

Russian Harvest Ministries

Reaching Nations for Jesus!

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Ministry Newsletter

April 2011

Over '100' Make Decisions for Christ in *Chishinov, Moldova!*



People stand in response to the call of repentance in Chishinov, Moldova. Pastor Igor of the host church said this: "Wow - what a response. We have not seen anything like this in years. Please let's continue to hold outreaches like this in every region of the city."



Russian Harvest Ministries is having a tremendous impact in the nation of Moldova. I encourage everyone to seriously pray about doubling their prayers... their finances. This nation can literally be reached for Christ and RHM is proving it.

Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan

Letter From The Founders

DEAR CO-LABORERS:

As you must have noticed, especially after following our newsletters for the past few months, we are on a roll!

Better yet, it is a Holy Ghost roll of major proportions complete with signs, wonders, healings, salvations and more...!

Once again we have so much to report we would need to go to a 24 page newsletter and still not be enough. However, this is great news because it shows that the Lord is at work in our midst.

Beginning with the great results in Chishinoy, the capital city of Moldova where over 100 youth responded to Christ and then over 200 gave us their contact information. According to Pastor Igor Kokosh they have never seen results like this. **His response:** *"Peter, I stand amazed. I am so thankful that you came to Moldova."*

Pastor Radidyal stated: *"Peter, your partnership in helping me with crusades has opened up many doors for me. In a recent crusade 35 people came to Christ and many were healed. Thank you so much."*

Then there is Pastor Sasha from Faleshti who

told us that our recent meetings have turned his church upside-down.

He told us: *"Since you came people are on fire for the Lord and excited about serving Him. Many are seeing breakthrough in their personal ministry and our evangelists are seeing more people saved."*

**"When the Lord's sheep are a dirty grey, all black sheep are more comfortable."
Vance Havner**

Vitalic, one of the elders in the Faleshti church reported this: *"After you left we returned to two more village and were amazed at how open the people were. It was like an open heaven. We could sense a new and fresh anointing to minister. This is the right time for Moldova. The harvest is ripe and I am feeling a call from God to start a church in a nearby village."*

Evangelist Zelfimyan reported: *"Pete, it is amazing. I am getting calls daily with great reports from places that we have been in Moldova and Ukraine. Pastors are reporting wonderful*

breakthrough. Our crusades are not only getting many saved but also reviving the churches to do the work of the Kingdom.

Fargo Dessert Social

Please remember the yearly ministry event we hold in Fargo. Because of the huge opportunity to reach all of Moldova for Jesus, this years event is of tremendous importance.

Thousands will be Saved

The door has been opened by God to reach thousands in a short period of time in Moldova. He has also opened doors to reach mayors and governors for Christ. It is an open heaven. The Lord has done it and we MUST respond Now!

Please pray for us and stand with us financially so we can raid Hell and populate Heaven before the return of the Lord Jesus.

Radical for Jesus!

Peter & Jill

Attention!

Please note these dates that Evangelist Zelfimyan will be speaking in churches:

April 24: Country Bible Church / Ashby, MN - 10 AM

May 1: River of Life / Dickinson, ND - 10 AM

May 1: New Life / Beulah, ND - 5 PM

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2011 Fargo Dessert Social

Special Guest Speaker: Kaaren Zelfimyan

We are making a slight change this year and instead of our usual ministry banquet with a full meal we are instead having a **Dessert Social**. Why? There are a few reasons: It lowers the cost for table sponsors, it should help keep the focus off food and on the content of the message and finally simplify the evening so we can focus on Jesus and His work in the former Soviet Union.

This year our main speaker is a man that Peter raised up as an evangelist in the mid 90s. He pioneered his first church when he was just 15 years old. He has evangelized in Australia, America, Germany, Ukraine, Moldova and Romania. He has seen thousands come to the Lord and he shares Jesus non stop. He is a great preacher in front of crowds and also one-on-one as he constantly leads people to Christ wherever he goes. Besides this he has an anointing to heal the sick and cast out demons. He is also one of the premier evangelists in Ukraine and Moldova. Simply put he is a man of God.

We teamed up for last years Odessa region crusades and now again for the great opportunity that the Lord has given us in the nation of Moldova. Kaaren is someone you will want to hear personally, meet firsthand and be influenced by his life and anointing.

