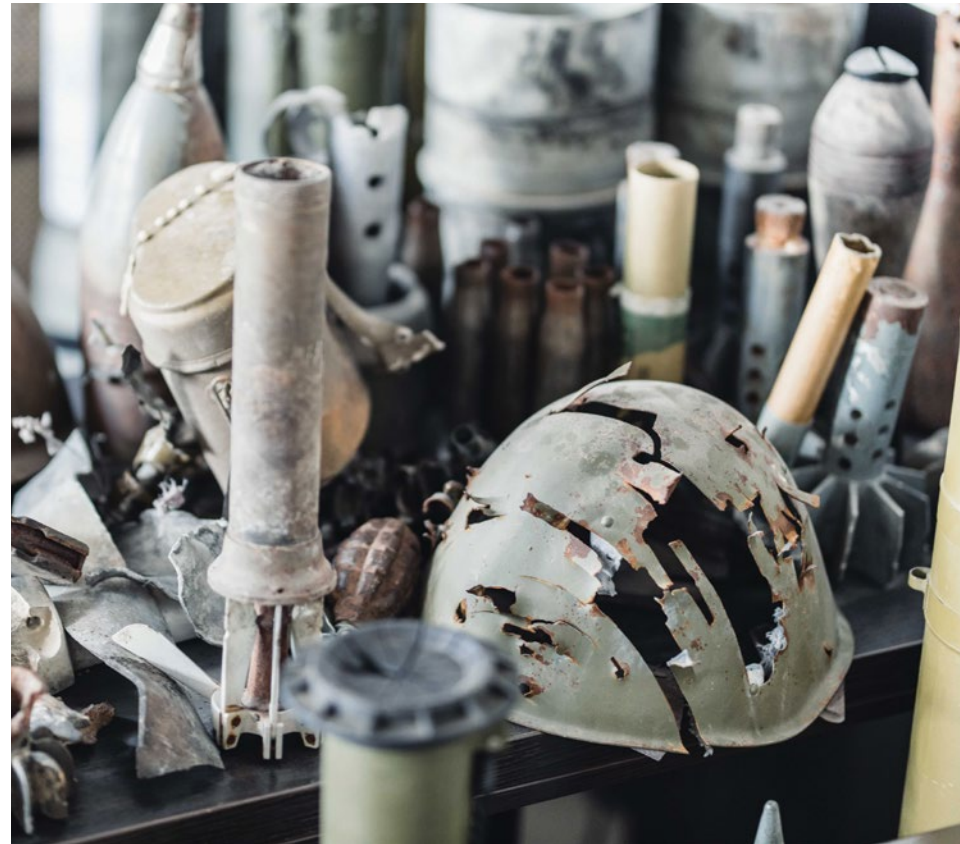
“I was thinking, *Do we run to the mountains in the west of Ukraine?* We packed the car, but — what do we do?”

For three fearful days he stayed close to home, watching the news with his wife. On the third day, they finally heard a good report: The revolution had ended. Parliament voted to remove Ukraine’s president, who then fled to Russia for asylum.

It was the start of a new season for Ukraine, but not the start of peace. The future of the nation still hung in the balance, suspended between East and West. In the coming days, Russia would invade eastern Ukraine, the Ukrainian military would fight back, and a small, overlooked minority would take a stand for the future of the nation — Christians in search of a spiritual revolution.

100 YEARS IN UKRAINE

Left: Anatoliy Kushnir discusses the occupation of Slavyansk and other cities in eastern Ukraine. Right: In his church, Peter Dudnik displays artillery and other war artifacts discovered on church property after separatists left Slavyansk.



“We were always despised... Instead of having friends, you have enemies.”

EVANGELICALS HAVE LONG BEEN STIGMATIZED and distrusted in Ukraine.

“We were always despised, called names,” Anatoliy recalls of his childhood. “Of course it feels terrible, especially for a child. Instead of having friends, you have enemies.”

When Anatoliy was young, kids would throw rocks at him on his way to school. He was also brought to the school steps and publicly shamed. His response hinted at the man he would become.

“I started walking through the village with a family Bible, raising my Bible in my hand, like, ‘You don’t like me going to church? Take this!’ I was in middle school.”

Anatoliy is part of an entire generation of Christians who suffered

under Communism. Throughout the Soviet era, parents routinely lost their jobs when they converted to Christianity. Students’ grades were often docked for their religious beliefs.

After the fall of the Soviet Union in 1991, the evangelical church began to meet and evangelize openly. Even so, propaganda continued to poison the cultural waters; many Ukrainians falsely believed that evangelicals sacrificed children in their religious ceremonies. By 2014, less than two percent of the population identified as evangelical.

But this minority would soon influence the entire nation.

When the Maidan Revolution ended, an evangelical Christian was appointed interim president.

Oleksandr Turchynov sought God’s direction to set the nation on a steady course. Within the first few days of his presidency, Russia breached eastern Ukraine and annexed Crimea, Ukraine’s peninsula on the Black Sea.

