

Singing Men of Texas touch hearts, share gospel in Ukraine

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The [Singing Men of North Central Texas](#) have returned from a concert tour of Ukraine, Oct. 17-30. The trip was not without its challenges. The trip had been planned for April 2010 but had to be cancelled because of the closing of all European airports by the ash plume from the Iceland volcano. Then [fire destroyed](#) the 1,300-seat sanctuary of Central Baptist Church in Dnipropetrovsk the day before the choir's scheduled performance.



A woman in Ukraine enjoys a musical performance by the Singing Men of North Central Texas.

"The response to the gospel message through music and the spoken word was overwhelming because of God's timing, the prayer support of our churches and families at home, the spiritual preparation of our music and ministry teams, and the incredible advance work from the Ukraine churches," said Tim Studstill of the BGCT music and worship team.

"This was truly an example of believers joining together to accomplish great things for God's glory."

Central Baptist Church in Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine, burned the night before the Singing Men of North Central Texas were scheduled to perform a concert there.

The touring church musicians and their ministry partners pledged \$25,000 to help rebuild the church, and the Baptist General Convention of Texas music and worship team is challenging Texas Baptists to raise another \$50,000.

Contributions can be designated “SMOT-Ukraine Fire” and mailed to BGCT Music and Worship, 333 N. Washington, Dallas 75246.



An audience packs a church in Kherson, Ukraine, to hear a concert by the Singing Men of North Central Texas and a sermon by international evangelist Michael Gott

More than 4,500 people registered faith commitments at eight venues in Ukraine. International evangelist Michael Gott, who helped arrange the trip, has ministered in Ukraine more than 20 years with English schools and evangelistic meetings.

Don Blackley of [Lake Pointe Church in Rockwall](#) is the director of the group, one of six sponsored by the BGCT music and worship team.

✖ [See a video of the group's concert here.](#)

Blog postings from the trip can be found [here](#) .



International evangelist Michael Gott delivers a sermon on the trip to Ukraine.



Members of the North Central Texas chapter of the Singing Men of Texas perform a concert.