

Greeting everyone!

The past couple months were very busy at REALIS! We thank the Lord for how he has provided new opportunities to bring the gospel of Jesus to different areas of Ukrainian society. We at REALIS would like to tell you about what God had done.



In February 15-17 the REALIS team conducted a three-day retreat in the city of Lviv, located in Western Ukraine. The purpose of this meeting was to build up teamwork, evaluate our mission, and set goals for the future. The retreat included team-building games, teaching, and fellowship. The meeting also included a tour of Lviv: a beautiful city which combines Western European and Ukrainian styles of architecture and a combination of Catholicism and Orthodox churches. Our meeting allowed us to grow as a team, gave us new goals, and motivation for the future.

Also, in February 25-28 REALIS hosted a preaching seminar through Langham Partnership, an organization based in England which trains pastors in Biblical preaching. We had over twenty attendees, including pastors, teachers, and other Christian leaders from within and outside Kyiv. Our topic was using the Langham method of preaching and applying it to the gospels. Our speaker and teacher, Mark Meynell, provided excellent teaching and feedback. Our group learned how to make a sermon faithful to the Bible, relevant for the audience, and clear to understand.



As a result of the preaching conference, REALIS decided to begin a preaching club at Spring of Hope Community Church for 15 people. This is a group of individuals who gather together to listen to sermons and offer encouragement, feedback, and prayer for preaching. We already had our first two meetings where we offered feedback on two preached sermons, planned for the next sermon, and encouraged one another in preaching. Currently, we are preparing for our third meeting in two weeks. We hope



that this initiative will spread out around Kiev area and the whole Ukraine.

Finally, REALIS invited a special guest to come to Ukraine. This coming week (the 25th through the 28th of March) Professor David Wilkson of Durham University will come to Kyiv to speak about theology and science. He recently wrote a book entitled *Christian Eschatology and the Physical Universe*. He will speak for secular audiences at several Universities, a group of digital engineers, national TV channels, magazines, and other media.

Of course, REALIS could not function without your prayers. Please pray for our preaching club initiative; specifically, that the Lord will bless our time and improve preaching in Ukraine.

Also pray for Dr. Wilkinson for his speaking for non-believers and open hearts of secular people to the Gospel. Pray for REALIS opportunity to follow up with those people who will open their hearts for the Gospel.

Also pray for REALIS' future plans: particularly for our digital theology program, which we hope to implement soon.

Last but not least, pray for the additional funds to finish this year our dormitory and library for REALIS students.

Blessings to you all

Sergiy Tymchenko

PS Here is the schedule for Prof Wilkinson meetings in Kyiv in the next few days:

- March 25** 18: 00-20: 00 Lecture at Ukrainian Evangelical Theological Seminary: *Hawking, Dawkins and God: Science and Faith in the media.*
- March 26** 11: 00-12:30 Open lecture at National Dragomanov University: *God, the Big Bang and Stephen Hawking: Cosmology and theology in dialogue.*
13:30 -15:00 Lecture at Kyiv Mohyla Academy University: *'How can you be a scientist and a Christian?'*
18:00-19:30 Lecture at the AIR (a digital technology company): *'How can you be a scientist and a Christian?'*
- March 27** 17:00 -19:00 Open lecture at the Open Orthodox University St. Sophia: *Science, Religion and the Search for Extra-terrestrial Intelligence*
19:20 -20:00 Interview on Ukrainian Public Radio