“Imagine this situation,” former president Turchynov told *Every Home* in an exclusive interview. “We did not have an army back then. We did not have effective power structures. We did not have money in our accounts... So tell me, was it possible to stand against this without God’s help?”

WHILE TURCHYNOV SOUGHT GOD’S GUIDANCE in the nation’s capital, pro-Russian separatists occupied the eastern city of Slavyansk. Tanks rolled down the main street. Masked militants took control of the armory. Local pastor Peter Dudnik watched as his city became a war zone.

- 1921** • THE SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF UKRAINE IS FORMED.
- 1932-1933** • THE SOVIET UNION MANUFACTURES A FAMINE IN EASTERN UKRAINE, RESULTING IN THE GENOCIDE OF OVER 3 MILLION UKRAINIANS.
- 1941-1944** • GERMANY OCCUPIES UKRAINE.
- 1950-1970** • VARIOUS UKRAINIAN ATTEMPTS AT ARMED RESISTANCE TO SOVIET RULE ARE SUBVERTED.
- 1986** • CHERNOBYL NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR EXPLODES, RESULTING IN CATASTROPHIC RADIATION.
- 1991** • THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET UNION LEADS TO UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE.
- 1996** • UKRAINE DRAFTS A DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION.
- 2004** • THE ORANGE REVOLUTION REMOVES VIKTOR YANUKOVYCH FROM THE PRESIDENCY AFTER ACCUSATIONS OF ELECTION FRAUD.
- 2010** • VIKTOR YANUKOVYCH IS FAIRLY ELECTED PRESIDENT.
- 2013** • PROTESTERS GATHER ON THE MAIDAN AFTER THE UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT BACKS OUT OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION.
- 2014-Feb** • THE MAIDAN REVOLUTION RESULTS IN OVER 70 PROTESTER DEATHS AND THE OUSTING OF PRESIDENT YANUKOVYCH.
- 2014-Mar** • RUSSIAN FORCES ANNEX CRIMEA.
- 2014-Apr** • PRO-RUSSIAN INSURGENTS INFILTRATE DONETSK AND LUHANSK REGIONS OF EASTERN UKRAINE, AND THE UKRAINIAN GOVERNMENT RESPONDS BY SENDING TROOPS.
- 2014-Sep** • RUSSIA AND UKRAINE SIGN A CEASEFIRE, WHICH REMAINS IN EFFECT TO THIS DAY, DESPITE NUMEROUS INFRACTIONS ON BOTH SIDES.
- 2017** • AN ASSOCIATION AGREEMENT WITH THE EUROPEAN UNION IS RATIFIED.

EHC Ministry Director Anatoliy Kushnir (left) and *Every Home* writer Joshua Skaggs (right) sit down with Ukrainian Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council Oleksandr Turchynov (center).
“I’m convinced that our freedom is not possible without the courage of the people and without God’s help,” Turchynov says.



“The city was turning into a ghost town. There were road blocks being put up, trenches being dug... Every day there was gunfire exchanged in the city. Insurgents were shooting at the Ukrainian side, and Ukrainians were shooting back.”

Then one hundred militants took over Peter’s church. Situated at one of the entrances to the city, his church was an ideal base of operations. Insurgents posted snipers on the roof and stored assault rifles and grenade launchers in the lobby.

Robbed of his city and his church building, Peter moved his family to a safe place outside the city. Then he returned to help other families. He started to evacuate people from their homes, often packing 20 people into his eight-passenger van, speeding down tiny roads in an attempt to evade crossfire.

Soon, Peter was helping hundreds of people leave the city. He formed a team of capable people who could be trusted

to join in the rescue efforts. They established two covert pickup locations at a grocery store parking lot and local pool, making three trips each day with five church vans. Outside the city, Peter’s wife would field requests for extraction and forward the information to Peter. Christians from around the country began calling to offer their homes as safe houses.

At a refugee camp Peter had established outside the city, he gathered refugees who had no other place to go. There, his team provided food and prayer in the days following the people’s rescue. Everyone at the camp was required to attend three daily prayer services.

“It was kind of an anti-shock therapy, just to pray and care for people when they would come to their senses,” he says. “We would gather and praise the Lord and sing and just cry out to God.”

Peter Dudnik’s rescue efforts were the most extensive in Slavyansk. Because he was

unaffiliated with the Ukrainian government or military, he was able to fly under the radar. By the time the Russian insurgents fled Slavyansk on July 5, 2014, Peter and his team had evacuated roughly 12,000 people. This had a lasting effect on the well-being of the city, and it also helped people become open to the Gospel.

“People’s understanding of the Church changed dramatically,” Peter says.

During the conflicts in Slavyansk, people saw evangelicals caring not only for their own needs but also for those of the entire city. While various factions fought for control and dominance, Christians risked their own safety to show love. Peter explains the heart behind his choices.

“In a time of calamity, the question is not only, how do you survive and sustain yourself, but how do you exhibit God’s glory? This question is not only about our past, but all of our future.”



