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SPRING EXPERIENCE 1993



ABI's Spring Experience is designed to acquaint prospective students with ABI life. Top left: B. Ashworth, CA; B. Gilliam, MN & D. Flemming, MN in deep discussion with faculty, Rev. D. Baldrige; Right - Rev. G. F. Grant & M. Lovins, SD; Center Left: Part of basketball crowd; Right : Golfing through the wilderness - B. Boivin, AZ, B. Kaske, WI, N. VanErgen, IA; Bottom Left: Great music all weekend - R. McAllister, Canada



WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!

Apostolic Bible Institute sets up parochial school in Russia

by Lori Sater

The changes in the former Soviet Union have allowed Russians to be exposed to a free market system and a free press among other things, and now they are embracing religious freedom as well. Helping the Russian and White Russian people practice their faith are leaders of the Apostolic Bible Institute in Oakdale.

"There is an open door for religion in Russia," said Gerald Grant, president of the Apostolic Bible Institute. "We being Christians think of it as an open door for Christianity."

The Apostolic Bible Institute provides training for Pentecostal ministers and operates a parochial school for kindergarten through 12th-grade students using an education curriculum called accelerated Christian education (ACE) which allows students to learn at their own speed.

The ACE program is currently being used in public schools in Russia and is just starting up in the republic of Belarus with the help of the Apostolic Bible Institute. Belarus is located between Poland and Russia, and borders Lithuania and

Ukraine. The capital is Minsk.

"There really is a hunger for biblical principles," Grant said. "What has surprised us is school administrators would like biblical values in school."

ACE educators indicated an interest in entering a republic outside of Russia to start up a school.

So last October the Apostolic Bible Institute sent Ray Nichols, who has 10 years experience with the ACE system, to Belarus and he has been making contacts with White Russians and preparations to set up a school ever since.

"His job was to make contacts and he went in with little advance preparation. He has begun to contact ministers of education and has found a tremendous reception," Grant said.

"He has been invited to teach and lecture on biblical values," Grant said. "The interesting thing is he's allowed to teach and express biblical values there that we can't do here in the United States. We don't know how long that will last."

"Our primary objective is to work in education, but what we are finding is people do want to learn about the Bible," Grant said. "Ray had 50 Bibles and he was nearly stampeded."

At this point, the school is trying to get a building secured in Minsk. Grant said someone will be sent there in about a month to build furniture.

"He expects to have his license any day now from the Belarus government to improve the operation. Once the school is established, we envision other cities will see it and say they would want one," Grant said.

A school would contain 25 students to be chosen by public school officials. Currently there is a pilot program working in Moscow. In Moscow, 1,000 applicants applied for the 25 spots.



Displaying a Russian chart of the Bible, John Leaman, left, from the International Foreign Mission headquarters in St. Louis, Apostolic Bible Institute President Gerald Grant and the Rev. Bill Patrick continue the mission work started in Russia. (Review photo by Linda Baumeister)

"Ultimately, we want to be able to send at least two young people with training into that city [Minsk] for six to nine months to work side by side with the people of Belarus," Grant said. The institute is recruiting students nationally. Students would prepare through a five-week training program taking courses in Russian, journalism, geography, first aid and evangelism. Making the transition to Belarus easier is the fact that all programs must be taught in English. It also makes the program less costly because programs don't need to be translated.

"These people want these schools taught in English because it's the international language," Grant said.

Although the classes will be taught in English, teachers will bring charts and booklets in the Russian



Courtesy of the Apostolic Bible Institute

language for use in classes. The charts were translated by a Russian journalist who is now a translator.

All 62 charts, which illustrate and explain the basic messages of the Bible, were hand colored by students at the institute.

The Russian people are not well-versed in Christianity since the last time the Russian Orthodox religion was openly practiced was in 1912. What the Russian people do know of Christianity was learned through the underground church.

"For 70 years, these people have not been allowed to read the Bible," said Brother Bill Patrick.

Patrick visited Russia for two weeks and was amazed at what he learned.

Patrick was praying and a woman asked him when he was finished if he would write down what he did so she would also be able to pray.

"The woman — a public school teacher — couldn't believe you could pray. She asked me with tears in her eyes because she didn't know you could pray. She wanted it written down," Patrick said. "If she had been caught reading a Bible [in the past], she would jeopardize her position."

Patrick said he was also amazed with the living conditions. "It was like 1930s in America," he said. "The country is so poor."

"In one store, all they had was a hard bread rack and a meat counter with baloney and some chicken. You stand in line to pick baloney, then you go to the cashier to pay, and then you get in line to pick up the baloney. It's the same way for bread."

