



Living Free...

The life and times of the Carlsons in Ukraine.

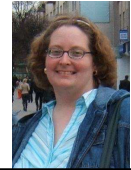
Destination: Lutsk, Ukraine!

One question we repeatedly answer is, “where will you live and serve in Ukraine?” Until now that answer has always been, “we will prayerfully consider this after arriving while in language school”. This policy recently was adjusted due to many changes in ministry needs in Ukraine. We have spent the last couple of months praying and investigating our possible places of future ministry. This included phone conversations with the area director and several rounds of emails. We asked that God would make the decision clear to us and to the field counsel. He did this and interestingly enough the answer we received was not our first choice. On May 2nd, the SEND Ukraine field counsel made the decision to place us in Lutsk, Ukraine upon completion of language school in Kiev. Laura and I are very excited about the opportunities that await us!

Lutsk is a city of about 220,000 people in the western region of Ukraine very close to it’s border with Poland (see map above). It is the capital of the Volyn region and is believed to have been founded around 1000 AD. It is also one of the industrial, cultural, and educational centers in western Ukraine. SEND is involved with three churches in Lutsk by having one missionary assigned to each (see below) About 2.5% of the population *attends* church on a Sunday morning. The churches that SEND works with have about 20-45% *non-believers attend a Sunday morning service*. I believe this is a very exciting statistic. These churches are making a difference and with more help they will have an even greater impact for the Kingdom. We will be assisting Ukrainians in a church plant either in Lutsk or in a surrounding area. What exactly will we be doing? I know that teaching English for evangelism will be one component. That is why I will be taking a TESL Certificate course this summer. Beyond that we will do discipleship and Bible teaching in various settings. I know that is not too specific ,but we are realistically a few years away from reaching Lutsk. However, I am grateful to know where we will be



Our future teammates:
The Burkett family,
Laura Moore, and Dale Kay Miller.



servicing so we can be praying specifically for this city as we prepare.

Looking to Him!

Daryl and the Carlsons

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Prayer requests:

- for Daryl’s brother Douglas who just started Navy basic training.
- The Gospel to go forth in Lutsk.
- God preparing us and our future team to effectively work together.
- Our remaining support.
- Safety and provision for our financial supporters.
- Health and safety for Laura and our little one on the way.