Although much of Slavyansk has been rebuilt, the city still bears marks of its occupation. This building on the outskirts of Slavyansk is one of many still riddled with bullet holes and other damage from major artillery.



Five hundred believers are baptized in the Dnieper River to signify their new lives in Christ.

UKRAINE'S FUTURE CONTINUES to hang in the balance. At the time of this article's release, Russian troops still occupy eastern Ukraine, locked in a ceasefire with Ukrainian troops. In between their artificial borders is a gap, a "no man's land," where a handful of Ukrainians live out their days trapped between two forces, uncertain whether their future lies east or west.

This tension is felt throughout the nation. To the east is Russia and Ukraine's Soviet past, a past that most people wish to avoid. But to the west lies another threat, one that Christians are prepared to address — Western secularism. Turchynov, in his current role as Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council, is wary of aligning with a European majority that has lost its Christian roots.

"When we are thinking of European integration, we want to integrate with the Europe of Luther, Calvin and the reformers of history. But this Europe is disappearing."

Ukrainian Christians see the West slipping away from its Christian heritage, but they are determined not to follow suit. Rather than taking a passive stance and slowly ceding their advances, they are actively working to expand the Gospel's reach. In recent years, the Ukrainian Church has commissioned missionaries to Russia, Europe and nations scattered around the globe. The Church has also begun hosting large events targeted at positively shaping Ukrainian culture.

In the fall of 2017, at the same location where the Maidan Revolution took place just three years earlier,

the Ukrainian Church united to host its first annual Thanksgiving event. On streets still marked by bullet holes, more than 250,000 people gathered to hear the Good News.

"The turnout was like a revolution," Anatoliy says. "It was — 'overwhelming' would be an understatement."

This event was followed up one year later with another momentous event. In the Dnieper River that flows through downtown Kiev, 500 people were baptized. They wore white to signify their new lives in Christ. Their songs resounded through the city streets.

Events like these are not just a nice spectacle. They serve to make the Church visible to the public. Throughout Ukraine, Anatoliy works by any means necessary — large events, home-to-home evangelism, social media campaigns — to make Jesus known. In the east, Peter works with refugees, orphans and his own church family toward the same goal.

"I feel like this was preparation," Peter says, speaking of all that has happened in the past several years. "A bigger revival is coming." 🏠

Christians continue to contend for the future of Ukraine. You can support their efforts at ehc.org/Ukraine

“However large or small a nation may be, if there is even one living person residing, we aim to go there — to Tokyo and the Faroe Islands, to the Amazon and Tibet. Whatever obstacles may hinder our path to reach the last person on earth, we shall overcome.”

— Quote from EHC National Director’s Manual, 1976



Open Doors Behind Gates

*How Love Is Overcoming Fear
Among Refugees*

by James Holt



THOUGH SHE HADN'T BEEN THERE BEFORE, Gloria was familiar with the sight that met her as her team drove toward the Iraqi refugee camp. She had seen it all before in news reports — a vast expanse of concrete structures and makeshift tents, enclosed by a security fence and surrounded by an endless horizon of arid desert. This was a place that many other Americans would fear to enter, an ocean of people of different cultures, different languages and different belief systems — but this was what Gloria was expecting.

Wearing long sleeves and a headscarf to avoid offense, Gloria made it through the security screening. Within the crowded camp, her team soon found themselves welcomed by a refugee family. They removed their shoes at the door, and their host enthusiastically ushered them into the one-room concrete structure his family had managed to turn into a home. They took their seats on thin cushions on the floor, and the man's smiling wife served cookies and prepared chai tea for everyone. Outside, the couple's children could be heard laughing as they played soccer with other displaced kids. This family, humbled by harsh circumstances, was honored to have these Western strangers in their temporary home.

This was a side of the refugee crisis Gloria hadn't seen in the news reports.

"You realize very quickly, being with them, they are just beautiful people," Gloria says. "These people have nothing, and they're offering what they have to foreign people. They are so generous. So kind."



DRIVEN FROM HOME

In the fall of 2017, Gloria and her team went on a short-term mission trip with the Antioch Center for Training and Sending (ACTS), a missions organization that partners closely with Every Home for Christ. Their goal was to spend two and a half months in the northern Iraqi region of Kurdistan, praying for God to open doors for the Gospel both there and throughout the Middle East. Once there, God directed them to Fabian, who helped the team gain access to the refugee camps.

Originally from Malta, Fabian has been working in Iraq since 2012. He and his team run a ministry where they intercede for the nation and send out Iraqi believers to start house churches. When the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS) became a threat in the region, other organizations decided to leave, but Fabian's team remained and expanded their outreach to the growing refugee population.

ISIS took over Mosul, Iraq's second largest city, in June of 2014, prompting about half a million civilians to flee. Most ended up in refugee camps in other parts of Iraq. These families are referred to as IDPs, internally displaced people, because they are refugees within their own nation.

