



Bob & Carol Marsh

Mission Minutes

"We're asking God for a gospel movement among all least-reached people in the Europe/Mediterranean Region."



Grieve, Grow, & Go!

Autumn is my favorite time of year. The coolness of the evenings after the heat of summer. The bright colors of the changing leaves. Even the foods and drinks of this time of year bring contentment. But I'll admit, it's a little sad, too. There are conflicting emotions. Those bright colors are visible in fewer daylight hours. Those cooler temps foretell winter's brutality. Spring testifies of the renewal of life, while Autumn reminds us that seasons of life come to an end. For us, the past weeks have brought a variety of experiences and emotions that we're expressing as: "Grieve, Grow and Go!"

Grieve: Last week we laid Carol's dad, Melvin Hooge, to rest in Minnesota. Mel was a godly, faithful man. His consistent example and servant's heart continue to inspire generations. It was one of those times when we feel the pain of loss and the joy of victory simultaneously. "We grieve," Paul writes, "but not like those without hope."



Also in September, one of our cherished team members passed away in Israel from Covid-19. He was a wonderful leader, faithful co-laborer, and dear brother. His fruitfulness for the kingdom will endure through eternity, as will the impact he had on so many lives. Please pray for his wife, children, grandchildren, and congregations as they mourn the loss of his companionship and wisdom...and celebrate his life here and in heaven!

Growth: In a season of harvest, when the Lord has gathered up some of His faithful for their reward, there is also new growth in the kingdom! In the same weeks while our team in **Israel** were facing loss, God was raising up three new workers to serve there! They have been appointed and have begun their Partner Development – finding people who will support them prayerfully and financially. Pray for them as they prepare! If you're interested in partnering with them, or want more information, contact me.

Our connections and work in **Ukraine** is growing exponentially! In March we had 1 connection point. We were working with a pastor and a church in Rivne, training disciple-makers. Six months later, we have seven! We're working with local church planters and pastors, seminary leaders, workers with Roma people, and international students. In Rivne, the work at one church is expanding to multiple pastors from around the Oblast!

In **Russia**, we're putting the final touches on a curriculum for the Omsk, Siberia Training Center that will teach local pastors how to support, encourage and challenge one another through coaching. These pastors are living in desperate conditions, working bi-vocationally in very impoverished conditions. They are isolated and face great challenges. We're also moving forward with our connection with a vibrant deaf church in Omsk. Their pastor has asked us to help them raise up deaf pastors, church planters, and lay leaders.



Deaf congregation worship, Omsk



Jojo, Carol, Mom

Go: Of course, anyone who knows a farmer knows that Autumn is the busiest time of year. It's been a busy time for us, too. We made a quick trip back to Darmstadt to finish up final details on our completion of that mission. We're making plans for visits to local gospel leaders in **Ukraine in November; Egypt, Tunisia, and Morocco in March/April;** and **Siberia in the early part of 2022.**

In addition, we are on mission in our local area. We've been connecting with people from the village, looking for opportunities to serve and build relationships. Carol has become a regular at a coffee gathering in the Community Center and helped neighbors work in their gardens. Bob's connecting with his barber and physical therapist and has been serving as pulpit supply for the United Presbyterian Church of LeRoy.

While we are asking God for gospel movements among least-reached people in Europe and the Mediterranean region (and working to expand those movements!), we are also asking God for a gospel movement in our neighborhood (and working toward that goal!). Will you pray for our efforts overseas and in the USA? Nothing of consequence will be accomplished without a desperate dependence on the Lord! You can join our prayer team by signing up at the link below:

<https://www.bobcarolmarsh.com/Rapid-Response-Prayer-Team.php>

Prayer Focus:

- **Pray for our Euro/Med Impact Team members:**
 - Bob & Carol Marsh, Team Leader
 - Jim & Lynn Jarman, Nordic Ministries (Sweden)
 - Ashraf & Nivin Ibrahim, Arab Ministries (Egypt)
 - "M" – Location withheld for security purposes
 - Jeff Lowery, Ministry to marginalized persons
 - Shoulmith Ibrahim, Appointee, Arab Ministries
 - Leah Brinser – Appointee (location withheld)
 - Matt & Kristy Crosswhite, Appointee (loc. withheld)
- **Pray for our local ministry connections:**
 - M4 Europe – church planting movement
 - Omsk Training Center/Bible College
 - Central Church, Omsk, Siberia
 - International church plant, Uzhhorod, Ukraine
 - Salvation Church, Rivne, Ukraine
 - Open Heart Church, Zolotanaska, Ukraine
 - International Church Planting, Munich, Germany
 - International Church Ministry, Vicenza, Italy
- **Pray for our upcoming travel plans:**
 - Ukraine: Nov. 13-23 (Disciple making training, church plant coaching)
 - Arizona: Dec. 7-?? (Our 8th grandchild arrives!)
 - North Africa: March/April (Pray as plans are made)



Bob led a moment of silence to fallen Marines in Afghanistan at our village fall festival.

Thank you for your prayerful support of us and this ministry!

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