Patrick said there is a tremendous amount of potential for the country. "They're brilliant people, they just don't have the Christian base."

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**Gerald Grant,
Apostolic Bible Inst.**

ABI RUSSIAN PROJECT IS COVERED BY LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

RUSSIAN UPDATE

BELARUS PILOT PROJECT

RAY NICHOLS

Minsk, Belarus

(Ray Nichols is the ABI representative establishing the pilot school in Russia. He, his wife, and son have been in Russia since October 1992).

March 21, 1993

Greetings in the wonderful Name of Jesus, from Minsk, Belarus! God is moving and opening many doors in this land. We stand amazed at His mighty acts!

On Thursday, March 18, I was the keynote speaker to the National Convention of College Professors. The speech was covered by radio, newspaper and television and I spoke on the subject, "Teaching Moral Values Based on the Bible"! It was wonderful to have such an opportunity to tell these college professors about the importance of teaching moral principles based on the Bible. The speech was well received and will be published in the Russian language for distribution by the National Institute of Culture.

Our school is about two weeks from being registered. We have had a lot of red tape, but just this past Saturday I was assured by the First Assistant to the Minister of Education that we will indeed receive the license. We have labored many hours over many months to accomplish this goal.

April 1, 1993 Brother Sam Balca and Brother Soboldsci are coming to Minsk to meet with the Vice-Rector of the Institute of Culture. They are going to assist me in possibly setting up a school of Theology within the Institute. The college has offered to allow the UPCI, under my direction, to open a school for pastors, missionaries, and church workers. It will be a five year course and the Institute will issue the degree! We will have buildings and classrooms, and the freedom to teach people in the things of the Lord!

The mayor of the city of Lida (pop. 120,000) has purchased a building in which to house a linguistic center. It is to be run by one of our people who will be coming to Belarus in September to teach in a School of Tomorrow. The city will supply an apartment and is waiting with anticipation for the Americans to arrive. This will give us the opportunity to have an effect on the entire city for Jesus. I pray that many souls will be won through this effort.

I am teaching in four institutions right now. They are: Belarus State University, Elementary Teachers' College, Institute of Foreign Languages, and the Institute of Culture. I am teaching three classes of Marketing in the Free Enterprise System and two classes in Christianity.

The Vice Dean of the Elementary Teachers' College has asked me to teach more classes at the college because some of my students whose parents are very influential have told their parents about the Bible studies and these parents have contacted the Dean and asked that more classes be given to more students. The college has over 12,000 students and we are excited about the possibilities there. This Vice Dean is the man I had told you about before who is a former party leader and told me he did not want any Bible studies in the college. I cannot help but think of Proverbs 21:1, "The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord, as the rivers of water; he turneth it whithersoever he will." God is so good! I love how He moves in the lives of men and women.

Beginning this week, we will be having Bible studies with some college students at our apartment. These will be smaller classes and will be more personal. We will be starting with two college students. Their names are Sergey and Paul. They are very bright students who speak good English. They are both students in my class at the University. I am training Sergey to interpret for me at Bible studies and church. We will be having church for these young people and we know that more will be coming soon. They have no church to go to here, so we will do the best we can.

There is no doubt that God is doing mighty acts in Belarus! He wants these people to know Him! Everyday it seems I meet another church organization that is here to work with these people. Our organization is being offered so much more than these others. Will we take advantage of our opportunity? The door is open NOW! Are there laborers who care for their souls? They need us NOW!

For souls in Belarus,
Ray, Judi & Nathan Nichols

**The Nichols baptized two Russians in the Name of Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 4, 1993!*

March 1993

ABI EVENTS



TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Rev. J. Hugh Rose with President G. Grant

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7:30pm Youth Rally

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9:00am 10 Team/3 State Quiz Invitational
7:30pm Pizza Party

YOUTH WEEK WITH NORMAN PASLAY



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7:30pm YOUTH WEEK EXTR-AVAGANZA

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REVEREND J. HUGH ROSE VISITS

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11:00am Rev. J. Hugh Rose speaks
7:30pm Rev. J. Hugh Rose speaks

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Rev. Jack Leaman visits ABI

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7:30pm Youth Rally at TC, Paul

Rev. Norman Paslay II, Alumni President

Mid-Term Exams

14
6:00pm Praise Singing Practice
6:30pm Choir Practice
7:30pm Evangelistic Service

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Rev. Bill Connell, FL preaches

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Spring Experience speaker, Rev. & Mrs. R. Lovins, SD

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Spring Break Begins

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7:30pm Rev. Wm Connell, FL, speaks