As the team met with these families, they were struck by how similar the lives of the refugees had been to their

own before the ISIS invasion. Many were educated and had professional careers. Most had built homes and were raising families. Some had been wealthy. They wanted help, but more than anything, they wanted peace.

"We were talking to different people," Gloria remembers, "but all with the same overarching story: *Our lives have been completely changed. Our land has been ravaged. Here, we're living as strangers.* All of them with a longing to go back. All of them not sure they ever would."

Other workers in these camps told the ACTS team that, statistically, most of these families will live as refugees for the next 15 to 20 years. Children in these camps can expect to spend their entire childhoods displaced from their homes.

BOLD MESSENGERS

These refugees are an unreached people group. Though many international organizations work within the camps, most focus on providing humanitarian relief. Very few actively share the Gospel. Fabian's team is one of the few that does.

"They go tent to tent, looking for a man of peace," Gloria's husband, Kenny, shares. "Then they sit down with the family and begin to build a relationship."

"It was some of the most bold proclamation of the Gospel I have ever seen."

Many other missionaries in the Middle East cautiously pick their moment when sharing the Gospel with Muslims. They know how volatile the topic can be. But Fabian's team shows no such hesitation.

"They were like, 'Hey, if you have an opportunity and feel it's God, just go for it,'" Gloria remembers. "It was some of the most bold proclamation of the Gospel I have ever seen."

This boldness comes from a conviction that fear is the main hindrance to the spread of the Gospel in this region.

Many Christians in Iraq fear sharing the Gospel with Muslims. Their concern is understandable. Not only does Islam consider all non-Muslims infidels, but the Quran even targets Christians specifically. And on those occasions when Muslims do hear the Gospel, they have reason to fear converting.

"In Islam, it's taught that if you leave your faith, you deserve death," Fabian laments. "When you believe in Jesus, you're rejecting family. It's a big deal."

Despite these fears, Fabian's team has seen a growing number of Iraqi Christians sharing the Gospel and people saved out of Islam as a result. They've even established a house church of baptized believers in one of the refugee camps.

"They have been persecuted, beaten, threatened with knives," Fabian shares. "But they've been witnesses."

Only the love of God can overcome fear — the fear of sharing and the fear of believing. This is why Fabian's ministry, ACTS and Every Home for Christ all emphasize prayer at every stage of an outreach. In prayer, we connect to the God who loves us with a fierce, life-changing love. And in intercession, we cultivate a passionate concern for those who don't yet know Jesus, an extension of the love that He has for them.

As missionaries move forward in love, God shows up in powerful, sometimes supernatural ways. For some, it's knowing that a Christian is praying for them and then seeing that prayer directly answered. For others, it's experiencing a miraculous healing after a Christian prays over them. And for many, it's dreaming about a shining man in white.

"They have dream after dream after dream," Kenny says. "Then they finally meet a Christian who will confirm it all, and that's when salvation happens."



SUPERNATURAL LOVE

The ACTS team witnessed God working this way in one of the homes they visited. It belonged to a Kurdish family Fabian had visited before. On previous visits, Fabian's team had only been able to meet the mother, children and grandmother, but they still hadn't met the father. He was always away, proudly fighting against ISIS with the army and many of the other refugee fathers. This time, however, only the father was home. Glad to finally meet his family's visitors, the man invited the team in.

As they talked, the man shared that two Christian women had visited his family when they first moved into the camp. At that time, his mother was blind in one eye, and her shoulder was injured. The women prayed for her in Jesus' name, and her eye and shoulder were both completely healed.

The man said he was grateful that Jesus had healed his mother. Then, almost as an afterthought, he shared that, following her healing, his mother had a dream. In it, she met a man whom she described as in his early thirties — and glowing. She told her son the man in her dream “was Salvation.”

“Jesus is talking to your family,” Gloria told their host excitedly. “He's personally reaching your family!”

Knowing that the Quran gives the same creation account as the Bible, Kenny told the man the story of Adam and Eve. Then, when he shared about sin entering the world, Kenny transitioned to the Gospel story. They talked for over an hour, and though the man didn't give his life to Jesus that night, he listened intently to every word.

This man was alone when the ACTS team visited, because he had sent his family back home to rebuild while he remained to continue fighting with the army. Mosul was liberated from ISIS in the summer of 2017, shortly before the ACTS team arrived, but that doesn't mean all the refugees can return home. For many, there is nothing to return to. Fighting in the city had reduced their homes and businesses to rubble.

These refugees have suffered heartbreaking loss. Even so, Fabian holds out hope that God is moving in the midst of it:

“After seeing the consequences of ISIS, many are rejecting the ideology. They are open to the Gospel. Because of the things they've been through, they are more open to hear from us... It is an opportunity to demonstrate love and give them truth.”

It's easy to picture nations like Iraq as some of the world's hardest and darkest places. But after all they have endured, families in refugee camps are longing for hope. The Lord is pursuing them with dreams and miracles and opening the door for the Gospel. These refugees, people who want the same things from life as anyone else, are ripe for the harvest.

