

Resurrection Power

A Global Church Planting & Missions Organization



Vladimir Lazuka (third from right) RHM Director of Ministries in Ukraine meets with key Crimean pastors.

“We were together three days and hammered out a crusade and follow-up strategy that we believe will be most effective for Crimea” reported Vladimir. The fruit from the meeting helped us set the stage for a very aggressive four month push that will bring us to the end of our 2009 initiative in Crimea.



COALITION OF PASTORS IN CRIMEA CONTINUES TO BUILD

Crimean pastors continue to come on board joining our vision to take back the State of Crimea from the devil. A recent meeting with key leaders from the state tells us something dramatic in the spirit is taking place. Hope has returned and pastors are excited about the opportunity to work with RHM in our statewide evangelism and church

planting initiative. God is at work and we are gearing up for a major move of the Holy Spirit. We thank the Lord for faithful ministry partners who are making this miracle possible. Thousands of lives are being eternally changed in Crimea. Villages are being taken back from enemy control. Thank you for being a part of this miracle.

In This Issue

The Lord has done it again! We give Him all the glory for showing up and manifesting His power. Everywhere we went this last month whether Ukraine or stateside ministering the Gospel of the Kingdom the Holy Spirit was present in Power!

People were saved, healed and set free from the devils stranglehold. Although we had to go through great warfare this past month God gave us the victory.

In 2009 God has given us the mandate to crush the enemy and take back the Ukrainian State of Crimea from enemy hands. We are seeing this fulfilled before our eyes. What a sight it is!

Peter L. Mehl

Letter From The Founders

DEAR CO-LABORERS IN THE GREAT COMMISSION:

Christianity started in Jerusalem as a fellowship of believers; it then moved to Greece where it became a philosophy; then to Italy where it became a major institution; from there it moved to Europe and became a culture; then it came to America where it became a sizzling enterprise built for business. What is an enterprise? A business? What began as a living body, life-giving, powerful, and Holy Spirit led, became a business. Friends, when a body is used as a business it has turned into prostitution. Ouch!

Prostitution is a business of short jolts of fun for pay but void of any love. The church in America, tragically, has been invaded by people that do not love Jesus. They do not even know Him. There is a form of godliness but most deny the power thereof. Millions of church goers have come to Jesus with a prenuptial agreement in reverse. They married for what they could get. No love. Just stuff.

Prostitutes pretend to love as long as they are paid the agreed upon fee. They fake it. They show up for the show. They smile.



Dress the part. However if payday does not come they are out of there. Sound familiar.

Let me ask a hard question:

What is your motive for loving Jesus? Are you a true lover of Jesus? What if the blessings stopped coming? Would you still be there? Would you still tithe? Give? Participate with a whole heart? Do we need to be continually bribed in order to be kept happy? Strong questions. Biting. Stinging. But ones that we must be honest about. Why? We must get back to relationship. We must return to our first love.

Friends, the world is changing at hyper-speed. We must get serious. I mean real serious. Life is too short. Eternity too long. We must have a wake up call. I do not want to finish my race short of the goal. I do not want to leave a hoard of cash unspent when it could have reached more people for Jesus.

Not to long ago I (Peter) went through the hoops of redoing my life insurance for the next 15 years. In the process I took a large policy out that is totally dedicated to Russian Harvest Ministries. Later this year we will be doing the same with Jill. If I were to die the reigns will pass to Jill. If we were to both go to Heaven early we already

have a written plan of how the ministry will be run, how funds will be transfered to our overseas offices, who will do it, etc. Yes, the ministry will go on and the vision will come to pass. We have come to far to let anything interfere. No matter what happens the devil loses!

Jill and I have both passed the 50 mark and have entered the final stretch of the race. We are excited. The end is in sight. The Master is before us. We are trying to get razor sharp and focused. In this process we are asking questions about our own motives. Our love for Jesus.

There is no greater time to be alive. The prophets of old could only guess what these days would be like on the earth. We get the privilege to live them out.

This newsletter - as usual - is full of awesome reports and great testimonies. Your faithful prayers and financial investment in RHM made these reports possible. You keep us in the fight and together we are winning! Keep the Faith.

Radical For Jesus!