Set Your Calendar - Sponsor a Table & Help Us Reach Moldova for Christ!

April 26, 2011 at 7:00PM

Hilton Garden Inn - Fargo

4351 17th Ave. S.

Lilac Room

This years presentation is the most important in the ministry's history because it has to do with an End-Time opportunity God has given us in the nation of Moldova.

This is not about blowing smoke... it is real and this ministry has been handed the mantle to evangelize an entire nation in less than 5 years.

That's right, every village and town in an entire nation in less than 5 years!

Please help us by sponsoring a table for just \$125 and then inviting every missions-minded believer to join you. Thank you so much - Peter & Jill Mark Your Check "RHM Dessert Social."

Email with any questions: russianharvest@aol.com



Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan

Karen's Schedule

April 24: Country Bible Church / Ashby, MN - 10 AM

April 26: RHM Dessert Social / Fargo, ND - 7 PM

April 27: Destiny Center - Ashby, MN - 6:30 PM

May 1: River of Life/Dickinson, ND - 10 AM

May 1: New Life/Beulah, ND 5 PM

20 Come to the Lord in Tatarbunari, Ukraine!



Evangelist Zelfimyan prays for those making decisions for Christ.



She came walking in with a cane and left healed!

Walking with a cane and in much pain this woman was set free through the power in Jesus name!

Kaaren, right photo, holds the cane that the woman left behind after being healed.

“What a weekend we had” reported Kaaren. “People were saved and healed. This was a special time for this small town. Plus the word is getting out that there is a church here where Jesus is presented alive!”

Tatarbunari Crusade - as reported by Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan

This was a great crusade. The people that came to the Lord were so sincere.

One woman who had her hearing restored returned the next night with her husband. I had a word of knowledge for him about his liver and he was shocked. *“How did you know”* he said. He was healed and then saved and they both returned the third night and during worship they had their hands in the air and were worshipping the Lord. It was a special moment. In 24 hours God totally changed this man. He came a sick man with the old communist mentality but met God head-on.

Another woman came walking with a cane but left healed. So many awesome healings took place and the salvations were so sincere. People returned the following nights bringing family and friends. Why? Because they had a real experience with the Living God.

One businessman was so moved in the service he called the pastor and said *“I heard that Kaaren needs a video screen. I sell them, ones that pull up from a floor base. I want to bless him with one.”*

The Pastor was receiving calls before he had a chance to get home. People were so excited at what God was doing in their midst. They could not keep it all in. *“Of course”* said Kaaren *“This is normal Christianity! and only the first-fruit of what is to come.”*

In Prison But No Longer a Prisoner!

Hello, my name is Sergie Visochenkov, I am 38 years old and currently serving time in Prison ZIK/37 near Donesk. I will be here until 2017. After I was sent here my wife left me because she did not want to wait. Now she lives with another man. My mother is an invalid and cannot help me in any way. I have no one on the outside who can send food or medicine.

You are the only people that responded to me and that cared enough to send me materials and words of kindness. I want to thank you for communicating with me in prison and for sending me your book "Raw Truth for Youth." When I read it I realized that I was full of sin and needed to be right with God. I did and now I do not harbor any bitterness to anyone. I am a free man. Yes, still behind bars but for the first time in my life - *Free!*

Other prisoners receive food and gifts from the outside but I never do. They laugh at me and say that I have nothing. They say things like, "No one loves you, you loser." Oh, but that's not true. I have the Lord. I have Salvation. I am far richer than I have ever been.

My heavenly Father gives me all good things. When others speak evil to me I read the Bible to them and bless them. They think I am crazy. I want to also say that I am free from smoking, and cussing and I forgive as soon as I am hurt. I have a whole new life. I thank the Lord daily and I thank you for caring for me, someone that you have never met. God bless. **Sergie.**

Help Us Purchase a Facility for the Romni Church

God has given Pastor Dimchenko great favor by opening an opportunity to purchase the second floor of a pharmacy for his church. It has room for his office, a children's hall and a church hall.

Normally the cost would be \$30,000 but he can buy it plus renovate with paint, wallpaper and minor thing for just \$12,000. He has been saving funds for years praying for such an opportunity and has \$8,000.

