

November 2016 Winter Bible School Appeal

BACKGROUND

The *Bible Schools* in Eastern Europe began in 1992 when we invited a small group of interested people from throughout the former USSR to study the Bible with us for a week. The ex-USSR spreads over 9 time zones, so it's really hard to get people together in one place. However, such meetings are important in order to create a sense of community and fellowship amongst those who have been baptized and who are seriously studying the doctrines of the Truth. The Schools have been kept going ever since, thanks to the generous support of Western brothers and sisters. However, the collapsed economic situation in the area means that we have to heavily subsidize many brothers and sisters to attend. Attendance reached a peak of 220 brethren and sisters. If we don't keep up these *Bible Schools*, the sense of community and fellowship amongst this widely scattered group of 1600 brethren and sisters will be seriously damaged, and despite rising costs, we feel we really have to ask for your support each year to enable this wonderful gathering to continue. You can see a report of last year's Winter school at <http://carelinks.net/doc/-2100417080>.

2017 WINTER BIBLE SCHOOL

These schools may be the only time most of these Brothers and Sisters get together as they are so scattered, often in total isolation. Several young couples have met and are now married as a result of meeting at these **Bible Schools**; and many isolated brethren and sisters comment that they live 'from Bible School to Bible School'. There is a very warm and intense spirit of fellowship; but without your support, these gatherings can't happen. The *Winter Eastern European Bible School* is booked for the last week of January 2017, God willing, in **Kiev, Ukraine**. There will be visiting speakers and additionally some local brethren will be giving classes. We'd like to not only invite your attendance, but also to encourage you to consider sponsoring a brother or sister to attend. We could also do with some more speakers so do volunteer if you feel able.

We don't consider there is any security issue in Kiev, the war in Ukraine is far in the east of the country.

DONATIONS

The total cost of this gathering is about GBP 6,000- if we limit attendance to about 65 bre & sis. We really do need your support. Without your donations these things just can't happen. You can wire donations according to the details at <http://carelinks.net/doc/donations>

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Please note that currently 1 GBP [British pound] = 1.2 US\$, 1.7 AU\$, 1.1 Euro

Please pray for the community here as they grow in grace and the knowledge of their Lord and Saviour Jesus.

With love from your brothers and sisters of Carelinks Christadelphian Ministries

Here are some scenes from previous Bible Schools:

