

Welcome to Rich Correll!

We are pleased to have longtime friend Rich Correll with us this morning. Rich is a former steel marketing executive turned church planting missionary to Ukraine. In 1991, during the early days of post-Soviet independence, Rich began traveling there. In 1992, Rich launched Church Planters Training, International (CPTI) as founder and president. Since then, he has been to Ukraine over 140 times. He has helped plant over 2000 churches and established close to 100 drug rehab homes. More than 15,000 adult baptisms have been recorded. His gifts of wisdom, encouragement and apostolic vision are treasured by many young Ukrainian evangelists. They are the ones who have been shouldering the daily burdens of humanitarian aid since February 24. Rich likes to say he looks for people “who have dirty feet and hands.” He supports those who preach the Gospel everywhere AND work alongside those who need help.

In 2018, as a result of traveling with Rich in Ukraine, FPCP became closely connected with Bread of Life Church in Kozelets, a small town approximately 45 miles northeast of Kyiv. Bread of Life began as a church plant 5 years ago. Their roots are in the drug rehab homes they created. Bread of Life’s ministry, to a few hundred people 8 months ago, has grown to meet the wartime challenges of providing food, medicine, clothing, transportation, fuel and shelter for more than 1000 people. Bread of Life is also in the process of planting another church in a nearby village that was heavily damaged by invaders. Their expanded ministry has been made possible through generous giving to CPTI, like FPCP’s gift of \$24,000 in March. Through Bread of Life, people are being cared for and discipled all through the week. Children are given a full day every Saturday to come together for fun and to learn about Jesus Christ. On Sundays, the Bread of Life worship center is filled to capacity, with many more worshipers standing outside. New believers of all ages have been baptized. This ministry comes at a growing cost, however. Bread of Life, and other church networks will need to have their financial resources replenished to meet the urgent needs of winter.

On October 4, Rich will begin another trip to Ukraine. We are honored that he is with us today to bring his message of “A Missionary Journey – Together.” In a few days, Rich will be able to convey in person our prayers and ongoing support for our friends in Ukraine, especially to Pastor Bogdan, Inna and Timothy Kulitskiy, the deacons, ministry teams, and people of Bread of Life Church, for whom we care so deeply.

Welcome, Rich! We are glad you are here!