

# 2009 Ukraine Trip

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# My Ukraine Trip

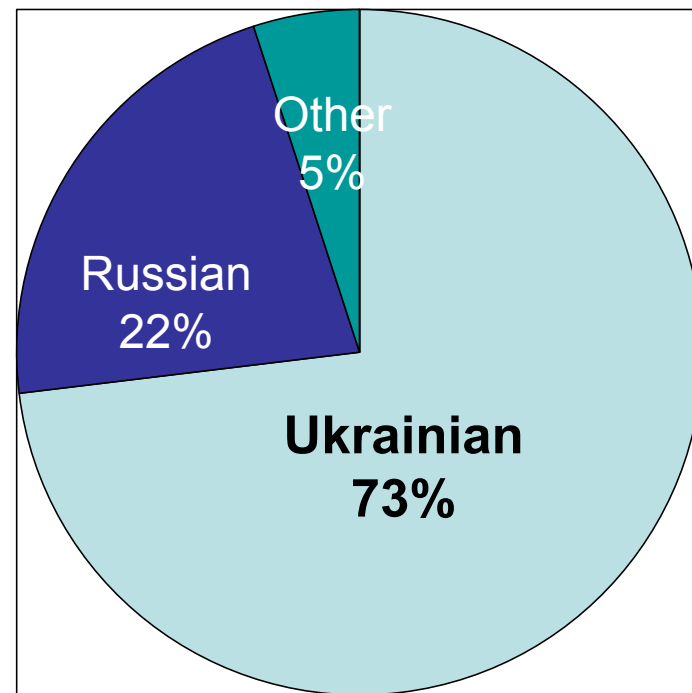
- November 3-12, 2009
- All my time was in Kiev area
- Hosts: Biblical grad and PCA missionary Jon Eide & wife Traci (& kids)
- Purposes:
  - Speaking
  - Seeing Ukraine
  - Meeting believers, seekers, missionaries

# Ukraine



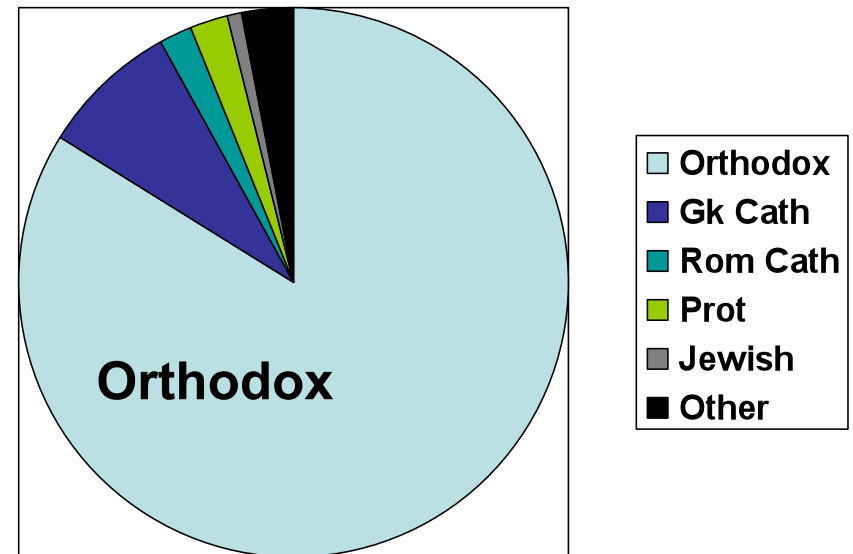
# Ukraine Population Statistics

- Population: 52 million
- Kiev: 2.6 million
- Ethnicity:
  - Ukrainians 73%
  - Russians 22%
  - Others 5%
    - Jews
    - Belarussians
    - Moldovans



