



# Saving Lives, Not Just Teaching Seminars



Teaching and training men and women in sound Biblical doctrine and principles has been a part of MP's focus from the very beginning. The training that we offer in ministry and leadership has always been geared toward being practical as we seek to build up and assist in the healthy beginnings of new churches.

For the past 14 years I have been working for Mission Possible, the number of seminars and conferences I have participated in is more than I can count. It has been a real pleasure for me to be able to serve in this manner by teaching and interpreting, and organizing various events.

This past September MP organized a pastors' and ladies' seminar in Odessa, Ukraine. You can read the story about a lady named Nadia and see how she helped save a friend's life by sharing with her some of the things she learned at one of our conferences - Another example of the fruit these seminars bring into people's lives.

*Nasko Lazarov  
USA Director*



*Dr. Daryl Merrill during a teaching session*

## **Nadia found immediate use for things she learned at the seminar**

When Nadia went to visit her friend Anna, she had no idea that Anna's family was dealing with some serious problems; not just the mundane issues of life such as who would take out the garbage and do the chores, but problems so deep and powerful that Anna was depressed and even contemplating suicide.

While the two friends were visiting with each other Nadia started to wonder what she could do for Anna. In the midst of the conversation the Lord reminded Nadia of all the Scriptures which she had studied earlier in the day at a Mission Possible Wom-

en's Seminar. The reminder from the Lord: "Share with her the Scriptures about who she is in Me. You are the light of the world...salt of the earth...a daughter of God..."

The list went on and on, and before long an amazing change had taken place! Anna was encouraged in the Lord and the situation turned around; her husband called, there was forgiveness, and both her life and the life of her family were saved!

"I am so happy that you organized such seminars," Nadia told our Ukrainian Director, Valentina Patsula. "These gatherings refresh us, but they also refresh others through us!"



*Seminars do save lives - spiritually and literally!*

### **Much needed teaching on church governance**

The Women's Seminar was part of a larger training for pastors, elders and church leaders, which took place in September. Seventy pastors and church leaders came together for a three day seminar lead by Dr. Daryl Merrill from Christian Life College and Church (Mt. Prospect, IL). Dr. Merrill was accompanied by Pastor Don Littlefield from Shiloh Christian Center (Manchester, NH) who also helped share in the teaching responsibilities.

"What a refreshing time this was for me! Now I have so much to share with my church," said Pastor Skalozub from Belgorod-Dnestrovskovo, a city in Souther Ukraine, at the end of the seminar.

Dr. Merrill's teaching, which was primarily on the subject of local church governance, came at the right time for the churches in Ukraine – many churches have a rather young leadership that is looking for solid teaching and training in the Word.

Over the last several years, because of continual economic and political struggles in the Ukraine, many of the older and more 'seasoned' church leaders have left the country. This exodus of church leaders, coupled with the rapid growth of new churches, has left the younger generation with much responsibility in their local assemblies.

### **Equipping local churches with Biblical knowledge**

Starting in the early 1990's and continuing still today, we at Mission Possible have held true to our commitment to provide practical training to the local churches throughout Eastern Europe. Today, more than 15 years and 400 churches later, we are still continuing our work in this area. The work that was started by church planters whom we trained



and supported is continuing in the Ukraine and other parts of Eastern Europe. Thank the Lord for His steadfast faithfulness as we endeavor to help and support these churches and workers as they continue to lay and build upon a solid Biblical foundation. And thank the Lord for the lives that have been saved both spiritually and physically over these last 15 years!

When friends like you contribute both prayerfully and financially to Mission Possible we are able to continue the ministry of Biblical training in Eastern Europe. We will be amazed at the countless stories told one day in heaven about the number of lives that have been touched, changed and saved through the seminars and conferences which Mission Possible has provided over the years!

Thank you for making this possible, dear friend! May God bless you abundantly according to His riches in glory and give you a great autumn season!

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