“They are poor now,” Fabian observes, “and Jesus sends us to the poor.”

This is an important perspective in light of current events. Though the ACTS team experienced a refugee crisis contained within a single nation, there is simultaneously a global movement of people fleeing their homes to escape violence. Many of them come from nations that are closed to the Gospel, countries where they may never have heard the truth of Jesus shared. But because they are now moving out of those nations, the Church has an unprecedented opportunity to share the Gospel with them.

“The people are ripe for the Gospel because of being displaced and are longing for hope,” Kenny shares. “There are so few there proclaiming it.”

Refugee crises call for an ongoing conversation that is as complex as it is important, but this conversation should not distract us from the simple truth that God loves refugees. He created them. He died for their salvation. And, as the ACTS team saw in Iraq, He is actively pursuing their hearts. The love that Jesus has for them is greater than any fear, and — however they cross our paths — they need to know this love. 🏠



“They are poor now... and Jesus sends us to the poor.”

IS EHC IN IRAQ?

Across the world, there are nations where it is dangerous for Every Home for Christ to operate in the open. In some, the culture is threatening to Christianity. In others, there are laws against sharing the Gospel. As a result, our workers risk persecution, violence, imprisonment and even death for the sake of the Gospel.

In these cases, Every Home workers must find innovative ways to share the Gospel with their nations, methods that keep them “below the radar” as much as possible. This is why we call these countries “Creative Access nations.”

At this time, roughly 40 nations fit this category, and Every Home for Christ is active in more than 30 of them. But, as we pursue the Oikos Initiative — a vision to reach every home on earth with the Gospel in 20 years — we expect to be in every Creative Access nation soon, including Iraq... if we aren't there already.

WHO IS ACTS?

The Antioch Center for Training and Sending (ACTS) is a nonprofit missions organization based in The Jericho Center, Every Home for Christ's international headquarters. ACTS exists to train and send young pioneers to make disciples among the unreached through worship and prayer and tireless church planting. Its founder and president, Brian Kim, is an EHC Continental Director and serves on the board of directors for Every Home for Christ. EHC International President Dick Eastman is also on the board of directors for ACTS. Though the two organizations are financially independent, they regularly pray for the nations together and work as partners on the mission field.

Learn more at acts.global



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COLOMBIA

When numbers represent human beings, a whole new change of mentality is required by the reader. It is an upside-down thing to use people as statistics to make an organization look good. No question. And we are not immune to that subtle invitation. As we place these statistics here we must ask God to cleanse us of pride and help us acknowledge other ministries that have played a part in these results. But we must still take the risk to share with you the degree to which God is moving at the proclamation of the Gospel and to invite you to rejoice with God and us over the vast company of new believers who have responded to the Good News!

Statistics from January 1, 2018, through September 30, 2018 (so far this year!):

| EHC Region | Homes Reached | Positive Responses | Literature Distributed | Volunteers Mobilized | New Christ Groups |
|-----------------|---------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| AFRICA, EAST | 4,598,419 | 722,695 | 9,074,851 | 152,139 | 5,478 |
| AFRICA, WEST | 8,253,964 | 1,028,143 | 9,505,699 | 83,454 | 3,571 |
| EAST ASIA | 1,923,501 | 53,908 | 2,522,726 | 8,324 | 319 |
| PACIFIC | 121,427 | 5,690 | 214,202 | 485 | 6 |
| SOUTH ASIA | 2,059,602 | 45,454 | 3,656,473 | 3,642 | 282 |
| EURASIA EAST | 13,498,751 | 375,936 | 13,202,452 | 18,692 | 6 |
| EURASIA WEST | 4,512,510 | 39,201 | 5,719,764 | 44,234 | 2 |
| MENAGA | 2,934,328 | 140,205 | 3,492,002 | 9,384 | 206 |
| CREATIVE ACCESS | 14,162,385 | 4,592,000 | 43,300,000 | 15,982 | 175 |
| CARIBBEAN | 100,313 | 4,768 | 127,360 | 5,704 | - |
| LATIN AMERICA | 6,521,478 | 689,379 | 10,548,619 | 176,832 | 4,847 |
| NORTH AMERICA | 6,527,367 | 1,035 | 17,479,339 | 140,677 | - |
| GRAND TOTAL * | 65,214,045 | 7,698,414 | 118,843,487 | 659,549 | 14,892 |

*It often takes weeks or months to compile final data. This is because our workers regularly travel for weeks at a time, visit remote places and have limited access to the Internet.

THIS IS NOT A MISTAKE. THIS PAGE IS UPSIDE DOWN FOR A REASON

A Legacy That Endures

by Dick Eastman

As young believers, we dream of the great exploits we might achieve for Christ's Kingdom. But as years pass and we grow in maturity, we also begin to wonder what legacy we will impart to future generations. Perhaps you're familiar with the kinds of questions that arise: *What is the significance of my life story? What will people remember of me in 50 years?*

For many, these are difficult questions — but they don't need to be. All of us can have a legacy that endures. All of us can have a testimony that speaks to future generations.

