

# TAKING THE SAVING GOSPEL TO A LOST WORLD

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## UKRAINE AND GHANA

**Rose** and I left Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, for **Kremenchuk**, Ukraine. We were to meet **Don** and **Elnora Oelze** (from Anacortes, Washington) in Kiev Saturday afternoon. They had to travel on without us, arriving in Kremenchuk late that night. Because of bad weather, late flights and a missed London connection to Kiev, Rose and I didn't arrive in Kremenchuk till late Sunday night. We were exhausted, having had only three hours' bed rest since getting up Friday morning. My suitcase didn't catch up with us till Wednesday afternoon. The Oelzes have been our friends and frequent coworkers in various overseas efforts since college days at Freed-Hardeman. Don and I always preach for the congregation in Kremenchuk on the three Sundays we are there but the main purpose of our visit is to teach classes in the Bible school started soon after the church was established in that city. The classes are in the evening, beginning at 5:30, Monday through Friday for two weeks. We had about 20 students. Don taught a course entitled "**In Defense of the Inspiration of the Bible.**" I taught the book of **Ecclesiastes**. The congregation also has a well-attended two-hour class on Saturday afternoons. When we visit, this is always a question and answer session; challenging but very interesting. When our work in Ukraine was over the Oelzes left for home and Rose and I flew to London. I taught the Wednesday night class for the **Stockwell** church. They meet in a rented hall on Sundays and the midweek meeting is always in the apartment of an elderly, homebound member, **Cherie Ivers**. She has been a dear friend to Rose and me since we worked in London (1988 - 1991). On Friday morning Rose got a flight home to Dallas and I caught a plane to the West African country of **Ghana**.

## TAMSO, GHANA

This was my fifth time to teach in the preacher training school in **Tamso**, about 170 miles from the capital, Accra. **Jacob Dassah** is the excellent, hardworking preacher there and he also directs the school. For the last couple of years, the school has been associated with the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas. I was asked to work with their curriculum and teach a course on **Church Growth**. The classes in the two-week study are from 6 pm to 9 pm, Monday through Friday—giving 30 hours of class time. There are about 20 students and late in November five members of the present group will graduate, having completed the three-year program. I was in the country for three Sundays. Worshiping with the dedicated Ghanaian Christians is very uplifting. Teaching and preaching there is a great blessing. I especially enjoy visiting village congregations. I should be back to Tamso again next year but the date hasn't yet been set.

### UKRAINE BENEVOLENT HELP

Generous Christians again made possible tremendous help for the needy in Ukraine. This work, begun years ago, helps many but always focuses on the children. The contribution was a record! The special contribution from the **Wylie, Texas** congregation resulted in their largest ever gift, \$23,204. The Oelzes brought \$3,000. Other money sent brought the grand total to \$31,280. One lady contributed \$3,000 of this specifically to buy shoes for the children.

We were able to assist the following: **(1)** The shelter which cares for abandoned children and those rescued from abusive families. Among other matters, they need money just to put food on the table and keep the electricity on. **(2)** The home/school for about 230 blind or visually impaired kids. Most of them have other physical or mental problems. **(3)** The hospital for severely disabled babies and small children. **(4)** Boys in the juvenile prison. Our brother Gregory is allowed to worship with them and teach the Bible. Some have been converted. He also takes in clothing, shoes and personal items to about 66 prisoners who have no one on the outside to supply these things. The conditions are appalling in this prison of over 400 inmates! **(5)** In addition to the good done in these institutions, some individuals were helped. **(6)** Money was left with the Central church for distribution as needs arise.

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My next trip will be to **India** early in January. Details coming next month.

Your coworker,

*Ronald Coleman*