

True Mother's November 20, 1993 visit to Kiev, Ukraine on her 1993 world tour

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I put a few notes down here from Mother's 1993 world tour and our visit to Ukraine. I will need to spend more time on this, but here is a little.

November 20, 1993, True Mother arrived in Ukraine at Kyiv (Kiev at the time). Her speaking tour was taking her through 40 countries in about 50 days.

This was one of the first of many world tours, each one increasingly arduous, I'm sure.



Father wanted to hear Mother's speech at each venue via a telephone call. After each event, Mother would meet with the members and try to have a two way call with Father at that time as well. I will have to give more on the history of Mother's telephone connections with True Father at another time.

Bob Smart and I were traveling as Mother's security team. Due to my experience with technology and working telecommunications at East Garden, I was assisting with both security and tasked with providing the telephone hook up at each location.

When departing a location, Bob would always go to the airport ahead of time to see that arrangements were made, I would remain with Mother to see that all of the party as well as all of the luggage made it to the airplane.



When arriving at a new destination, Bob would always try to depart the plane as quickly as possible to be able to be with Mother and I would stay back to see that all the luggage was obtained at the baggage claim. That was often a challenge for him because we would always be in coach class, while Mother and some of her party were in first class seats. They would be first off the plane and Bob would have to find clever ways to get through the crowded aisles to be able to catch up with them. This arrangement worked out because along with Mother's luggage, I also watched out for the cases of video equipment for the New Future Films videographer and the equipment I needed to make the phone connections.



The phone connection for Father to listen to the speech was not always possible. Some of the venues could not provide a phone line in the hall where the speech was taking place. Luckily, though, we would usually find a line at the hotel or where ever the post-event meeting with members was taking place.

We arrived in Ukraine and proceeded to Hotel Kiev that was near the National Drama Theater.

Ukraine had only recently become an independent country after the break up of the USSR. I was told that the members were locking the doors of the hall once the guests had arrived in order to keep out the KGB who wanted to stop the event.



I had researched as much as I could at the venue and determined that there was no way there would be a phone line available. There was, however, a phone line at the hotel that we could use for Mother's meeting with the members.

This was 1993 in Ukraine, and telephone lines, especially for international calls, could be very difficult to get to work properly. Also, the hotel price for phone calls to the US was \$18 per minute.

Once I realized that we could not have a connection from the hall, I reported that to Mother and Peter Kim, then proceeded to work on making the connection in the hotel meeting room.

We had success with the connection. Father was connected on the line and after hearing a report about the event, songs were shared from Mother and Father and some of the members.

I will have to work compile more reflections and photos from these events.

One of the things I remember well from this tour, was certain countries where the leader had arranged for someone local to stay with me assist as a translator and with transportation when necessary.

In Ukraine the brother who assisted me was named Pavle. I do not know his last name, but I will always be grateful for that assistance which really helped to make success for connecting Mother and True Father by phone.

True Mother's International Speaking Tour, 1993

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CITY INFORMATION SHEET

CITY	COUNTRY	DATE & TIME OF SPEECH
KIEV	UKRAINE	NOV 20 th - 19.00.

STAFF INFORMATION				
	NAME	TELEPHONE	FAX	COMMENTS
Overall Coordinator	DAVID STEWART	(044) 229-6944 555-4656 (H)	044 229-6944	→ fax to KIEV
Advance person	MR HUNCE	(044) 512-5856	→ also fax	→ also fax
Security	YOUNG & KITE			
TM Hospitality	EVELINE STEWART	229-6944 (H) 555-4656 (H)		
Hotel Coordinator	SCOTT & GAPPILL	516-80-59 (H)		
Interpreter	ALEX YURKOWKA	(044) 229-		
Airport Driver Coord.	ANDRZEJ LADYSKI	(044) 229-6944		
Luggage Coord.	NATASHA KOTYCHUKAYA	229-6944		

SPEECH FACILITY INFORMATION				
	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	FAX	COMMENTS
Facility Name:	AS YET NOWHERE BECAUSE			
Room Name:	OF RECENT CHANGE OF			
Capacity:	DATE - !			
Hotel Accommodations: (may be same)	SAME PROBLEM.			
Local center	Kueb 252001 Kapua Maxca 8.15, K619	(044) 229-6944	→ SAME.	ENGLISH SPEAKERS Karl Marx 15 Flat 19, Kiev 252001 UKRAINE.

TRAVEL INFORMATION					
	Day and Date	Time	Airline	Flight #	
Arriving Flight	Nov 20 th	2:00 p.m.			From Frankfurt
		12 AM	UKRAINE AIR		To Moscow