Peter & Jill



After team members shared Christ they gave Christian materials to these two boys. As you can tell they are totally consumed by what they see. They both said that they had never heard the message of salvation before.



Sergei Bagry gets into a tight squeeze between two rowdies. *“They got hot”* said Sergei *“Some people get so upset when you mention the need for salvation.”*



A grandmother with her three grandchildren receive materials after the team members shared the love of Jesus.

Ingredients For Salvation

What people see happen in a crusade is the fruit of behind the scenes work that most never see. The pre-crusade work. Prayer, advertising, printing, folding, packaging. The street witnessing. The assaults and vulgarity that we often face while doing pre-crusade evangelism.

This report is but one example of what really goes on behind the scene. For all young folks that only see glamour in ministry and desire a pulpit ministry I have a prophetic word for you - **“Wake Up!”**

The recent Bogdanovka crusade in one example. For three hours our team plus volunteers from a partnering church worked the streets and passed out 2,000 invitations. Along with this always come opportunities to share personal testimonies. Then of course also with this comes the sometimes unwanted responses of beer thrown in your face, the cursing and ugly threats.

The photos in this report are from a bus stop where the team worked for over an hour. When they noticed all the people standing on their balconies team members lifted up their voices to share their testimonies. People stopped to listen. In this case it turned into an open air preaching

session and over 100 people heard the Gospel message through testimony. This brought on the pursuing scuffle as a small band of boozing rowdies passed by. It was an intense several minutes. They finally went on their way without further incident.

The tally of personal testimonies shared one-on-one was twenty-three. This is pre-evangelism evangelism. It’s real work but that’s the trenches for you. It’s a tough job but someone has to do it.

It is so much more than showing up on game day. Jesus said to **“Go”** into the highways and by-ways and compel them to come in and this is exactly what we do on a constant basis. Is it worth it? Of course. There is no cost too great in service to the Master.



Tanya and Oxsana share Christ with a husband (man) and wife (woman). This was a divine appointment that this couple will not forget. They went for a walk and ended up hearing the Gospel message!



TESTIMONIES & UPDATES

Testimony of Pastor Alexander Shamrai Djonkoy, Ukraine

I heard that you were back in the state holding many crusades and knew I needed to contact you. It has been many years since you did all that work here in the 90s. I remember it well. Many ministries just brush off small churches but not yours. You have a Kingdom mindset. I have been in ministry many years but never have I seen a ministry like yours. You inspire so many pastors.

I remember how on fire you were in the 90s but now I see that your zeal has not diminished. If anything you and your teams are more on fire. So eager to reach people for Christ. So eager to help churches and train us and raise up evangelists. What can I say...I am excited! Your teams have already come to help us reach villages around Djonkoy and we are having wonderful results. We are trying to arrange some more crusades and we will be sending people to your conferences for training. Thank you so much. *Alexander Shamrai*



Pastor Alexander (far right) stands with Vladimir Lazuka, second from left and two other partnering pastors.

Testimony of Pastor Yury Seleznev Sevastopol, Ukraine

I am so excited about the work that you are doing in Crimea. We have been believing God as pastors for a move of the Spirit and for evangelism to be ignited in our state. Now it is, thanks to your ministry. Even in the midst of this terrible economic crisis you are here and not just holding crusades but helping churches be launched into their own soul winning ministries. Your crusade in Krasny Mak was incredible. The Gospel was presented in power and conviction. Many people not only were saved but many backsliders returned to church. For us this was a miracle.

Testimony From Prison BK-6

Because your ministry came to our prison my life has been radically changed. The materials you send me help so much and the RHM Correspondence Bible School is fantastic. It has really helped me to grow in God. Even more, at least for me is the response I get from your office staff when they send me back my exams. They always add a word of encouragement. It is like living water. I get the feeling, "I am not a worthless animal. Someone does care." Now here is more great news. I am now the pastor of the prison church here at BK-6! Everything that I have learned in your school I impart into others. It is amazing. A few years ago I was abandoned and on my way to Hell. Then your team came and I repented, studied in your school and was disciplined through the mail and now I am the pastor here! Simply amazing. Thank you so much. With great love.

