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## *News from Courtney, Krista and Alex Roes*

*Using Technology to build the Church in Europe*

I said, “I bring greetings from my church and my name is Courtney Roes” and the whole church stood up in unison and said ... well I don’t know exactly what they said but the gist of it was to send greetings back with me to my home church. This follows the Ukrainian custom of greetings when you are a guest speaker at that church. So consider this letter my bringing greetings back from Ukraine... to you.



Bringing greetings from you to Ukraine!

Fifteen minutes before the service started, I was told that I was to speak. I quickly raced to my room to put on my suit and tie, making it just in time for the beginning of the service. So there I sat in front of the church trying to think of what I would say in my 5 minutes (with translation time). I wanted to convey to them why three Americans and three Ukrainians had come to their church to install a bunch of computers. I wasn’t exactly sure what I was going to say but when my time came, I stood up and began. I thanked them for having us and for agreeing to have the computer center installed in their church. I thanked them for wanting to reach their community in the name of Christ and that using the computer center was going to help them towards their goal. I told them that our goal was to help these church members learn to teach computers to their fellow Ukrainians. This will help the computer students to get and retain jobs (this area of Ukraine has an especially high unemployment rate). I also told them that our even higher goal was that as people came into their church to get computer training, that as they interacted with members of the church, that they would then see Christ in the church members and would then become more interested in how Christ can change their souls rather than how computers could change their circumstances.

When I finished, I was paid one of the highest compliments of my life. The Ukrainian speaker after me said that while I did not speak much, when I did speak people should listen. I felt honored, but knew that it was God who had spoken through me.



Our Computer Center

For the next few days, we worked on configuring and installing this new computer center in Vinnitsa, Ukraine. It was a trying time as many circumstances went wrong (no hot water, no heat and the temperature was below freezing at night, computers broke, software incompatibilities, and for me – everything was in Russian) but God saw us through it and at 8 PM the night before we were to leave, everything came together. God is to be glorified in this place. I will be returning in a few months to check up on this center and I look forward to hearing about the lives that have been changed because of a computer.

# A Director at 15

One of the eLearning Centers Directors (pictured on right) was 15 years old. He got the position in his church because he knew the most about the computers. He got up and shared how the main target audience of their church was in a heavily Muslim area of the Ukraine. The Muslim Imam had threatened all those in the Muslim community not to attend the computer outreaches, but this 15 year old was sneaking them in anyway.



Krista and her friend Esther from the Netherlands



First Termers Conference in the Alps!



## Shaky Bridges!

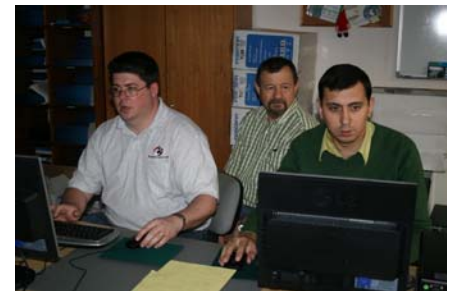
We are doing well here in Germany. Alex is delighted with 1st grade and is doing very well academically and socially. Courtney began a bit of travel this fall, to northern Europe and Ukraine. Alex and I missed him but it was so amazing to hear all the stories of God at work all over Europe.

Krista is attending a women's bible study made up of German and American women. We are studying the book of 1st Corinthians. Courtney attends a similar men's accountability group.

Krista still hasn't felt like she has found the thing that she is passionate about, but she keeps plenty busy running our home and doing short term projects with eDOT and our mission headquarters.

### Prayer Requests:

- Our visa to live and work here in Germany is caught in administrative red tape. It has been 6 months since we applied. Please pray for a speedy resolution.
- Pray for our continued language acquisition. Especially for able minds and patience with ourselves and others.
- Praise for the last year of getting settled, getting to know lots of new people and creating a home here in Germany. Please continue to pray for our ministry both locally and throughout Europe.



"Приготовлен ко всякому доброму делу"  
"Equipped for all Good Works"

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Courtney's nametag from Ukraine



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