We only need \$4,000 more!

Owning their own facility would give the church access 24/7 instead of renting Sundays and Wednesdays. The result would help greatly in church growth.

Please pray and help in any way that you can so we can be part of this miracle in Romni.



The second floor - great location



This room can hold 80 people

'100' Plus Respond to Christ in Chishinov, Moldova!



Coming back to Chishinov after 45 day with fresh resolve and a month of serious praying in the Holy Ghost ~ we saw God move greatly! Over 100 respond to Jesus! It was a great victory.

God allowed us to hit a home run in Chishinov during a recent crusade. About 400 people - mainly youth - gathered in our rented hall and the result was amazing. Pastor Igor shared *"I have not seen such great soul winning results in many years."*

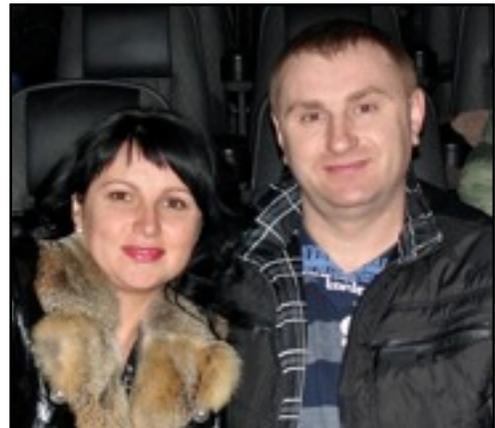
He went on to tell us that over 200 youth gave their contact information. *"Now we have a lot of follow up to do so our youth group will be busy."*

We called Pastor Igor two weeks later and he told us that many youth are now coming to his church and they are only half way through the follow up. We are already planning another crusade to help the church build a strong youth ministry.

Testimony from Pastor Ishenko

"I have been hearing about the great reports from Peter about the Moldova crusades and knew that I had to go see for myself. So my wife and I accompanied Peter and Jill for a 10 day trip of non-stop evangelism.

When I first met Peter ten years ago he was always on the go and I can tell you - he has not changed. All I can say is that everything about the ministry is go, go, go! We traveled much and slept little. We got up early and went to bed late. Yet, we saw so many great results. Peter kept saying *'You can rest when you get home. For now, we are bringing in the harvest.'*



**Pastors Volodya & Oxsana
Ishenko**

We just spent 10 days with Peter Mehl in Moldova. All we can say is "Wow". So many salvations, so many healings and people were baptized in the Holy Spirit everywhere we went.

Peter is on a roll this year. It is like a new boldness. He is a man with a mission and we are with him 100%.

We had a wonderful time in Moldova and will return with evangelism teams to help reach that nation for Christ.

'51' Respond to Christ in *Osnova, Ukraine!*



Several grandmothers responding to Christ

Fifty-one people in Osnova braved the outdoor weather to hear the Gospel in our open air meeting. With no heating inside the building it was actually better to do the outreach outside as the afternoon sun gave some reprieve.

This village is being reached for Christ by our team from Talalievka, where we launched a prisoner transition home and a church. A few years ago you, our partners, helped launch this home for former prisoners and already they are pioneering churches.

This is what RHM is all about - empowering believers to do the works of Christ!



Children responding to Christ



Children receiving new believers materials written for them. They were excited and thankful. Thanks partners for helping us reach them for the Lord.



New Believers Materials Distribution

People, bundled in winter coats and hats, gather around the book table to sign up for the correspondence school, receive new believers materials and to make prayer requests.

'8' Receive Jesus in *Krasalyani, Ukraine!*



Valera leads these people to Christ!

**"God did not save us to make us happy,
He saved us to make us holy."
- Dr. Jerry Benjamin**

Unable to rent a hall the team decided to go ahead and hold an outdoor meeting. Not the best for a winter venue but the team prayed for a warm spell - and they got it! Although still cold and only able to draw the truly courageous, eight people repented and received Jesus!

It was a real miracle - a great victory for the team that braved the cold.

"Yes, it was cold" said Valera "but if the people would come then we would do our part. They did come and we ministered the Word of God and eight were born again. For this we will suffer any cold weather, any place, any time."