Vladimir Shestick
Kirovograd, Prison BK-6



Testimony of Fantastic Proportion!

In 1995, after receiving a tip from a friend that we had inside the local police department, we began loading up our belongings to escape Yarkoe, Crimea just hours before the KGB and local police were to invade our compound. It was a horrendous time for us. A month earlier a sniper's bullet just missed hitting Jill, our girls discovered a dead body after a Mafia hit and I was on the run from the KGB. We made it out of the state and relocated in Zaporozhia, 300 miles to the North. We have returned to Yarkoe just once to visit our former landlords. After all this time we have just received a tremendous report from one of our evangelism teams that recently did a crusade there. The pastor that they were working with on the crusade told them an amazing story. **Here it is:**

“My name is Vladimir, I am the pastor of a church here in Yarkoe and also a regional pastor. I want to tell Peter Mehl how much you have influenced my life. You do not even know about it. You see, in 1993 when you did an evangelistic crusade in Odessa at the Moldova Sanatorium I gave my heart to Jesus. Before this I was a terrible rebel. I did not believe in God. My wife and her relatives kept hounding me about going to the crusade and I finally gave in. I just wanted them off my back and thought if I do this that will be the end of it.



RHM missionary, Sergie Bagry (holding the child), with Vladimir to the right.

However, what I saw and heard changed my life. I saw with my own eyes people being healed. I saw miracles. I could not deny it any longer. I repented of all my sin and change began to happen in my life immediately. My life was turned upside down. Thank you so much.

I was only visiting Odessa because I was from Crimea so I returned home. Then one year later Peter was in Crimea holding meetings in the town of Djonkoy. I went there and received another miracle. Peter invited all who wanted the power of the Holy Spirit in their life to come forward. I did and was baptized in the Holy Spirit. Again, my life was turned upside down. I was called to the ministry and in 1997 began traveling to Yarkoe to hold meetings. In 2002 I moved there with my family as a missionary and planted a church called “Christ the Saviour.” Because of Peter and his family coming to Ukraine me and my family now serve the Lord together and are reaching many for Christ. Peter I invite you to return to Yarkoe and hold some miracle services. God bless.”

Vladimir



AN OUTSTANDING MIRACLE HAS TAKEN PLACE!

This one will blow you away!

The Lord is Giving Us the Nations! After ministering in Brooklyn a few months ago and encouraging Yuri and Tanya about launching the work in Manhattan - they did and God did something amazing. The Manhattan team reached a woman for Jesus that is now on fire for the Lord. The amazing thing though is her story. Her name is Marina and she is the former personal interpreter of Vladimir Putin, the Prime Minister of Russia.

If that is not enough, Mirina is also a key Russian language interpreter inside the United Nations headquarters in New York. She is also very good friends with Vladimir Putin's former wife (he dumped her for a younger woman). God has put

us within reach of one of the most powerful men in the world. Not only this but the Lord has also opened the door for Russian Harvest Ministries to reach inside the United Nations. God is truly giving us the world. We have been prophesying that this would be our year of expansion - and it is taking place before our very eyes.

So what now? We are in the process of negotiating for a room to rent inside the United Nations building to hold an evangelistic meeting. From this we are believing that the Lord will make a way for us to influence leaders from around the world.

Anything else? Yes, we are setting our faith out there for the Lord to use and asking for a church plant right inside the United Nations!

4 PEOPLE REPENT IN SUVUROVA!



People begin to gather as the team prepared to minister the Gospel.

“Heaven seemed as brass in Suvurova” reported pastor Volodya Ishenko. Shaking his head as he was giving the report “Wow. This was a tough one but then we were told that there were Turk and Tatar Muslims

throughout this village. The Muslims went door-to-door and encouraged the local youth to come and cause problems for us. They even set up a sound system close by and blasted music our direction.”

Yes, it was hard. There was tremendous warfare. There was much effort put into this crusade and it did not go without Heavens notice. God in His great mercy reached into the hearts of four people and changed history. We always wish it could be more. We always pray, always intercede for souls, “God, give us the

nation.” Yet, these four were still worth all the effort.



Even these two children (See above photo) who watched from across the road heard the message. Maybe it will be the seed we planted in them that will cause them to turn to Jesus. We pray that it is.