As I've considered what it means to be part of God's story on earth, I've found guidance in the lives of faithful men and women who have gone before me. Without the past there would be no present. Without spiritual fathers, there would be no children. There are few true fathers in the faith, but the EHC ministry is what it is today because of those who have provided such godly leadership.

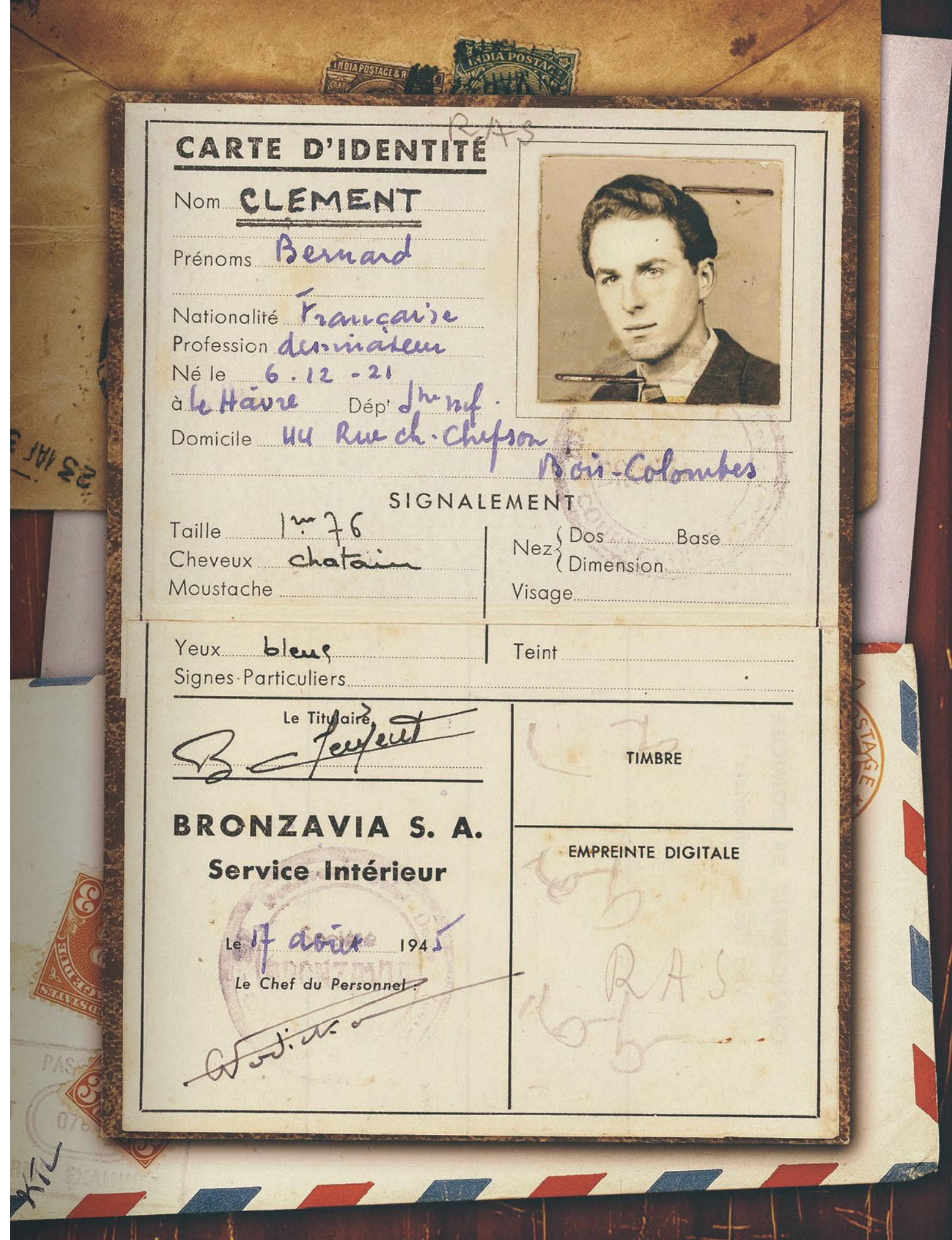
In April 2018, one of my fathers in the faith went to be with the Lord. At 96 years old, Bernard Clement passed away in Burgundy, France. This was a man I admired and aspired to emulate, a man who followed Jesus with his entire life. He recognized a harvest that was ripe and ready, and he labored with all his might to bring it into the Kingdom.

What will people remember of me in 50 years?

Although Bernard was extraordinary in his passion for evangelism and was instrumental in bringing the Gospel to hundreds of thousands of people, most of the world will never know his name. However, I can only imagine his joy as he entered heaven and met those who came to Christ as a result of his life. It would take some time; his was an amazing harvest.

