

## Project Odessa Life 2013 Ministry Needs Breakdown -w *UPCOMING PLANS*

Greetings family and friends! Or should I say “Cristos Voskres!” It means “He is risen!” The people’s response, “Viyesteno Voskres!” In Ukraine we just celebrated Resurrection Day May the 5<sup>th</sup> and we had a blessed one! Truly the fact of the resurrection is what unites us all to be doing what we are doing together! Praise God our labor is not in vain! As the Moravian missionaries used to say, “May the Lamb that was slain receive the reward of his suffering!”

It has been under a year on the mission field and we spent little time, relatively speaking, raising financial support, then we hit the ground running. The work has been non-stop and the fruit has been encouraging, even seeing friends get saved and grow by God’s grace in the sphere of our lives. It is encouraging that we are within reach of the financial goal in such a short amount of time. We thought it would be best to be very clear about our need and how you can take part in the vision. Growing up, a friend of mine used to say, “Close only counts in horse shoes and hand grenades.” Well, we are praying and believing God will provide, as we continue to serve in faith. Will you take action with us and share in the resurrected Lamb’s reward as co-laborers for the faith?



### **OPTION A:**

#### **CURRENT BARE MINIMUM GOAL (SCRAPING-BY-EATIN-LOTS-O-POTATOES-GOAL)**

Monthly Salary = \$1,400.00, Taxes & Ins. = \$336.74, Overhead = \$259.51, Total Need = \$1,996.25

### **OPTION B: ACTUAL NEED**

<b>Health Insurance:</b>	<b>104.8</b>		
<b>IM 13%:</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>(13% of \$2,532.21)</b>	
<b>Taxes:</b>	<b>275.4</b>		
<b>Ministry Expenses:</b>	<b>-----</b>		
<b>Monthly Net Income:</b>	<b>1,800</b>		
Tithe & Giving:	230	ATM Fees:	18
Rent:	387	Utilities:	25
Internet & phone:	29	Dates:	50
Entertainment:	20	Holidays:	30
Clothing:	10	Food & Hospitality:	390
Transportation:	27	Misc/Toilet:	60
Other:	19	Debt (Future savings):	505 (Total Debt \$10,137.18)
<b>Total Need:</b>	<b>\$2,532.21 (minimum)</b>		

**Our monthly goal is \$2,600+ as opposed to \$2,532, to avoid any debt and cover minor ministry expenses.**

**OPTION C: PAY OFF DEBT FASTER AND RENT ONE ROOM FOR A WEEKLY ENGLISH CLUB OUTREACH**

**Monthly Net Salary: \$2,100**

**Total Need: \$2,934.16+**

**OPTION D: MOVE OUR FLAT TO A MORE STRATEGIC LOCATION FOR MINISTRY**

**Monthly Net Salary: \$2,300**

**Total Need: \$3,202.14+**

**OPTION E: RENT A BUILDING TO SERVE THE HOMELESS, HAVE ENGLISH CLUBS, BIBLE STUDY & OTHER**

**Monthly Net Salary: \$3,700**

**Total Need: \$5,067.80+**

**We currently receive an estimated average of \$1,800/month** (maybe \$2,000 -- We say estimated because over the past few months giving has increased significantly. Determining which commitments are still in process, which are one time gifts, fluctuation from month to month, or people often simply forgetting, all can make future averages difficult to predict. June-Jan 2012 we were receiving an average of \$1,500/month, but often \$1,200/month. Once our cushion ran out after 6 months of missions, we began to go into the red. We are thankful to have almost \$2,000/month coming in now, but when your budget is at \$2,500 it means you are slowly and surely sinking. We are heavily leaning on the Lord. There is no point in giving up when we are this close right?

**EXPLANATION OF THE OPTIONS:**

**LEAST IDEAL - OPTION A:**

This is the minimum we can get by on, which we were living on for the past few months. When we have additional expenses above the budget, for example a needed visit to the dentist or my wife having to pay for graduation, along with the interest in our debt, our hole is actually widening and we wind up tightening our belts a little. Which is fine for the time being and we are thankful and content in this season.

**Ministries include:** Discipleship and Bible Study at home (in a not so great location clear on one side of the city. There are no subways or freeways in Odessa and most people ride public transportation, so location for ministry here is incredibly important. Our rent price is great and our flat is new, but we are seeking to do ministry in another area and we are not in the best location for most people to get to), outreach to the homeless, outreach to the prostitutes, English Club for orphans (two friends we are discipling help us with translation in this ministry. Tanya and Katya were both saved this year as a result of English Camp and they both live near us) and working with orphans, helping other local ministries like Campus Crusade, evangelism, learning Russian (yes, this is a ministry! ☺), translation, English Camps, networking with other Ukrainian pastors, building a team for the future church plant and outreaches involved in that.

