

# Evangelism Mission

Gabrielle's August Newsletter

Carpathian  
Christian  
Youth Camp

Chronoholova, Ukraine

Me and Lira

Dear Friends,

I had such an exciting time on my mission trip to Ukraine with Dr. Boyd and the rest of the group! Our trip started out a little hectic when we arrived at O'Hare International Airport in Chicago to leave for our flight. We missed it by just a few minutes and thought we may have to order a whole new ticket! But thankfully God worked it out for us to still leave on July 23 with no extra charge! We ended up having several hours until our flight left and a longer layover in London, so our time in Ukraine was cut short by about a day.



We left Budapest, Hungary on July 25 and traveled by train to Chop, Ukraine where we were picked up and driven to the village where we stayed. It was a little village just outside of Uzhhorod where the Boyd's used to live. The next few days were spent gathering what we needed for Carpathian Christian Youth Camp and preparing food and supplies

for the camp. The guys built the toilets (pictured above, left) and tables to use at camp. Kecia and I sliced a bunch of meat and cheese for camp and helped get the food ready to take.

On the Sunday before youth camp, the guys in our group – Brandon Banzet, Tyler Russell (pictured right), Matt Smith – preached in the services and all of us sang. Kecia Holderbaum and I gave a short testimony in the morning service. The next day, July 29, we all prepared for youth camp and packed everything we needed for the next week then drove up to Chornoholova.



We got to Chornoholova where Carpathian Christian Youth Camp is held on July 29 and set everything up for the kids to arrive on July 30. The camp is held in an open field without

plumbing or electric, so we set up tents – even toilet tents! Kecia and I set up our tent (above) by ourselves and even started the fire for camp (right). We were pretty proud of ourselves! :) The Boyd's brought a propane grill to use from the US to do the cooking, but in years past have just used the campfire. We got everything ready, and the kids came the next day.



Carpathian Christian Youth Camp was so much fun! Kecia and I kept track of the teams' points and helped Cheryl Boyd in the kitchen tent preparing and serving the meals for camp. The guys each preached during camp and were team captains. For one of the services, Kecia and I each gave our testimonies. God helped each

of us give our testimony (I am pictured on the right with Nina translating) and each of the guys as they preached. Each service was marked by God's sweet presence. One of my favorite things about youth camp was hearing them sing! They would sing a lot, and not just during services – often they would be sitting in their group of friends and start singing. It was so neat to hear! During the camp there are two English lessons each day, so we each got to teach an English lesson.



As I mentioned in the last newsletter, Kecia and I were the first girls outside of the Boyd family to go to youth camp. Very few, if any, of the girls had a good concept of modesty. Kecia and I were able to be an example to the girls there and Kecia was able to share with them biblical modesty. It was great to see how God worked in the young people throughout the week and see their hunger for Him.



Camp ended on Saturday, August 3. The last service of camp is pictured above. We unloaded everything when we got back Saturday evening. On Monday we left early in the morning and headed back to Budapest. We got stuck in the British Airways IT failures on our way back and spent several hours with flights being delayed. We made it back to the US on August 8 and I drove home from Indiana with the rest of my stuff from my dorm room the next day.

The biggest impact Ukraine had on me wasn't at the youth camp, but in discovering the Roma (Gypsy) people in Europe. The Roma people face a lot of racism and prejudice across Europe. There was a lady named Nina who came to camp to help translate for us. Nina runs an organization called Inspiration Center. It focuses on orphans and Roma children in Ukraine. She has seen the Roma people come to Christ, and still denied jobs because of their ethnicity. How sad! Please pray for the young people we ministered to in Ukraine and the Roma people across Europe.

I will soon leave with my dad on our next trip. We will be going down the east side of the US and doing college evangelism on our way to Hobe Sound Bible College. Toward the end of September, I will head up towards Indiana and he will go to Alabama for an annual conference of ministerial students from multiple holiness Bible colleges. I am trying to schedule deputation services anywhere along my travels from GA to IN and back to PA for the end of September and beginning of October. If you are interested in having me come and share about what God is doing through Evangelism Mission, please give me a call to schedule a service.

We would appreciate your prayers as we get ready to leave on our next trip. Please join us in praying for the souls we will encounter, that they would come to know Jesus as their Savior.

Thank you for your support! God Bless!

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