But Bernard's incredible legacy might never have happened were it not for some miracles along the way. The first truly defining spiritual moment in Bernard's life happened when, at 18 years old, he met Yvonne, the woman who would become his wife and lead him to Jesus. This was during a period of great revival in France, which began in Le Havre, where Bernard was

born. However, soon after Bernard's engagement to Yvonne, he contracted tuberculosis and was forced to enter a sanatorium. His doctor believed that he would only live a year or two and strongly encouraged his fiancée, Yvonne, to break off their engagement. But God had other plans. Bernard survived his time in the sanatorium, and while recovering there began Bible studies that led many to Christ, some of whom would follow Bernard into pastoral ministry in the coming years.



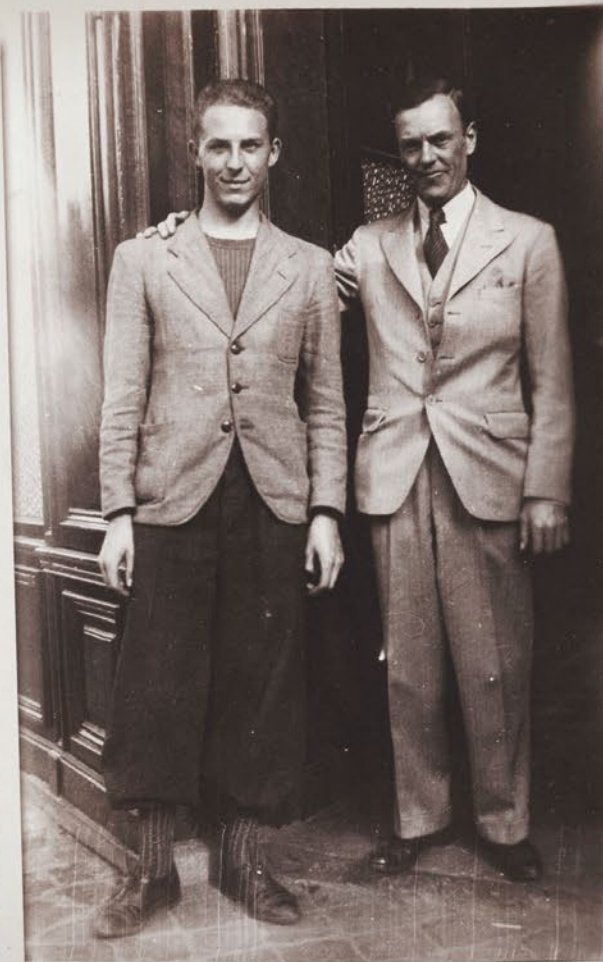
“For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me.”

1 Corinthians 4:15-16

On July 6, 1944, exactly one month after D-Day, Bernard and Yvonne were married 40 miles away from the beaches of Normandy. In the years to come they would share their testimony of this season, telling how they fled to occupied Paris in the back of an Allied army truck while bombs fell all around. In subsequent years, Bernard and Yvonne would go on to plant 13 churches throughout France. Many are thriving churches to the present day — a testimony to the “fruit that remains” (John 15:16).

These years of both hardship and favor were preparation for a much greater harvest than this young couple could ever have imagined. In 1949, Bernard met EHC Founder Jack McAlister and began a lifelong friendship. In 1970, after years of their growing partnership, Jack invited Bernard to become the official leader of the EHC work in France, taking the ministry to new levels of systematic evangelism and reaching thousands of villages with the Gospel every year. Because he was faithful with little, God gave him much. Six years later, Bernard was appointed the Europe Continental Director and began establishing new EHC works in nations like those in Switzerland, Spain, Poland and Greece, while giving fresh leadership to existing works like Belgium, Portugal, Italy, Norway, Austria, Germany and Northern Ireland.

The work that God began through Bernard has now taken the Gospel to the entire nation of France — twice. Bernard is certainly rejoicing in heaven, along with his wife, Yvonne. The work he helped build across Europe (including Eastern Europe as communism began to crumble in the region) has now seen over 181,374,719 homes reached with the Gospel and more than 1,086,657 people responding by making a decision to accept Christ or by requesting further information about what it means to follow Jesus as Savior.



Because young Bernard was faithful with little, God gave him much.



“I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas... that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints,)... I am glad of the coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus... For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.”

1 Corinthians 16:15, 17-18, KJV



Bernard's kingdom impact stretched far beyond France and into the nations of the earth.

Bernard was truly a leader of leaders and a father of fathers who had tremendous influence in shepherding the EHC vision in the ministry's formative years. But his legacy also lives on in the lives of the many people who knew him personally. To me, Bernard Clement was a consummate encourager. He always brought great joy to both Dee and me when we could be with him. He couldn't help himself — He was a joy addict and a true “saint refresher”!

Through the many, many hours we spent together, I cannot recall Bernard ever saying a negative word about a single person. Up until his passing, Dee and I had the pleasure of being with Bernard numerous times while visiting with his son and daughter-in-law, Pierre and Françoise Clement, in their home in Burgundy, France. (Bernard's legacy has been passed on to his children, as

Pierre now serves as a Senior Advisor to our international leadership team in Colorado Springs.) Bernard always gave me the best advice to help me become a more focused and passionate leader.

