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motivated in 2014 to spend 140 days fasting for God to bring peace and righteousness. That God would bring spiritual fruit and souls saved. I know so many of you have fasted and prayed and sacrificed. It is impossible to understand on this side of eternity how much impact you have had, but I wanted to say thank you! There is no blessing greater than a relationship with God. May we always invest first and our very best in this relationship, may we protect it and cherish it, may it provide us always with the strength to fight the spiritual battles that are before us!

Thank you brothers and sisters around the world!

I am so encouraged by the outpouring of encouragement, prayer, fasting and financial sacrifice that churches all over the world have done to encourage the churches in the Ukraine. We are so thankful, and we want you to know how much we have felt God's love through you! Thank you for the sacrifice. Thank you for the prayers! Thank you to Roger Lamb and Michael Taliaferro for communicating with the churches around the world and for your support. For the role Disciples Today and ICOC Hot News plays to keep us all connected. God has blessed the Ukrainian churches through the fundraising that was provided by you! We are facing unprecedented financial challenges in our country and your support will be invaluable as we continue to build the churches in the Ukraine! Thank you so much!

Max, wearing #6, is a professional basketball player baptized in December! Amongst all the challenges, God has still blessed the churches in the Ukraine with the second best year of growth that we have had in the last 10 years! Thank you for all the prayers for us, as I believe the prayers from around the world have led us to a greater harvest!

Praise God!

Please keep the churches in the Ukraine in your prayers! Pray for boldness to preach God's love! Pray for peace in our hearts as we are facing so much instability. Please pray for peace in the Ukraine that all fighting will stop. Pray for healing and unity, that our relationships in the kingdom will be strong.

Thank you and may God bless you in 2015!!!

Shawn Wooten

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ICOC Delegates Meeting
Montego Bay, Jamaica
October 13-16, 2015

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Update from Ukraine: A Letter of Thanks

Written by Shawn Wooten — Kiev, Ukraine



Dear family around the world,

As New Year's always inspires us to reflect with thankfulness and dream of what God can do in the future, I am overwhelmed with the picture God has given me of our fellowship this last year!

Thank you, God!

"No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
— Romans 8:37-39

Thank you, God, that absolutely nothing can separate us from you! There is no circumstance, no situation, nothing that can happen on this planet or to us personally that can separate us from the love God has for us!

2014 will go down in my book as the most challenging year yet in my 24 years in Christ. I thank God for the strength he provides from reading his word, and through prayer and fasting. Concerned for my country (Ukraine) and concerned for the hearts of the disciples, I was

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