Rev. Robert Trapani, OH gives biblical counsel

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MN District Conference



Spring Break

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Last Day of Spring Break

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8:00am Classes Begin

First Annual Spring Experience Choir



April 1993

ABI EVENTS

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

ABI Friends -
K. Webb, IN;
S. Long, PA;
K. Coates, KY;
T. Franks, IL



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6:00pm Praise
Singing Practice
6:30pm Choir
Practice
Spring Experience
'93
Rev. Ronald
Lovins, SD -
morning speaker
Rev. Willard
Barnett, WI -
evening speaker

Spring Experience '93

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7:30pm Youth
Rally at Anoka,
MN
Easter Break

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6:00
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6:30
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T. Miller, IL,
Devotion
Speaker

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7:30pm Kids' Klub
7:30pm Bible
Study

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Basketball
Game '93



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6:00pm Praise
Singing
6:30pm Choir
Practice

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1993 Annual ABI Basketball
Champions - one of ten participating
church teams - 'Twin Cities' Apostolics,
Rev. R. Barcus, pastor

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11:00am Visit to
MN State Capital
District Ladies
Retreat at
Duluth, MN

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District Ladies' Retreat at Duluth

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Bible Quizzing at
Oak Creek, WI

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6:00pm Praise
Singing
6:30pm Choir
Practice

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11:00am
Environmental
Seminar

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Drama Practice
Begins for
Graduation

Final Examinations

OUR BEAUTIFUL ABI CAMPUS

Pictured: Top - A west side overview of one dormitory and the administration building. Center - an aerial view of the ABI campus. Bottom - an ABI classroom.



ABI is located in prime space in the ever-developing community of Oakdale. ABI has made the strategic move of selling fourteen acres of vacant campus property to avoid future high assessments on city streets and reduce property liability. The proceeds were applied to the mortgage, thus reducing the payments. The remaining 22 acres includes such beautiful buildings as shown here: four dormitories, two faculty residences, the college/administration building, a chapel/gymnasium, a 1200 seat church auditorium, and a maintenance garage.



The Paul Gregory Memorial Library located on the ABI Campus



The ABI flag

ALUMNI NEWS

Rev. and Mrs. Ben DeMerchant have begun a Bible school in Manaus, Brazil. Seventy students enrolled for the first semester.

Congratulations, *Rev. Mark Parker*, OK, on being named "UPCI Youth President of the Year". *Rev. & Mrs. Dan O'Hern* pastor in Kitchener, Ont., Canada. *Rev. & Mrs. Michael Rieder* dedicated their church complex in Albuquerque, NM, and *Rev. & Mrs. Alonzo Dummitt*, in Stittsville, Ont., Canada. Congratulations to *Rev. & Mrs. James Lucas*, KY, on their 50th wedding anniversary. Speakers at Youth Congress '93: *Revs. Paul Bennett*, WI, and *Mark Parker*, OK. *Rev. & Mrs. Michael Richards*, FL are AIM appointees to teach in the St. Croix, W. Indies Bible college. *Rev. & Mrs. Lloyd Shirley* have started a Christian radio station: WIVH - the West Indies Voice of Hope. *Benita Moody*, MS has released a tape, "Stand Up and Be Counted".

Please continue to pray for: *Mrs. James Merrick*, MN; *Rev. John Stark*, Singapore; and *Mrs. Arless Glass*, TX - all for healing from cancer.

Births: *Shane & Kim Crawley*, Canada, a daughter, *Kaitlin*. *Hugh & Denise Plappert*, MN, a son, *David*. *Anthony & Linda Ehiguese*, MN, a daughter, *Aduesa*. *Greg & Joanne Reese*, MN, a son, *David*.

Sincere Condolences Are Extended to: *Rev. Larry Evans*, TX, on the death of his wife, *Naida (Dixon)*. To *Rev. Ray St. Clair* and family, NM, upon the death of his wife, *Jeannie*.



Martin III and Mariah Calderon, twins of Marty & Colleen Calderon, CA

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An ABI Classroom

WELCOME TO GRADUATION 1993!

June 4 - 5 - 6: Friday, Saturday, Sunday



Friday, June 4

7:30 pm - Drama
9:00 pm - Songfest
10:00 pm - Reception

Saturday, June 5

7:00 am - Golfing
11:00 am - Mall of America
6:30 pm - Annual Banquet

Sunday, June 6

9:00 am - Alumni & Friends' Breakfast
10:30 am - Morning Worship
2:30 pm - Drama
7:30 pm - Commencement Exercises

Guest Speaker:

Reverend Wayne Mitchell
Moline, Illinois



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