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While the athletes in Athens, Greece competed for gold, silver and bronze medals at the Summer Olympics, our own Missionary Athletes in Ukraine have been competing hard for souls of men, women and children. Our athletes may not be as young as physically fit as our Olympic counterparts in Greece, but their hearts are every bit as determined to "Go for Gold" as they lay up treasures in heaven. They are not competing against each other as they open the Word of God to the people of Ukraine, but are fighting against the plans and schemes of the enemy of God.

Several of our Missionaries had summer camps for the many children in Ukraine. Their reports of success are amazing and encouraging. In one such camp more than 20 teenagers repented and asked Jesus to be Lord of their lives. Another camp showed *both* parents and children repenting and turning to the Lord. Larisa Ovsy, in the oblast of Poltava says that more than 20 youths repented during the summer camp and video evangelism nights. Our missionary in the Cherkassy oblast reports that they had a special camp for troubled children and it was very much a success! We praise God for that!



Summer Camp 2004 in Chernigiv Oblast

There have been successful missions in other areas of Ukraine as well. Vitally Moturnak reports that after they had distributed more than 250 Gospel tracts, ten people came forward as new Children of God. Vitally and his Timothy (missionary in training) work hard in the Kirovograd oblast. They are hoping to soon begin a working ministry there that is focused on helping the drug addicts and alcoholics of the area. We will be supporting them in their endeavor as drug abuse and alcoholism are a nationwide problem in Ukraine.

We are so pleased that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is having an impact upon ALL AGES in Ukraine. We receive a monthly report from each missionary and many testimonies are passed on to us from them. See the Testimonies article on page 2 to see how the Gospel of Jesus Christ is touching lives, and changing them eternally. †

Real Life Testimonies From Ukraine

My name is Olga G. I had a problem...fear. It was fear for my life and for my children's health. I first began to fear when my baby, July, fell ill at 2 ½ months. We were hospitalized. Then came endless shots and infusions which scared me to death! I wanted to trust the doctors but I couldn't. Several years passed. My July became stronger and the illnesses were not as often. When I found out that I was pregnant again I thought my future child wouldn't be sick as much. But when he turned three, Daniel had the same sickness. His state was terrible. My life became a nightmare. I ran to Jesus for help. I repented and was baptized and received the gift of eternal life. The health of my children is now under His protection and there is no more fear! Daniel was healthy again after three days of praying. It says in [Mark 11:24...](#) *“ Therefore I tell you, all things whatever you pray and ask for, believe that you have received them, and you shall have them.”*

I thank God for everything! †

Before I came to know Jesus I was extremely fleshy. My family was a mess. There was a lack of money and I used many bad words. The only thing that could calm me down were pills. I was on the

brink of suicide. I feared church and it's people. Satan held me tight. I have been a non-walking invalid for seven years. At last I broke through and repented with all my heart. After one month of prayers, I can walk again! Not for a long time, but I walk by myself. Not even a cane anymore. The doctors are shocked in the best way. They say it is a miracle! It is the power of prayer of a Christian. Soon I'll be baptized. Thanks to God for everything! Amen.
~Alena Shomina.

I'm twelve. I want Jesus to love me, be my friend and I want to be born again. I want to have a real live father because mine is dead for me as a parent. He drinks and we have no money for a living. During one of the services I prayed and asked God to help us, and what do you think? The next day my sister got some benefit for her baby. We could now have good meals almost for a week. I asked and He sent. Isn't it a miracle? The second time I prayed and asked the Lord to help my girl friend's sick mother. I have been praying for two days, stretching my hands towards their house. On the third day her mother was well with medicines and doctors. I know that this has been done by Him! Varvara Mayorova



How You Can 'Change' Your World



Quarters, nickels, dimes and pennies. We seem to collect them with no effort at all. We give a dollar for a soda and get 45 cents back in change. The gas pump stopped at \$24.02 (oops!), and we end up with 98 cents in return.

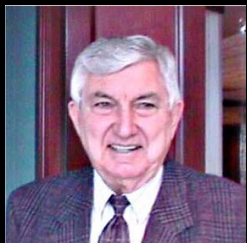
We have now found an excellent way for you to store this loose change. It's with our very own "Gospel Vision Foundation" Piggy Bank! Now we coin make it easy for you to change the world. With just one piggy bank, it is easy to save an amazing amount of money. The little piggy in the picture had collected

over twenty-eight dollars in change. That twenty eight dollars could cover over half the monthly salary of one of our missionaries in Ukraine or could be used towards the purchase of one of Buck's buildings in Venezuela. The little piggies are made of plastic and easily come apart so they can be used over and over again. If you would like to have a GVF Piggy Bank for your very own, please call, write or e-mail us at the office and we will be happy to send you a **FREE** one. We think it's an idea that just makes cents!



