



Developing Dynamic Disciples in Ukraine

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I just wanted to say...

- *Praise God* for safe travels to SPLICE Training in Palmer Lake, CO.
- *Praise God* for the opportunities for self discovery and making great new friends.
- *Thank you* for praying for me.
- *Thank you* to my monthly supporters.
- *Please pray* for favorable weather in Chicago on January 4 & 5th.
- *Please pray* that all partners will begin to perform by the first week in January.
- *Please pray* for wisdom, understanding and guidance as I begin this time of transition.
- *Please pray* for my continued spiritual growth.
- *Please pray* for the Ukraine Team (Tania & Natasha).

A Great Time in the Wild, Wild West



The MTI SPLICE Journey— The training received and relationships built during the last three weeks are priceless. We covered many topics ranging from “Seeing God in Adversity” to “Developing a Model to Handle Grief and Loss”. The training required personal vulnerability and dependence on God to rescue me in areas where I am weak. In a short time I built strong friendships. Some I know will last a lifetime. Saying goodbye was hard but we had on session on how to say goodbyes as well. In just a matter of months, all the attendees will be deployed to service across the globe. Thank God for our precious moments at MTI!

Entertaining Strangers—

The Bible instructs us to do it, but not many of us do. I had never met Pamela Heim or anyone in her family. Yet after reading my schedule on a prayer letter that I would be in the Colorado Springs area for a long period of time, she invited me to come spend a weekend with her family. We corresponded via email and set the date. It was a wonderful visit. I watched movies, went to the Garden of the Gods, went out to dinner and attended church together. One of the highlights was getting to sleep in a great room with a nice flush bed. Thanks Pamela for entertaining

a stranger, I’m so glad we are no longer strangers.

Meeting Neighbors in Colorado and They are Missionaries!

—Dick and Shelia live in Silver Spring, MD. Jeff lives in College Park, MD. For the past seven years we all shopped at



the same Wal-Mart in Laurel, MD, three blocks from my house. We never met in Maryland but God ordained for our lives to intersect in Palmer Lake, CO at MTI. We had a great time getting to know each other and sharing common experiences from the DC area.



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Life for me in Ukraine will be like most missionaries in that we will be drawing with our weak hand so that God is glorified. I want you to try something right now. Grab a pen or pencil. With your non dominant hand (right if you are left handed and left if you are right handed) draw a picture of a tree on a piece of paper. Go ahead, take a few minutes. ... How did it feel? Did it take longer than it would have if you drew it with your dominant hand? Does it look different than it would otherwise? Well similar to the feelings and the outcome you received is what it is like to live life in another culture. These feelings are similar to the ones you would received if you lived in another culture. Here’s my picture. Please pray that God would be glorified as I live life using my weak hand.