Before anyone left for home the team prayed for each person individually.

"It was not easy" said Pastor Valera "I could hardly speak, my teethe chattered and my jaw was numb from the cold. But we got the job done. People were saved!"

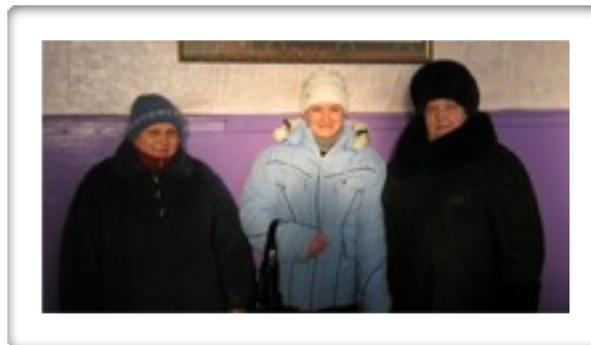
'3' Come to Christ in *Sovkoznoe, Ukraine!*

We are now reaching into another village near Nezhin called *Sovkoznoe*. It is a small village but there are souls there to reach for the Master.

In this first crusade not many came and of those that did only three repented. These three however, became the first fruits of a house church in the village.

One woman named Vera has since brought her husband to a meeting and he

is now saved too. They have also opened their home for meetings.



These three ladies are the first to come to Christ in Sovkoznoe.

Yes, small beginnings but this is how we are taking villages for Jesus - one at a time!

Pastor Igor reported that these women are really serious about the Lord and given time they will reach their entire village with the Gospel message.

Short Reports & Updates

Peter Mehl to Meet with the Governor of Gagauzia

Peter is now scheduled to have a meeting with the governor of Gagauzia. Doors continue to open as Peter and the ministry gain influence in Ukraine and now Moldova. Peter has said, *“I expect to go all the way to the presidents palace and have influence there. It is time that leaders do not pander to the elite but instead influence them with a bold and non-compromising message of the Gospel. It is a Gospel of power - greater power than any government official.”*

Ministry Represented before the Governor of Chernigov and His Entire Staff!



Vladimir Lazuka, RHM Ukraine Director speaks to governors staff. Governor is on left.

The head of the states Religious Affairs Office asked just one pastor to speak at the governors meeting. It was Vladimir Lazuka, director of RHM in Ukraine.

Vladimir is also senior pastor of our local church in Chernigov and president of Ukrainian Harvest Ministries, our official organization in the nation.

RHM continues to gain influence as government officials recognize the results we are having: Miraculous results that are getting the attention of governors. When we go into these situations we always present the Gospel whether they like it or not.

RHM Supports Orphans in Moldova



Meet Pastor Sasha and his wife, Lyda, and their two adopted girls Galya and Nicole.

This couple is now in the process of also adopting two boys. Besides this they are helping other families in their church take in orphans. One family has six, another two and the list continues. This couple needs support as do the other families. It is like having several small orphanages but much better because these children have love... real Christ-like love in a home, not an institution.

If you wish to help send funds with a note “For orphans”.

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Testimony of Transformation!

Roma has had a strong desire to be a missionary since the day that he was saved. He never let the dream fade. He was active in church, in evangelism and in his study of the Word. He then spent a year studying in and then graduated from our Leadership Institute in Chernigov. After another year of crusade evangelism he has embarked on his mission to be a missionary in the village of Bakmach.

He will work with missionary Volodya Dimchenko in this new work to pioneer a church.

“I am excited” said Roma. “I just love seeing people saved and set free from the bondage of the devil. Now I will be giving my all and believe that God will give His. Pray for my success in reaching people for Christ.”

Open Letter to Peter Mehl from Fedor of the village Kislitsa, Ukraine

In the 1990s you did a lot of evangelism in the lower Odessa state near Izmail. I wanted to finally write you to say how much you influenced my life. You were contagious. You were always so on fire for the Lord and it caused others to be also. Me included and it changed my life. Because of it I too was called into evangelism.