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BUCK'S REPORT ON VENEZUELA



Praise the Lord with me, Praise His Name!

Friends,

I am praising the Lord for His blessings and answers to many prayers. In June 2003 I received a letter from New Tribes missionary Tim Cain asking me if I wanted to buy his house located next to the property of the Bible Institute in Puerto Ayacucho. I answered him. Yes, I want to buy it! but I have one problem, I don't have any money. He wrote back saying, "that is not a problem", you can pay me when you get it. How would you like to buy a house that way?

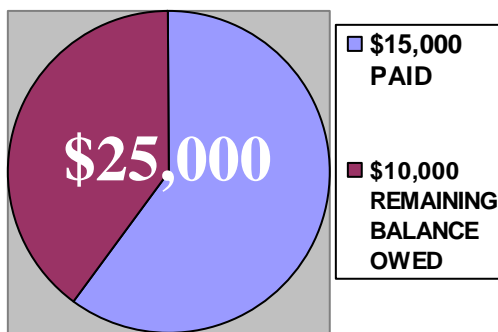
I began to pray and asked you to pray with me. I wrote many letters this last year asking you to pray about the funds. Here is how God has answered our collective prayers: I have been able to pay Tim \$15,000 on the \$25,000 agreed-on price as of August 26, 2004. Now that is a "miracle".

Thank you!
Buck

*Oh, Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His lovingkindness continues forever. Psalm 136:1
Hallelujah! Yes, Praise the Lord! Let everything alive give praises to the Lord! You praise him!
Hallelujah. Psalm 150 1 and 5*



This is the house in Puerta Ayacucho which we are buying with your support and prayers! Our Bible Institute Director, Pedro Yosuno, and his family (shown below) have moved into the house, which is adjacent to the Bible Institute.



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The Big Fish That Didn't Get Away!

Every fisherman has a story of the big one that got away. I want to tell you about the "big fish" that didn't get away.



Buck and friends and the "Whopper" that didn't get away.

By DEC. 31, 2004, The Lord willing, "We" will complete the purchase of two properties that cost \$25,000 and \$75,000. The enclosed reports tell the story of the missionary house that cost \$25,000 and of the office complex of New Tribes Mission that cost \$75,000. I have received offerings from friends, family and churches in Alabama, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas. Upon completion of the payments these properties will be transferred to the name of the National Baptist Convention of Venezuela for use by the Baptist Bible Institute of the Amazons.

There are over 30 tribes that live in the Venezuelan Amazon. The Bible Institute will benefit the tribes of the Piaroa, Piopoco, Curripaco, Guibos and the Punabe. These are the tribes that live near the Puerto Ayacucho area. When trained they will become the missionaries to reach the other tribes. They are being training to use the Chronological Bible Storying and the Storying scarf.

I use the word "we" because you have been a part of this "miracle" if you have sent an offering this past year. I use "we" if you have prayed for the "office complex", the Venezuelan Amazon, the Baptist Bible Institute.

God's people have always been known as people of faith. This is the story of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. The tribe of Judah was chosen be-

cause they were obedient to the commands of the Lord. The tribe of Ephraim was rejected because "they fled in the day of battle even though they were fully armed." Psalm 78:9, 67-68.

Great things are happening in the Venezuela Amazon. In April 2004 the Venezuelan Youth had their National Annual meeting in Puerto Ayacucho. This gave exposure to a great number of youth from several churches.

Ramon Garrido hosted a "conference" for over 400 Piaroa Indians July 23-28. There were 20 communities represented. There were 16 youth from Caracas and Puerto Ordaz that came to work with the children and youth during this conference.

Pedro Yousino reports that last year there were 39 students. He is expecting 60 -70 when classes start back the 13 of September. A new church building is being finished in "El Bosque" sector of Puerto Ayacucho. The Korean Baptist Church of Caracas are providing funds for the materials.

On November 7,8, and 9, 2004 the Annual Associational Meeting will meet for the first time in Puerto Ayacucho. This will mean that many Venezuelan pastors and leaders will travel for the first time to the Venezuelan Amazon. This is a "Praise the Lord!"

What about the future? What does 2005 hold?

I ask you to stand with the great host of faithful in Hebrews 11. Verse 40 says "their faith is not complete without ours". I told the owners of the "apartment complex", The New Tribes Mission, that when the purchase of the two properties are completed I want to buy the "apartment complex" for the Venezuelan Baptist Bible Institute.. They told me that we would have first option to buy them. That is an answer to prayer! Pray with me for faith to make the right decision for the future of the Lord's work in the Venezuelan Amazon.

No, I didn't catch the "big fish". In fact I didn't touch it. I just happened by at the time they were unloading it. Pray with me that a year from now we will have another story of "miracle #3", another "big fish" that didn't get away. Buck



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