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Mission Partners
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Motivating and Inspiring Ukraine's Community Servants

MPI's 6th Annual Pastor's Conference

A total success! That was the sentiment of everyone who participated in MPI's 6th annual Pastors Leadership Conference in Ukraine. In June, about 120 pastors and many of their wives gathered for four days of teaching and fellowship. Many of them had not seen each other since the 2010 conference so the chance to catch up on each other's lives, and ministry was a bonus.

As well as Heather and I, our Canadian team consisted of Keith Higgins, Stan Burse, and Pat Watson. The Canadians sowed into the lives of all the Ukrainians they met on this trip, both at the conference and in other settings. We were truly blessed to have such a team who gave everything of themselves for the sake of those they came to serve.

Every man went home with a new tie and each woman was blessed with a lovely scarf. The pastors helped through the 'sponsor-a-pastor' program received their financial support. As an added bonus, we shocked and blessed three pastors with a brand new notebook computer which will make a significant difference to their ministry resources.

Everyone went home filled with great teaching, wonderful fellowship, good food, new friends and gifts. When we asked the church leadership if the conference was beneficial, they responded, "if it were not for MPI and Canadians who fund the conference, we would not have the resources to hold such an event. Our pastors not only look forward to it as a time of teaching but as a time for refreshment, prayer and fellowship with ministry colleagues. We cannot emphasize enough the value of these conferences to our pastors."

Thank you to each Canadian partner who

- **Donated** the ties and scarves which were so appreciated,
- **Provided** the funds to allow pastors to attend free of charge,
- **Contributed** regular monthly financial support through the 'sponsor-a pastor' program,
- **Prayed** for MPI staff, our Canadian guests and all the pastors during the conference.



Your financial support to MPI this month allows us to help these men and women of God in so many practical ways. It lets them know that they do not stand alone – Canadians like you show they care and are standing with them to reach their cities and towns for Christ.

God Bless You,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Garrison".

Founder and Executive Director

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Pastor Victor and Family



For more information on each of these pastors, see our website: missionpartners.org

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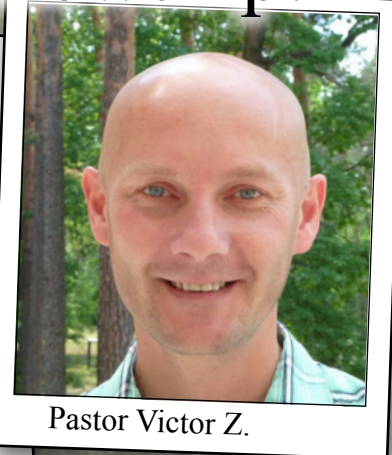
Pastor Yuri F.



Pastor Sergei M.



Pastor Konstantin N.



Pastor Victor Z.



Ron Garrison teaches at Conference



Pastors receive gift of notebook computer