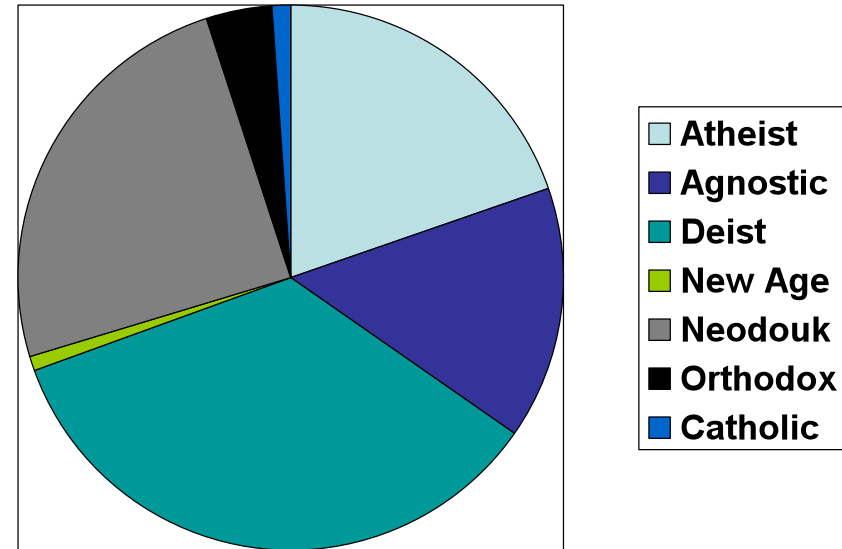
# Ukraine Religion Statistics

- Various Orthodox: 84%\*
- \* % of religious
- Ukrainian Greek Catholic: 8%
- Roman Catholic: 2.2%
- Protestant: 2.2%
- Jewish: 0.6%
- Other: 3.2%



# Ukrainian Belief Statistics

- Atheist 20%
- Agnostic 15%
- Deist 35%
- New Age 1%
- Neodoukhobor 25%
- Orthodox 4%
- Catholic 1%



# Swine Flu

- Just a week before I headed for Ukraine, the Prime Minister closed all schools and cancelled all public meetings for three weeks to slow the spread of the flu.
- As a result, I had three talks at universities cancelled, as well as two talks at an Orthodox seminary.

# The Trip Over

- Tuesday November 3
  - Depart Charlottesville 4:38 pm
  - Arrive Detroit 5:50 pm
  - Depart Detroit 10:19 pm
- Wednesday November 4
  - Arrive Amsterdam 10:52 am
  - Depart Amsterdam 1:48 pm
  - Arrive Kiev 4:36 pm
  - At Eide's 6:51 pm



# The Trip Over











# Thursday November 5

- Talking with Jon Eide & Sasha Bukovietski, a Christian book publisher
- At Book Exposition, where Sasha's firm "Colloquium" has a booth
- Lunch with Jon & Eric Huber, country director for PCA
- At offices of Presbyterian Church of Holy Trinity & MTW; tea with Jon & Max Tikonov, pastor of Solomensky P-R Ch