SHORT UPDATES

RHM INCREASES TELEVISION BROADCAST QUALITY!

Update by Sasha Trophimenko:

I was instructed by Peter Mehl to attend CNL's thirty day school called ZOOM-CNL. I just returned from Kiev and although I gained much insight it was difficult. I really had to apply myself but then that's a good thing. During the school Maxim Maximov, CNL founder and president was there. While talking to him after a session I noticed that our program "New Destiny" was on the air and shouted out "Look, it's our program." After a few minutes of watching the program Maxim said, "There are a few things you should do right now to improve your program." He then



added, "I will have the Dean of the school contact you and help you. You guys are doing what many churches and ministries want to do but are afraid to step out.

They don't even start because they want to become perfect first. That's not how it works."

Well, that is true. We stepped out in faith and obedience to God and He is helping us bring a life changing message to Russian speaking people throughout the world. By God's grace I passed my final exam and am ready to produce better

broadcasts for RHM and bring our program to a whole new level of quality. I want to thank the Foursquare Foundation for partnering with us this year and for all RHM supporters. God bless, **Sasha.**

AUGUST / SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE:

During the months of August and September we will be holding 25 crusades. We are going to pound the pavement and put the enemy on the run in Crimea. Every team will be activated along with every partnering church in Crimea. We are going all out to finish this year **STRONG**. Upon returning from Ukraine we will be making a four day trip to New York to help Yuri and Tanya Binder launch the Manhattan church.

Breaking Down Islam Control!

During the last two weeks of August three members of Revival Band, Matt Sieckert, Dave Drexler and Andrew Balgaard plus our son-in-law Taylor Rash will join us in Crimea for several crusades. These meetings will target Muslim areas where there is possibility of violence. Nevertheless we have a great opportunity to take back what the devil has stolen. Please keep these meetings in prayer. With great anticipation we look forward to what the Lord will do!



26 MAKE DECISIONS FOR CHRIST IN ZAVET LENINA!

We thank the Lord for working mightily in Zavet Lenina. God not only saved people in this open air meeting but healed them too. As others simply passed us by there were serious people that stopped, listened and received.

The youth worship team from Djonkoy joined us to get first hand

evangelism experience. They were especially interested when we began to pray for people right there on the plaza. Even more so when people responded saying, "The pain is gone!"



14 make decisions for Jesus on day one of the crusade.

"I feel a warmth coming over my stomach area" another one said. Then "My pain is gone too." That got the attention of the youth team. From then on they were hooked and will be launching out on their own to bring the Gospel to all the villages around their town.



Local youth group that joined us in order to get first hand open air evangelism experience. **Their response:** "We are excited to be part of something that brings people to Christ."



Two elderly people that lived most of their lives under communism came forward to make public declarations to serve Jesus.



People were excited to receive new believers and discipleship materials.



Children were enthralled with the materials and said their "Wows" as they paged through each piece.



12 more people come forward to make public decisions for Christ on the second day of the crusade.



“If you don’t stop playing that Christian Music I will Kick Your Teeth Out!”

This was just one of the many comments that our teams had to endure this last month. Several crusades seemed to be on the edge of violence. This one took place on the street outside of a business owned by a believer. As the team ministered in song some drunks in the crowd got violent and threatened the worship leader with having his *teeth kicked out*, if he did not stop immediately. Then two grandmas threatened to call the police. Others joined in and began to curse us. Once it was rolling even the children joined in. It became violent and the police did show up. “Finally, now the drunks can be removed and we can continue” Pastor Volodya said. This was not the case. Instead of arresting the drunks the police shut down our meeting. They even said that they would arrest us for causing a disturbance. We showed them our legal documents giving us the right to be there. It did not help. So what did we do? Wiped the dust from our feet and moved on to the next village.



Ready to strike: Talking amongst themselves before they made their move. The grandma’s threatened us and then called the police. The men threatened to kick out the worship leaders teeth and then engaged others to join in.

‘II’ REPENT DURING KALINOVKA CRUSADE!

