

# Slovakia-Ukraine Summer Mission Trip

Sponsored by **Slovak Folk Crafts**  
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Two things should happen on a mission trip: God's love is shared and lives are changed. People who have gone with us to Slovakia and/or Ukraine in the last nine years have told us the experience changed their lives—significantly, in some cases. Many people have gone on several trips because the experience was so meaningful to them.

East Main Presbyterian is our church and has a strong mission emphasis. The majority of our 2001 work camp was from our Sunday school class. Our Mission Committee helps to support our members who go on work camps, and our denomination has scholarships available. Perhaps your church or denomination has funds to help you go on work camps as well.

We are offering a two-week mission trip this summer: one week in Ukraine and one week in Slovakia. When we receive your deposit check, you will receive information to contact our travel agent, a series of letters including a detailed itinerary, a small devotional book to read, maps, emergency telephone numbers, instructions on how to get a passport (a travel visa is not needed for this trip), what to pack and how to prepare for the trip, current articles about Slovakia and Ukraine as well as a bibliography and websites for further study. Those going on the trip will be invited to a pot luck dinner in Grove City in May to go over the itinerary and work plans, see slides and Power Point information, and we'll try to answer any questions you may have. We are sure you will love Eastern Europe and her friendly people. We trust it will be a life-changing experience for those who join us.

What **BENEFITS** will you gain from a mission work camp trip? You will learn new skills, share God's love, experience generous hospitality, and witness amazing faith. You will gain a new perspective on material possessions, observe the effects of communism on Eastern Europe, see church planting first hand, and help expand a Roma ("gypsy") ministry. Best of all, you will enjoy God's glorious creation with friends.

## **MISSION WORK CAMP**

This will be our third mission trip to Hope to People, a Christian mission organization in Rivne, a city of about 250,000 people in northwest Ukraine. It will be our tenth work camp with the Cirkev Bratska Church in Hermanovce nad Toplou, a village of about 750 people in northeast Slovakia about 30 miles from Presov. This denomination is similar to the Presbyterian Church, and its Church of the Brethren roots date back to the pre-Reformation time of John Hus.

## **TENTATIVE ITINERARY**

We will fly from Pittsburgh to L'viv, Ukraine where Hope to People drivers will meet our group and take us to **Rivne**. We will spend most of our week working with members of the Rivne church at their church camp in the countryside. The main building contains small bedrooms, bath rooms, and dining hall. Ladies from the church will cook, and we and church members will work together cleaning up the camp and doing whatever construction and repair projects await us.

Leaving Rivne, we will take an overnight sleeper train to the Ukrainian border city of Uzhgorod, where Slovaks will meet us and drive us to Hermanovce. We will eat in the fellowship hall of the church. Most of us will sleep in the conference center in bedrooms, with nice tile

bathrooms. A few people may stay with families in the village. After breakfast each morning, we will share devotions, Bible study, and discuss the small book given to you at our orientation meeting in May. Team members may choose to do yard work and plant flowers, work on construction or repair projects, help cook and serve meals, teach informal English in the elementary school or to adults who wish to improve their English language skills, assist missionaries in the nearby Roma village of Hlinne, organize a simple recreation program for youngsters, visit “preaching stations” (small yoked churches) and take part in services. Don’t worry if you’re not a teacher or carpenter; there are plenty of jobs for everyone, and **YOU** choose the ones you are comfortable doing. God doesn't call those who are equipped to go on a mission trip; He equips those who are called to go.

Leaving Hermanovce, we will take a day train across the country to Bratislava, Slovakia's capital, tour the city, and stay overnight in a hotel. The next morning, we will travel by bus to the Vienna airport and fly to Pittsburgh where East Main church van drivers will pick up members whose cars are in Grove City.

### PRICE

The total price of the trip is **\$2,495**. That cost includes room (mostly double occupancy), **ALL** meals, ground transportation, English-speaking guides, tips, transfers, entrance fees, and **CURRENT** airfares. Airfare can go up at any time, so the earlier you sign up, the cheaper your cost will be! Medical, liability, and cancellation insurance is **NOT** included. Information about this type of insurance will be provided, should you wish to purchase it **on your own**. After your airline ticket is purchased from our travel agent, there is a fee if you decide to cancel.

The first 20 people who send a **\$200** (non-refundable) deposit for the trip will go. Please make your check payable to “East Main Presbyterian Church” with “UA/SK mission trip” on the memo line and **mail it to Anne Dayton, 198 Old Mill Road, Grove City, PA 16127**. When we receive your deposit, we will send you instructions on how to purchase your airline ticket. The balance of the trip payment will be due by **APRIL 12**.

Call us if you have questions. Please copy and send these materials to your friends (or give us their names and we will send them). We appreciate any recruiting you can do. We have had a marvelous time in Slovakia and Ukraine for many years. Please pray that our efforts will further God’s kingdom on earth and that those who join us will enjoy learning about a different culture and have a safe, life-changing trip. We encourage you to pray the Prayer of Jabez as you consider joining us on this mission trip.

***“Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil.”*** 1 Chronicles 4:10 (NKJV)

In His name, Dave and Anne Dayton

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