# Friday November 6

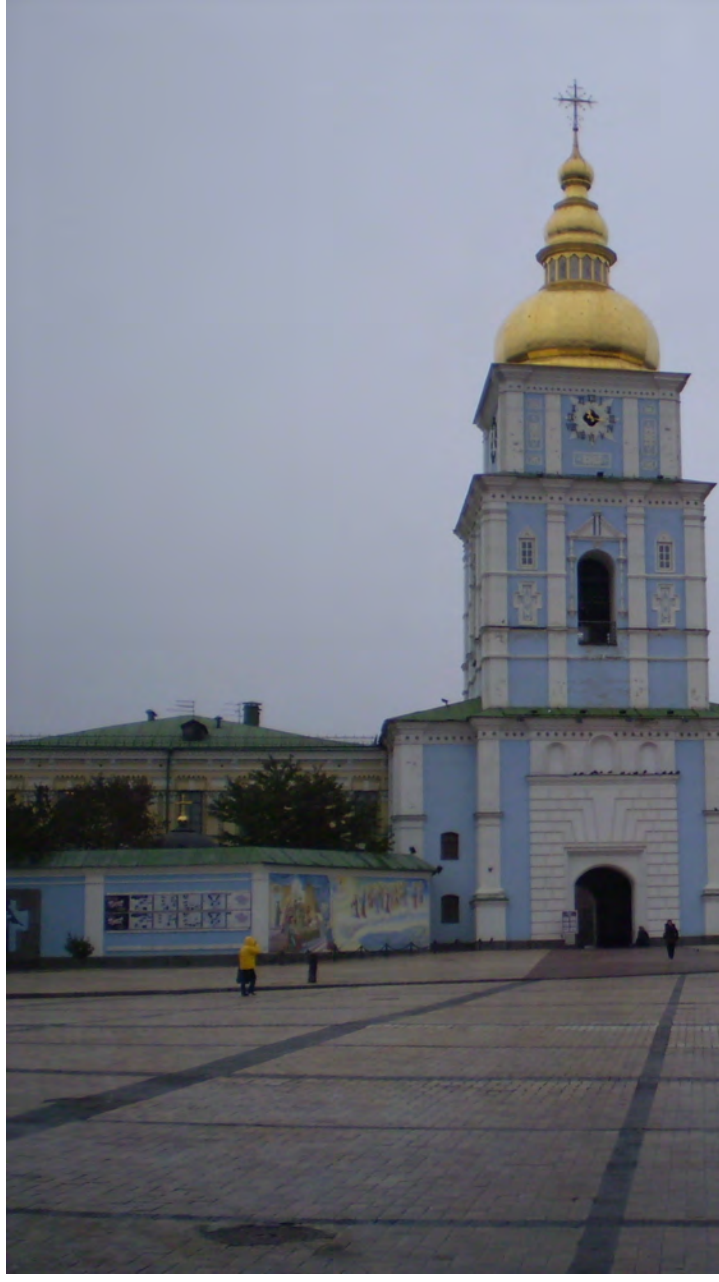
- Sightseeing with Jon & daughter Natalie
  - Funicular (inclined RR) down to River Dnieper
  - St Michael's Cathedral & Bell Tower
  - Bessarabia Market
- Lunch with Ivan Bespalov, pastor of Church of the Holy Trinity
- Dinner at Ukraine Strabu Restaurant with the Eides



















# Saturday November 7

- Out walking, taking pictures
- Sightseeing at Kiev Pechersk Lavra, oldest monastery in Ukraine or Russia, with catacombs, with Jon & Ira Basenko
- At St Vladimir's Church, saw part of service with choir and Patriarch





