



PASSPORT TO UKRAINE



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Meet Our Missionaries

Kirk and Anna each grew up in believing families and came to faith in Jesus at an early age. Kirk is from Michigan, Anna from Georgia, and they met while studying at Covenant Seminary and married in 2011. They have four kids - Lucy (5), Finn (4), Evie (2), and Jane (7 months). The Lord also gave both Anna and Kirk independently a desire to serve cross-culturally at an early age, and this desire drew them together. After Kirk experienced the Leopold Green internship in the summer of 2010, the two of them began exploring service with MTW in Lviv, Ukraine.

Team Lviv exists to plant a church-planting church and to equip the next generation of global missionaries. Lviv is the largest and most influential city in Western Ukraine, and so the team envisions equipping and sending other church plants throughout Western Ukraine and the rest of Eastern Europe. The Norrises joined Team Lviv in June 2013 to lead the university ministry of Church of the Holy Trinity. As an ordained minister, Kirk also serves as a Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) Global pastor. Together Kirk and Anna seek to serve the nearly 120,000 students of Lviv by reaching and equipping them with the gospel of Jesus Christ. They do this through large groups, Bible studies, a student ministry team, retreats, English camps, and internships (for both Americans and Ukrainians) among other events.

Prayer Points

- Elders and Deacons to be raised up from among the church members of our church, Church of the Holy Trinity.
- Development of a national university ministry in Ukraine, similar to RUF in the United States, with multiple locations, ordained campus ministers, national connectivity, and support from the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church (EPCU).
- Our family - for the kids' adaptation to Ukrainian school, our Ukrainian language abilities, and our contentment and faithfulness as a family.
- Thanksgiving for: our wonderful house in Lviv (that gives us life and allows us to freely host constantly), our Ukrainian intern Ruslan and his growth, and our supportive mission team



UKRAINE



CAPITAL: KIEV

POPULATION: 41.9 MILLION



CAN YOU FIND UKRAINE ON THE MAP?

Taste of Ukraine

Red Cherry Cake

INGREDIENTS

3 cups red sour cherries pitted (frozen, fresh or canned and no need for sugar)

1 egg

1 cup sugar

2 sticks butter softened

3 cups flour + 1/4 cup

1/4 tsp salt

1 tsp baking soda

1 tbsp apple cider vinegar



1. Drain liquid from 3 cups of pitted red sour cherries. Beat 1 egg with 1 cup of sugar for about 1 minute. Then mix in 2 sticks of softened butter.

2. Gradually add 3 cups of flour, 1/4 tsp of salt, and baking soda mix (combine 1 tsp of baking soda together with 1 tbsp of apple cider vinegar. It will hiss and make bubbles!). Put the dough in the fridge for 30 min.

3. Prepare a 9x13 baking pan with parchment paper, lay out 3/4 of the dough, lay out cherries (leaving a rim of dough). Add 1/4 cup or less flour to the remaining dough, mix it like play dough and grate it on a cheese grater over the cherries.

4. Bake at 350 for 40 min or until golden. Enjoy!

Country Overview & History

Ukraine is the largest country entirely within Europe and has a coastline at the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov in the southeast. Ukraine borders Russia in the northeast and east, Belarus in the northwest, Poland, and Slovakia in the west, Hungary, Romania, and Moldova to the southwest. The country is about twice the size of Italy or slightly smaller than the US state of Texas. Ukraine's landscape consists mainly of plains and plateaus, only the Carpathian mountains in the west reach 2,061 m (6,760 ft.) at Mount Hoverla (Hora Hoverla), the highest peak in the country.

Ukraine gained independence from the USSR in 1991, after being fought over for generations. Ukraine has made significant progress on reforms designed to make the country prosperous, democratic, and transparent.

The city of L'viv (Lviv), where the Norris family lives, was founded in the late Middle Ages; it was a flourishing administrative, religious, and commercial center for several centuries. The historical heart of the city, with its old buildings and cobblestone streets, survived Soviet and German occupations during World War II largely unscathed. Today it is the largest city in western Ukraine.

