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Future Russia

Russia is starting to drift back towards its old ways. Missionaries are being forced to leave because the government is hardening its policies towards foreign missionaries.

As a result, missionaries are moving to Kiev. In fact many have purposely chosen Kiev because of the excellent Christian School.

So far Ukraine has been tolerant of these missionaries. Only time will tell if religious freedom will last in Eastern Europe.

Video Taping in Ukraine



As of today I have video taped two missionaries and one Christian school. My focus is to help individual missionary families, but in this case the video will be used to help the teachers raise their support.

The last few days have been rainy, making it difficult to get good outdoor footage. Regardless we have faced

the elements and shot our outdoor scenes.

Rapid Growth



Kiev is building at an inconceivable rate. I have never seen so many apartment buildings under construction as there are in Kiev. The roads were not built and designed for so many automobiles so traffic jams are painful and getting worse.

I have stayed with missionaries in the busy city as well as a missionary in a village on the outskirts of town. Out in the village, old dilapidated houses stand next to beautiful large houses that rival any large upscale American house. SUV's are all over the place, capitalism has made it's way to Eastern Europe!

Olympic Changes



Today, Steve Nelson and I, went to the training center for the Ukrainian Olympic track team. Because Steve has built relationships with the coaches, they invited him to use the facilities any time he wants. We video taped Steve running and saying part of his script on the indoor track. Fifteen years ago an American would not have had this freedom in the former Soviet Union. Times have changed, but for how long?

Time is running out for Western missionaries. That is why there is an urgent need to raise up nationals to whom we can pass the baton.