

# Mt. Pisgah pastor makes mission trip to Ukraine

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Dr. Kenneth Bentley, pastor of Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church in Pell City, said a recent mission trip to the Ukraine was another big success.

The trip was the second mission trip for Bentley, who went to Russia in October 1992 as part of the Billy Graham Crusade.

Bentley and three members of Mt. Pisgah, Richard Farrar, Onna Grimm, and Billye Ann Faulkner, left for the most recent trip on Oct. 19 and returned 11 days later.

The trip was organized by Bentley after a request by the Foreign Missions Board.

Four other volunteers joined the group from Pell City in New York, N.Y., after seeing an ad in the foreign missions magazine.

"We had one lady from Florida, two from Georgia, and one man from California who joined us for the trip," Bentley said.

The group spent four days in the Ukraine, then traveled 200 miles to the city of Gayvoron, where they spent two more days.

Bentley said crowds of 500 to 600 people gathered for some of the city wide services.

"In one service we had 72 professions of faith," he said.

One of the biggest treats for Bentley during the trip was another visit to Moscow, where he and the three members of Mt. Pisgah were able to meet the minister and some of the congregation of one of the churches they started last year.

The congregation of Mt. Pisgah



Dr. Kenneth Bentley, pictured on the right, recently made his second mission trip to Russia where he was privileged to meet Rev. Sedor, the pastor of the church the congregation of Mt. Pisgah helped to start last year.

was able to start two churches in Russia, Bentley said, including the University Metro Baptist Church.

"We were so excited to meet this minister and some of the church members," he said. "They already have 100 members."

Bentley said it only takes \$3,000 a year to start a church in Russia.

As for more mission trips, Bentley

said he has been invited to come back.

But it probably won't be until May 1994 that he does go back, he said.

"I have too many commitments here that I have to take care of first," Bentley said.

"The Russian people are very gracious," he said.

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