**OPTION B:**

This option helps us to live a little easier and begin to take small chunks out of our debt each month. Ministry opportunities include all of those mentioned above. To see many updates, videos, and testimonies of this years' fruit, **visit: [projectodessalife.com](http://projectodessalife.com) Or email me: [donotlovethisworld@gmail.com](mailto:donotlovethisworld@gmail.com)**

**OPTION C:**

This option will enable us to rent a room for English Club outreach in a neighborhood with lots of University dorms and pay our debt down even further.

This would include all above mentioned ministries, plus having a place to hold our own weekly English Club in a nice building. This outreach is by far today's most widely used and effective missionary strategy in Eastern Europe. (\*We do have a need for our own projector.)

**OPTION D:**

This option would be the next best option next to OPTION E. If we are unable to secure a large enough financial partnership to rent a full time location, then we plan to move and find a flat big enough to do

ministry out of in a better location than we currently have. We would have regular English Clubs and Bible studies out of our own home, and depending on the set up, perhaps homeless service too.

### **BEST OPTION! OPTION E:**

OPTION E would enable us to rent a building in a strategic location in the city center near the homeless, a high traffic market, many University students, the train station, several intersecting buses lines, and the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> busiest McDonald's! We would serve the homeless and the prostitutes in a warm atmosphere, have our own building to conduct English ministries and discipleship, and instead of sending people to other churches, invite them back to the same location for ours. (This amount also includes start up costs and other needed materials – like a stove, utensils, paint, etc)

We realize that a building does not make the ministry, but as English Clubs are effective, and location is so important, we believe this would be the most fruitful option. It also helps tremendously when inviting people overseas to help on short term trips for planning other outreaches and activities. If the Lord decides not to provide this at this time, we will continue to meet the homeless and the prostitutes in their context instead of inviting them to ours. Time spent with people is a high priority in the missions work we do!

Ministry potential in Odessa is tremendous and it's going great! We need partners, not just financial ones, but people connected and committed to helping us pray and work to build a Gospel movement in Odessa!

***Thank you for your prayerful consideration of being on the sending or going side of this missions' team!***

### **LORD WILLING, FUTURE SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM PLANS & PROJECTS:**

~Begin a new weekly English Club in the fall. Some American help for this is currently coming together and we may have our first full time team member! Abbie, an English teacher from Texas! (ongoing)

~Learn Russian. This is ministry in and of itself. (ongoing)

~Continue intentionally meeting with others for discipleship and relationship building. (ongoing)

~Continue networking with other ministries in Ukraine and meeting pastors.

~Write a short e-book on stewarding our lives in light of God's global mission, locally and abroad.

~Renovate and expand the bookstore at current website. [projectodessalife.com](http://projectodessalife.com)

~Build website for fund raising for the future recreation center. (tentative – awaiting board's approval)

~Finish translation and illustrations for the current Gospel tract project underway.

~Spoken word message to unbeliever's -video project.

~Continue to further biblical counseling training and form a group counseling ministry. (ongoing)

~Write other tracts: chart on moralistic therapeutic deism compared to the Gospel, one about different views of Jesus through history, one explaining legalism vs. Gospel and Tradition & Scripture, etc.

~Travel to Lviv for further training with the homeless and the prostitutes.

~Give tours in the summer for tourists as an outreach. Tell them about the ministry. (tentative)

~Help Campus Crusade w a Summer English Camp in July (possibly, if we have the funds, approx \$400)

~Help Campus Crusade with a two week English Club every night in late Sept.

~Teach World Religions Class at the Seaside Missionary Training Center in the fall (tentative).

~Kairos Course certification training ( a great intensive missiology course).

~Network, build, and begin coaching and praying with a future outreach and church planting team.

~Study Greek and Hebrew at bible mesh.com and logos.com (ongoing)

~Plant a church planting church. (ongoing)

~Further biblical and ministry training (ongoing).

~Write a book on the many controversial theories surrounding Jesus.

~Build a recreation and ministry center with a discipleship boot camp. (5-10 years out-tentative)

~Write the curriculum, raise needed funds and recruit help. [porterbrooknetwork.org](http://porterbrooknetwork.org) (in Russian)

~Translate some really great books and songs into Russian. (ongoing)