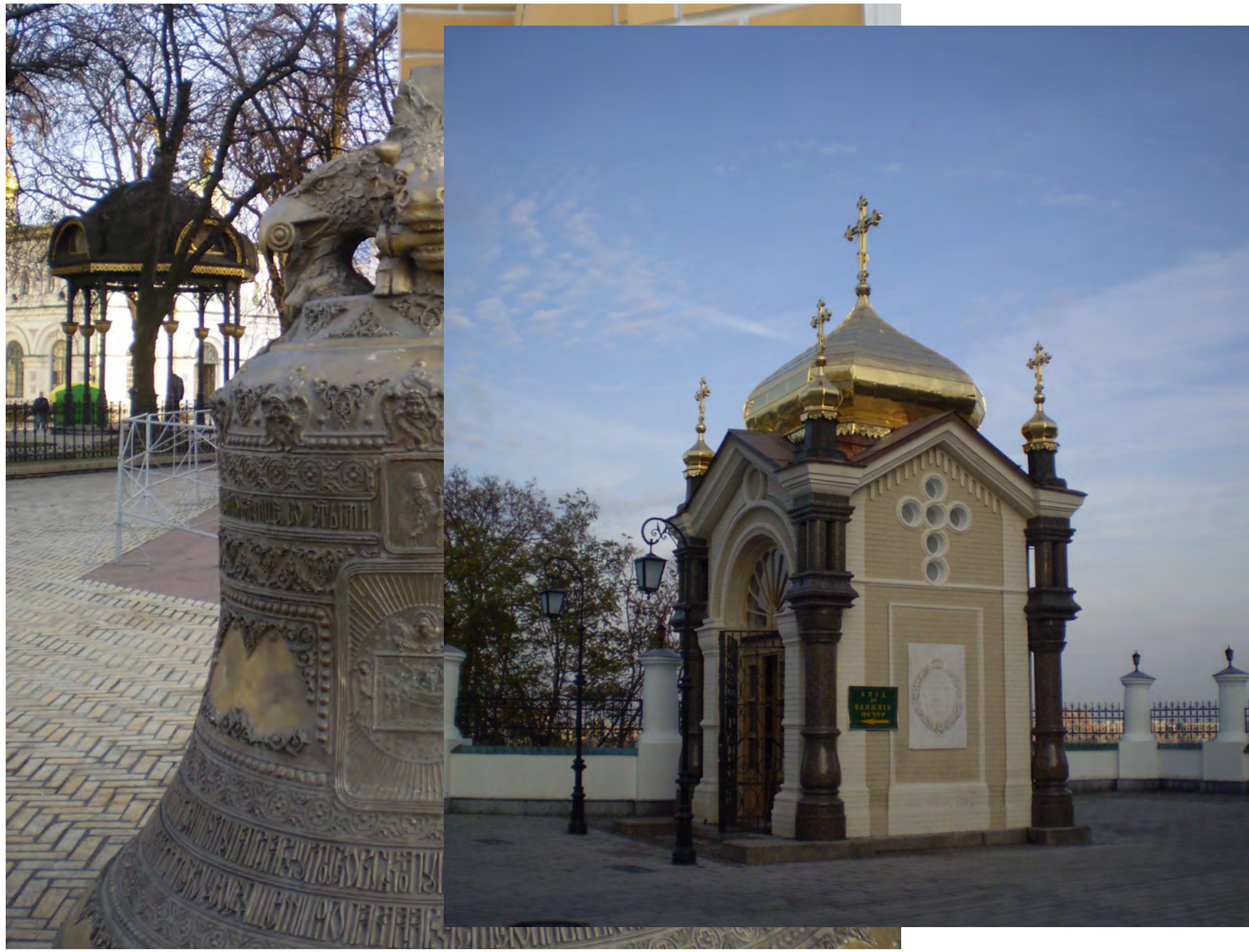












# Sunday November 8

- Preaching at Solomenski Presbyterian Reformed Church, using my Power-Point talk “Job”
- Evening talk for members of Solomenski RC and Church of the Holy Trinity, using my Power-Point talk “Genetic Engineering and Cloning”









# The Book of Job

Understanding Suffering  
*Robert C. Newman*





# Genetic Engineering & Cloning

Robert C Newman  
& Bartholomew J Votta



# Monday November 9

- Visit with Nancy & Matthew Westerhal
  - Matthew (son) a senior at Kiev Christian Academy, to talk about science study in US
  - Mother Nancy is a doctor
  - Father Tom teaches at Pentecostal Seminary
- Afternoon visit with Dara Reshitina, recent HS grad, very fluent in English
- Dinner at home of Jos, Marlies & Christian Colijn; Jos is academic dean of Evangelical Reformed Seminary Ukraine











# Tuesday November 10

- Sightseeing:
  - St Andrew's Descent
  - Lunch at Cafeteria
- English Club at Clemmer's apartment
  - About 15 present
  - Talked about popular superstitions, both Ukrainian and American
  - Gave my Power-Point talk "Astrology"









# Astrology: Is Your Destiny in the Stars?



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# Wednesday November 11

- Visit to Stitenko Cemetery with Jon & Zhenya Nestra
- Stopped by Babi Yar Memorial
  - Over 100 thousand people killed here by Nazis: Jews, Ukrainians, Gypsies, etc.
- Tour of Chernobyl Museum
  - Where nuclear power station blew up in April 1986
  - Site is abandoned, along with 20 mi radius around it, reaching to 40 mi from Kiev













# Thursday November 12

- Up 2:45 am
- Depart Kiev 7:08 am
- Arrive Amsterdam 8:46 am
- Depart Amsterdam 1:48 pm
- Arrive Atlanta 4:55 pm
- Depart Atlanta 8:29 pm
- Arrive Charlottesville 10:01 pm





# **The End**

Pray for the Ukraine