

## **Mike Manna CV**

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### PROFILE

Mike is an international youth ministry trainer with over 20 years of youth ministry experience working with churches as a youth specialist. He has been a college professor for the past 7 years in Ukraine as well as taught many seminars on youth ministry strategies. He is experienced in the development and implementation of a seminary youth ministry Bachelors degree program in a Russian speaking country. Mike has researched and written several articles on Ukrainian culture and youth culture in the former Soviet Union.

Mike has been happily married to Judy since 1986. They have 4 children, Mandie (21, attending Moody Bible Institute studying Youth Ministry), Luke (17), Samantha (15), and their foster Ukrainian daughter, Katya (12). They own a apartment in Kiev and have lived there for 7 years.

### EDUCATION

#### **Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies, 2008**

Biola University, La Mirada, CA (Lithuanian Extension Campus)

#### **Bachelor of Science in Bible and Christian Camping, 1987**

Grace University, Omaha, Nebraska

#### **Certificate of Graduation, 2001**

Center for Intercultural Studies, Union Mills, NC

### PUBLICATIONS

Papers published online at [www.youthdiscipler.com](http://www.youthdiscipler.com)

*Insights into Idioms of the Russian Language.* This paper gives an introduction into the difficulties found in translating idioms from Russian to English and vice versa.

*Fraud or Frugality: Designated Giving in Ukraine.* Through research and interviews, Mike has shown how people from two different culture look at money differently.

*The Value of A Child: Understanding the Cultural Differences Between How Americans and Ukrainians View Children.* This paper evaluates in laymen terms some cultural issues that relate to the differing values given to children by Americans and Ukrainians.

*Evaluating Higher Education in Ukraine for Cross-Cultural Teachers.* A look at a Ukrainian university degree through Gardner's "Multiple Intelligence" theory

*Spiritual Formation of Ukrainian Seminary Students.* A limited study of Kiev Theological Seminary students' views about spiritual formation.

## EXPERIENCE

**Eurasia Director, Youth Ministry International**  
**Director, National Center for Youth Ministry at Kiev Theological Seminary**  
Kiev, Ukraine June 2002 - present

Through the assistance of the International Center for Youth Ministry in Louisville, KY, Mike established the National Center for Youth Ministry in Ukraine and the first four-year Youth Ministry Bachelors degree in the Russian speaking world.

- Contextualized and supervised the Russian translation of twelve different 3 credit hour college level courses in youth ministry. Developed Russian Power Point presentations for each of these courses
- Taught twelve different 3-credit Bachelors degree-level courses at Kiev Theological Seminary through a translator.
- Supervised over 70 Bachelors degree students in the practical ministry development over the past seven years
- Conducted several youth ministry conferences and seminars in locations around Ukraine
- Supervised life skills training to youth and ministry in a Ukrainian orphanage
- Directed several youth missions trips

**Student Ministries Pastor**  
**Christian Life Center**

Belle Fourche, SD June 1995 – June 2002

Youth Pastor in a non-denominational church for elementary through college age students with an emphasis with middle and high school students.

- Developed a youth ministry in a small community in which 25% of the local teens attended at least one youth event each year
- Started and directed a regional youth New Years Eve event that reached 700 teenagers annually for six years.
- Served as administrative pastor
- Started and directed a High School Coffeehouse ministry

**Chaplain/Youth Pastor and Development Coordinator**  
**Sunshine Bible Academy**

Miller, SD August 1989 – June 1995

Youth Pastor for an interdenominational boarding high school as well as coordinator for fund-raising and student recruitment

- Trained and scheduled drama and music teams to perform in 200 churches in the Midwest.
- Started and directed a weekend teen retreat reaching 300 teens annually.
- Coordinated several large fund-raising events
- Responsible for advertisement, recruitment and saw a 50% student enrollment increase
- Started a youth leadership training program

**Camp Director**  
**Liebenzell Camp and Retreat Center**

Schooley's Mountain, NJ

June 1987 – August 1989

Camp Director for a German mission's International Camp and Retreat Center one hour outside of New York City

- Started an International Children's camp
- Recruited and trained camp staff
- Coordinated camp development and introduced financial accountability measures
- Served as a host for over 10,000 campers every year at retreats and camps

**COLLEGE COURSES TAUGHT**

YM 101	Principles of Youth Ministry (3 credits)
YM 102	Youth Culture (3 credits)
YM 202	Programs in Youth Ministry (3 credits)
YM 203	Curriculum Development for Youth (3 credits)
YM 223	Contemporary Communication to Adolescents (3 credits)
YM 331	Ministry to Troubled Youth (3 credits)
YM 347	Discipleship in Youth Ministry (3 credits)
YM 351	Camp Programming and Retreats (3 credits)
YM 403	Professional Orientation to Youth Ministry (3 credits)
YM 448	Contemporary Youth Missions (3 credits)
YM 451	Youth and Family Ministry (3 credits)
YM 489	Youth Ministry Internship (3 credits)

**SEMINARS/PRESENTATIONS TAUGHT**

*The Porridge of Postmodernism and Modernism in Ukrainian Youth Culture*  
*Cultivating Christian Character Index*  
*Youth Culture Today*  
*How to Speak Effectively to Youth*  
*Contextualizing Youth Ministry Training Overseas*  
*English Language Camps and Clubs for Ministry*

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCIES**

English and Russian (Third grade level proficiency)

**MISSIONS AGENCY**

Youth Ministry International, 1300 Envoy Cir. Suite 1306, Louisville, KY 40299  
[info@ymionline.com](mailto:info@ymionline.com) (502)493-9530

**ORGANIZATIONAL WEBSITES**

Mike Manna's Ministry – [www.youthdiscipler.com](http://www.youthdiscipler.com)  
National Center for Youth Ministry (Russian) – [www.ktsym.org](http://www.ktsym.org)  
Youth Ministry International – [www.youthministryinternational.com](http://www.youthministryinternational.com)  
Kiev Theological Seminary – [www.ktsonline.org](http://www.ktsonline.org)