After all these years I am an evangelist and reach many people for the Lord. When I heard that you were back in the state last year holding crusades I was so happy. I asked some people that saw you how you were and they said that *“Peter is still the same.”*

I thank the Lord that you did not dry up like so many others have and that you are still going strong for the Lord. Thank you for impacting my life. God bless. **Fedor.**

From Pastor Vadim in Kagul, Moldova

Hello brother Peter: Thank you so much for holding a crusade in Kagul. Many youth are now coming to our church and every Sunday they bring their friends who are then getting saved. The hall we rent is packed with youth now! It is wonderful.

Also, thank you so much for giving our worship team an opportunity to evangelize with you in Taraklia. Then to allow us to be with you in upcoming crusades this spring and summer. It has been our dream to be used in crusade evangelism and see many people come to the Lord.

You are making it possible and we all thank you with our whole hearts.

Transformation of Elena Palamar

Hello, my name is Elena Palamar and I live in Priluki, Ukraine. I grew up in a typical Soviet era family. My parents never talked about God, it was taboo. Even if they wanted to the fear of reprisal was always in the air.

Government eyes were everywhere. However, I had a grandmother who did speak about the things of the Lord. She became a believer before the revolution and always remained faithful to the Lord and did not let anyone intimidate her.

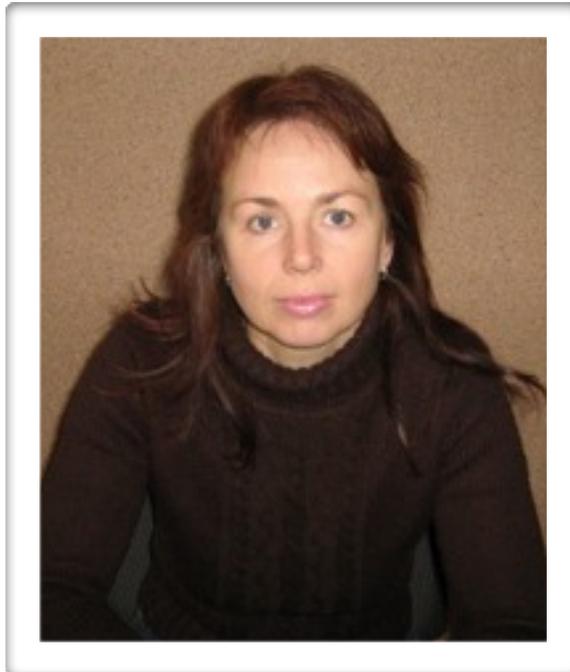
She was an amazing woman and I am sure that it was her prayers that God honored, even in my life after her death.

Although in my early years I never responded to the Lord, I sensed His hand at different times. I eventually was married and had two children and things were fine. Then the unthinkable happened. My husband died and I was left with two children to raise on my own. Things became so bad and I was empty and desperate and did not want to live but I knew I had to for the sake of the children.

Questions haunted me daily. How will I survive? How will I pay for food? Housing?

Instead of moving towards the Lord I began searching in all the wrong places. I guess I just wanted an easy way out.

As my kids grew up they began to do things that I knew were leading them in a very wrong direction. It was then that I began to search for the God my grandmother always talked about.



Then I came into contact with believers from Salvation Church in Priluki and it was there that I finally gave it all over to Christ. That's when everything changed. I changed. My kids changed and we are now a family serving the Lord together.

Thank God for a church in Priluki like Salvation Church. They really care about people and they preach truth and are making a difference in this city. Without them I would still be lost and heading to Hell.

Friends, your support helps us reach people like Elena every day. Lives are transformed because the power in the Blood of Jesus remains ever so potent to destroy the works of the devil!



Prayer Requests

Reaching Nations for Jesus!

1. We are currently in Moldova finishing up March with a series of 12 crusades and in April we head back to Ukraine for more crusades. Our other teams are also on the road. Pray for the safety of all our teams as we travel the nations.
2. Pray for the success of Peter's meeting with the governor of Gagauzia. He wants to influence him for Christ, believing to share the Gospel with him.
3. Pray for miracle finances to come in so that we can continue to evangelize non-stop. Time is too short to cut back. We must press on in haste.
4. Pray for healings to break out in greater numbers and intensity.
5. Pray for a miracle for Pastor Dimchenko so he can raise the final funds to buy a small hall for his church in Romni. (See bottom of page 5).

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