



Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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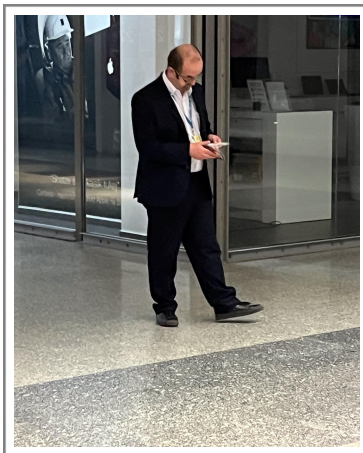
It was so wonderful to get back home from Kenya, Africa to spend time with my family and brothers and sisters in Christ! Thank you again for praying and financially making this happen.

Eighteen days later, I flew out of America again to Germany, Ukraine, and Poland! Again, this is all because of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and your prayers and financial support.

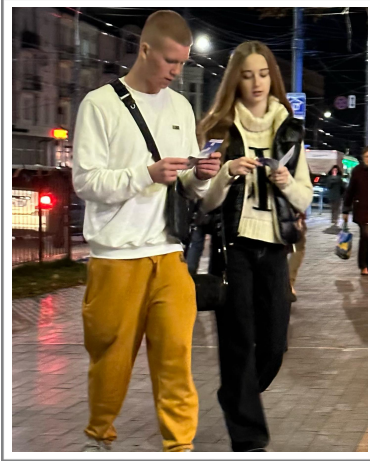


Pictured here is our team of four (Allen West, Steve Coplon, Ed Cheek, and Chris) standing near the Baltic Sea. From early morning until late at night, we distributed more than 20,000 gospel tracts in the languages of the people.

This evangelistic mission trip was different from all the others we have done. There were security issues because of the ongoing war in regions we were near. Another issue we encountered was the language barrier. We simply could not have a spiritual conversation with the masses because of this. But remember! The tracts were in their language and as soon as they saw their language their faces would light up.



Also, praise the Lord, we happened upon young people along the way who could interpret for us, and we quickly learned how to use Google Translate on our phones. God truly blessed, and we believe, many people prayed to receive Christ as we watched people read the gospel tracts in their entirety.



This young couple had received a tract from us as they were walking by, and a team member took this picture of what they did after they left us. They walked together reading and discussing. We saw so many things like this. There are too many to put in a newsletter. Please go to our website www.abidingabove.org, and our social media sites, Facebook and Instagram for more!



While in Berlin, Germany we handed out 1,300 paper missionaries to the multitudes walking in and out of the famous Brandenburg Gate where President Ronald Reagan said in a speech, “*Mr. Gorbachev, tear down this wall!*” I witnessed to a group of 9 Muslim young men and many others at this world-famous location. To God be the glory great things He continues to do as we abide in Him Who is our Life!

We praise the Lord for his protection and blessings. We did not see any acts of violence, nor large police or military gatherings. Please pray, now that we are back, that these thousands of paper missionaries continue to go on and on and hand to hand.

Matthew 19:25–26 – When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, “Then who can be saved?” And looking at them Jesus said to them, “*With people this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.*”

It is always an honor and privilege to preach at the church where I grew up in Clarksdale, MS. Oakhurst Baptist has been a lighthouse for the Lord in the Mississippi Delta since 1953. My brother, Randall, traveled with me this past month as I preached both Sunday services. It was refreshing to hear stories of our godly dad and mom from old friends. We are eternally grateful for their patience and consistent guidance in those formative years.

Proverbs 22:6 – “*Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.*”

May God continue to bless you, my friend, and make you a blessing to many!

Abiding above,

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Colossians 3:1-3