



## University of the Nations Provost Speaks Out Re: LTS in Kiev by Tom Bloomer



Tom Bloomer, International Provost of the University of the Nations, was in Kiev speaking in the Leadership Training School (LTS), and participating in a University of the Nations (U of N) graduation ceremony. Joining him were Jeff Fountain and the European Leadership Team. Tom begins with a report on the graduation ceremony.

Three Americans received degrees, and one Ukrainian. It was wonderful to have a traditional Ukrainian

welcome to the graduation, and a Cossack dance!

Al says it was the first U of N graduation in the Slavic nations, and that some of the people groups represented in the LTS have probably never before in history sent one of their number to Christian higher education. So, we are making history here.

Read this roll call of nations represented (by passport): Russia, Estonia, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Latvia, Romania, Croatia, Poland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Estonia, Belorussia, and Moldova. There were also 26 Westerners, Europeans and Americans working in the East mostly, and a couple Brazilians and Koreans.

Besides the historic mix of nations, what struck me the most as I taught was a sweetness of spirit, a commitment to go all the way and hold nothing back, a readiness to pay any price necessary. It reminded me of the explosive growth and fiery commitment we saw in Western Europe in the mid to late 1970's.

The investment we have made in these countries is already starting to pay off.

Al and Carolyn's 30 years of perseverance is an example to us all. Let's keep on keeping on.