As we bid farewell to this father, we know that the future carriers of this vision will not stop until every home in France, Europe and beyond has been reached with the Good News of Jesus. Bernard's legacy has expanded farther than he ever could have foreseen. To date, 151,375 volunteers have partnered with his vision to take the Gospel to every home in France. Today, Bernard is resting from his labors, but his deeds will certainly follow him.

As we remember our fathers in the faith, we naturally turn to our own lives in the present day. Who will be the next Bernard Clement?

The answer is simple — you are. Every time you father or mother a growing believer, you follow in Bernard's footsteps. Every time you share the Gospel, you take part in the legacy he established. You may never see the full harvest in this life, but your impact in the heavenly Kingdom may be far beyond what you expect.

All of us will have a legacy on earth, one that can't be tallied in dollar signs or possessions. Some of us plant, and some of us water, but God is faithful to bring the increase. In whatever work you are engaged in, I pray that God grants you increase as you partner with Him to build a Kingdom that cannot be shaken. Every life you touch is an eternal being, a part of your lasting legacy on earth. 🏠

“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord... they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them!”

Revelation 14:13, NIV



Jacob George
Kerala, India
EHC Regional Director
Hero

Front Line

Delron Shirley
Colorado, USA
EHC Donor and Friend
Hero

Supply Line

Heroes Among Us

The men and women whose stories we share in this publication are heroes in the truest sense of the word. They courageously overcome every obstacle to take the Gospel to the homes in their nations.

But there are others, people who are equally heroic, who don't usually make it onto these pages. People who are just as needed as the missionaries on the front lines.

We're talking about heroes like you.

Your prayers and support make an eternal difference in the nations, and the importance of your contribution cannot be overstated. You're the ones who keep our workers going.

Just ask Delron Shirley. Delron has partnered with EHC in nearly a dozen countries, working alongside Every Home missionaries like Jacob George in India. This experience has given him a unique perspective on the work of Every Home for Christ and the wonderful

partnership between our workers and our donors. He knows firsthand just how far your support goes:

Putting rubber on the road. Shoe leather on the ground. Actually going to people and sharing the Gospel with them... Saying, "I care enough about you to take time out of my day to find out who you are..." That's impact. My wife, Peggy, and I try to be as generous as we can to Every Home for Christ because we know how many homes can be reached. I know that when I put a dollar out there, I'm reaching 10 or 15 people.

Delron has seen the influence that your behind-the-scenes prayers and gifts have on a global scale. Every gift you've given, no matter how small it may seem, has made an impact in somebody's life.

Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with families around the world. *Thank you for being a hero.*

MEALTIME CONNECT

We believe in celebrating around the family table — especially during the Christmas season. Try this delicious recipe as a way to connect your family to our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

As you gather, share our Ukraine story (pg. 8-17) and spend some time praying for this nation. Pray that in this time of great transition, Ukrainians will turn to Jesus as never before!

A Taste of Ukraine

Christmas Honey Cake

TIME: 2 hours

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup honey
(*buckwheat honey is best*)
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- ½ tsp ginger powder
- ½ tsp nutmeg
- ½ tsp cardamom
- 4 large eggs
- 1 cup currants
- ¾ cup dates, chopped
- 1 cup pecans, chopped
- 3 cups cake flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 1 stick unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 cup brown sugar, packed
- ¼ cup black coffee

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees and lightly coat two 8x4 pans with cooking spray.
2. In a small saucepan, stir spices into honey and heat on medium-high, stirring frequently. When honey begins to boil, remove from heat.
3. Separate egg yolks and whites. Beat egg whites until stiff, and let sit to match room temperature.
4. In a medium bowl, stir together currants, dates, pecans and 2 tablespoons of flour.
5. In another medium bowl, mix remaining flour, baking soda, baking powder and salt.
6. In a large bowl or stand mixer, cream together butter and brown sugar. One at a time, add egg yolks, fully incorporating each one. Next, incorporate the honey/spice blend, followed by the flour mixture and fruit/nut blend. Mix in coffee. Fold egg whites into batter.
7. Scrape into two pans and level the batter. Bake for roughly 90 minutes or until a toothpick comes away clean.



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Welcome Home.

We are messengers of hope to a broken world. Our tongues speak the languages of a thousand homelands. Our skin is black, white and every shade in between. Our feet walk deserts, climb mountains and cross tundra – all to reach one place. It's the place at the heart of every people and nation, the place where people laugh and cry and spend their days. In a word, *home*.

We believe that the Great Commission is for all of us. We believe that prayer changes everything. We lose sleep over the lost and celebrate with the one who returns. Some of us influence leaders, while others are beaten and thrown in prison. Together, whether we live or die, we look to the coming day when a thunderous crowd from every tribe, tongue, people and nation will worship Jesus.

We won't stop until every *home* is reached and every ear has heard His wonderful name – because Jesus is worthy.



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