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MINISTRY UPDATE

JAN - JUNE
2026



Ministry with Ukrainian Christians, Evangelical Baptist Church of Kent

On January 24th, Mike led a 2½ hour Zoom Leadership Training for about a dozen young adults who give leadership to high school and college-aged young adults at the Evangelical Baptist Church in Kent, WA. Then on June 14th, Mike was invited to preach on evangelism to this same church's young, English-speaking congregation. Simplicity Ministries® has been in partnership with this large Ukrainian Baptist church for over 16 years, and Mike welcomes each opportunity to pour into their next generation of leaders.



Gap Year Discipleship Program



March 9-12, Mike preached the "Influences" series to 12 young adults in the Gap Year Program at Camp Morrow in Eastern Oregon. From Isaiah 1-2, this series examines how Israel had been influenced to sin against God by the nations around them and God's warning and instruction to them about allowing such influence. Mike addressed key issues related to technology and addiction, pornography, and other sins of sexual immorality. He challenged students to BE an influence for the Kingdom rather than be influenced themselves by a lost world.

Training in *Simple Evangelism*

On April 25th, Mike led a 3 ½ hour training called "Evangelism During a Crisis" (adapted from *Simple Evangelism*) with Northwest Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers. This is Mike's fourth time to lead this training for NW Disaster Relief teams.

May 29-31, Mike taught a weekend intensive in Lake Tahoe for young adults with Ukrainian Baptists along the West Coast. Over the course of 16 hours, Mike took 25 students through *Simple Evangelism*, leading them in practical application exercises to go along with course. He preach at Spring of Life Church in Sacramento, CA to close out the weekend, where **3 young adults placed their faith in Christ!**

“Calling generations of all nations to the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.”



MEN OF SIMPLICITY Winter/Spring: Watchmen

Jan-June, 2026, there were a total of 7 groups (one local group in Gresham and six that join via Zoom), with 80 men on roster and an average attendance of 65. The attendance to enrollment percentage was at 81%. We share that to say that these men are committed to weekly discipleship to learn to live simply and purely devoted to Christ!

During the winter & spring terms Mike taught through the book of Ezekiel to help the men understand their leadership role as a watchman and shepherd. The prophet Ezekiel led when few wanted to listen. He warned the righteous to remain faithful and warned the wicked of coming judgment. He pointed out the sins of both the leaders and the people. This message series closed out the 17th year of MOS! Fall term launches on Sept. 14th!!

Open Door Christian Academy - Chapel Series

Over four weeks in February, Mike preached to middle and high schoolers at Open Door Christian Academy the “Death to Personal Fame” message series. This series is a case study of John the Baptist’s life and example of dying to personal fame and ambition. Students were challenged that to do likewise they must 1. trust in God’s sovereignty, 2. accept their servant role to Christ, 3. develop the discipline of self-denial to, 4. walk humbly with Christ. Jesus must increase, and we must decrease (see John 3:30)!

Update: Go Church - East County





On Feb 1 & 8 - Mike preached the message “Evangelism As a Way of Life” from Matthew 9:35-38 and “Walk Humbly with God” from Luke 9:18-26. On May 24, he preached “Connecting Community With Christ” from Mark 2:1-10.

We are now in a season of transition, as the lead church planter of Go Church EC is moving on to plant another church. Mike will bivocationally take on the responsibilities of leading this new church while continuing to minister in his role with Simplicity Ministries®. We are thankful for our newly ordained Family Life Pastor, Joshua Warren, who will help to shoulder the leadership of Go Church EC.



Upcoming Ministry - Our Prayer List

- **Aug. 3-7** –Ochoco Christian Conference Center – High School Youth Camp - Cancelled due to Oregon wildfires.
- **Aug 31** - MOS Vision and Intro Meeting
- **Sept 4-6** - Ukrainian Convention Youth Camp
- **Sept 14** - MOS fall term weekly meetings begin
- **Oct. 16-18** - SOL Bible Academy (English speaking Ukrainian Students)
- **Nov. 9-11 -** Booth at the NW Baptist Convention

You’ll find our full schedule on our website. Thanks for praying!

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