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ΕΡΗΦΑΘΑ

Based on Mark 7:34

Ephphatha is an exciting ministry of Calvary Chapel Kharkiv led by Ukrainian Viktor Fisen. The vision of the Ephphatha drama ministry is to reach people with the gospel without using words (there is always however a clear message that is shared after the dramas to explain what was seen and give people an opportunity to respond to what they saw and then heard).

The very name of the group comes from Mark 7:34 when Jesus healed a deaf man. When the weather is warm the drama team goes out to the local parks performing for crowds of non-believers. With their white faces, white gloves, and matching clothing they have no problem stirring up curiosity and attracting attention. The Lord has also opened up doors for Ephphatha to do presentations in other churches, in other cities in connection with the local church, at conferences, and to orphanages. Currently there are 8 Ukrainians that are part of this theatrical team.



SARAH SAID

Sarah Said is a rock band that has come out of Calvary Chapel Kharkiv. The band derives its name from a verse in the Bible that speaks of laughing at what God can do through the most unlikely people, and through the most likely of circumstances. Truly the Lord uses the weak and foolish things of the world. The group is led by Ukrainian Alosha Dekan (also the worship leader at Calvary, and the designer of this newsletter). Alosha is the lead singer, and plays acoustic guitar for various songs. Levi Brinkerhoff has taken over on the bass guitar for recently departed Shane Angland (he and his wife move back to Ireland). Stephen Pomeroy (also pastor of CC Kharkiv) plays the electric guitar, and Victor Fisen is the drummer. The band's vision is to use the music to reach the lost.



Prayer Request for the outreach and evangelistic ministries of Calvary Chapel:

Pray that every minister in these ministries and those that are a support to them would be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Pray that each ministry maintains a focus on Jesus, and doesn't lose sight of the goal, and purpose for these ministries.

Pray that the Lord would open up doors these groups to minister in Kharkiv, and through

INTERVIEW



Name: Vadim Age: 24 From: Rovno, Ukraine
Ministry: Displaying song lyrics for church services, serving on the elder board, "Ephphatha" dram team.
Favorite Scripture(s): Gal. 2:20

A quote from Vadim: "At church I learned to love the Word, study and search the Scriptures... God has given me a call on my life to serve in prison ministry... I'm praying about starting a Calvary Chapel church in my home town of Rovno in the future..."



Name: Max Age: 23 From: Talnoye, Ukraine

Desire for ministry now and in the future: I want to teach people the Word of God.

Favorite Scripture: Jude 24-25

A quote from part of Max's testimony: "God helped me realize that I was a sinner and had a great need for Him, and that He is waiting for me just as I was to fill me with His love and to change my whole life."



Name: Katya Age: 21 From: Kharkiv, Ukraine

Ministry: "Ephphatha" dram team

Favorite Scriptures: 1 Tim. 4:12, Heb. 11:38-40

A quote from Katya on the Bible: "The Word of God is an inexhaustible source of God's promises and answers."



Name: Lyudmila Age: 21 From: Cherkasskaya region, Talnoye, Ukraine

Ministry: Right now I am serving by watering the plants in the church, but I think I would like to serve children in an orphanage someday.

A quote from Lyudmila about Jesus: "He received God's wrath on Himself and was separated from the Father, and He did this all for our salvation."



Name: Maria Age: 21 From: Minsk, Belarus

Ministry: missionary for Campus Crusade for Christ

Favorite Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

A quote from Maria on the Grace of God: It's Everything that comes from God that I don't deserve. God sees the depth of my sinful heart and still loves me, and I don't need to earn it.

TEAM

From Back to front left to right:

Diana and Nate Medlong, Dennis and Carol Brinkerhoff, Luke Brinkerhoff, Jake McPeak, Nastya Osmalovskaya, Levi Brinkerhoff, Lera and Alosha Dekan, Dima, Viktor and Vika Fisen, Stephen and Vanessa Pomeroy, Stephen, Joelle, and Caedmon Pomeroy



Prayer Request:

Pray for each person at Calvary to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, and to discover/grow in the gifts that God has give them.

Pray for unity amongst the team members.

Pray for all of the leaders to be being filled with the Holy Spirit and abounding in love for one another.

Pray that Calvary Chapel Kharkiv would be known as a church that LOVES because Jesus said the whole world will know that you are my disciples by your love for one another, and because love is the bond of perfection.



Often times when speaking about missions and the call to go to the uttermost parts of the world people begin to talk about the 10/40 window (the area of the world where a very small percentage of people have heard the good news of the gospel). Many of the countries that lie within the 10/40 window (10 degrees latitude north of the equator to 40 degrees latitude north of the equator) are extremely hostile toward Christians, and are often times closed to foreigners from abroad. In Kharkiv we have a rare opportunity to reach many people from the countries that are located within this un-reached window. The opportunity that God has given us allows us to reach, and equip people from more than one of these countries at a time in an environment that is not hostile to believers with the purpose of sending them back to their countries to reach their native people. We have the potential to reach the hardest parts of the world with the gospel from Kharkiv, Ukraine. Please join with us in prayer as we desire to see a harvest for the Kingdom of God within the international community.

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