Partnering with a church in Chernomorsk we headed to Kalinovka for a village crusade.

adults, three teens and six children gave their hearts to Jesus! A response from one of

the women that repented was interesting, “*All the wasted years.*” Yes, but thank God we were able to be sent into Kalinovka. It is never too late to reach a soul for the Master. That’s why our partnership in ministry is so important. We are called to do what we do and many have been called to stand with us. With our partners in ministry we are doing a great work for the Lord. For this woman and the ten others the results were eternal.

Working with a partnering church in Chernomorsk our team headed to Kalinovka to reach people for Christ. With no response on day one we knew we needed to hit the streets harder the next day.

This proved to bear fruit as two



RHM Rescues Woman and Baby From an Attempted Government Forced Abortion!

Larisa's mother was a prostitute. Her father a drunk. Certainly not an atmosphere to be raised in and have any chance to escape the same lifestyle. This was true for Larisa also. She became a composite of her parents and was on the fast track for destruction. She eventually became pregnant

but there was something different with Larisa. She did not want to abort the child. Something inside her was telling her "Save the baby."

Unfortunately the government had other plans. They did not like the family because of its lifestyle so they decided to take matters into their own hands. When they could not talk Larisa into an abortion they said they would take the baby from Larisa as soon as it would be born. In desperation she began going to local churches to ask for help. They all refused her. She had nowhere to turn. Then she went to our church in Romni and met Pastor Dimchenko who told her "Only God can change your situation but it begins with a repentant heart."

After several discussions with Pastor Dinchenko Larisa repented of her sins and began walking her path of destiny. This is when we began to find a home for her near one of our churches where she could be helped in raising her child.

Believers began to teach her basic cooking skills. Her mother never taught

her. Even basic housekeeping skills were nonexistent. After a few visits to the government offices proving that Larisa will have help they finally relented. Larisa now had hope for a better future. She birthed a baby boy she named Nikita and was so happy. Her joy however soon turned

to sorrow. Within a week her mother began visiting the social department in hopes of taking Larisa and the baby into her home. Not that she loved either of them but in hope that the government would give her money.

The war was on once again but this time Pastor Dimchenko and others were there fighting for Larisa.

It took several more meetings but once again God gave breakthrough. We moved her to a nearby village where we have a church. At first the people did not want her there either. Her family reputation went before her but soon they realized that she was different. She was living a wholesome godly life. In her own words *"I now have hope in Jesus and new friends that truly care about me. What I have now is a miracle from Heaven."*

At this writing Larisa and Nikita are doing great. Larisa continues to grow in the Lord. Thanks to everyone who supports Russian Harvest Ministries stories like these continue to take place. As Jesus allows us to continue we trust that there will be thousands more rescued.



Baby Dedication



Miracle For Anatoly

This testimony shows how God takes care of His people even in the times of crises. Brother Anatoly has worked at the local brick factory in Nosovka for many years. He had just two years until he could retire. Then, through our local church in Nosovka he was radically saved. He immediately began to tell others about Jesus. During his lunch breaks he would share Christ and before and after work he would share too. He was excited. Then the news came. "Sorry, the economic crisis is too serious and you no longer have a job." 50% of the factory workers lost their



jobs. The factory in this small town is the main supplier of work. People were terrified but not Anatoly. He asked the church to pray saying "I know that God can do a miracle and I have peace."

When Anatoly was supposed to sign his release forms his boss asked him to stay a few more months but at less pay. Anatoly agreed but went back to prayer. Soon he found out that God increased his salary and he started making more money! "God protected me and my family in the middle of this crisis" Anatoly said. "He is wonderful."

GYPSIES COME TO CHRIST!

Yan and his wife Raisa were living a marriage made in Hell. Drunk often. Knockdown drag-out fights were commonplace along with brutal words causing deep wounds. "It was terrible" said Raisa. "We had no where to go. No one to turn to. It was like living in a continuous daze. I would often cry out at night 'Is there anyone there? I need help.'"

Then they met Pastor Roma from our Mena church and from the first meeting hope began to rise in their hearts. Yan stopped drinking. The fighting lessened until it finally faded out of their lives. Hurtful words stopped. "Love came into our home" said Yan.

Raisa believes that God has a special plan for her life and she wants to fulfill it. She is reading the Bible to her family because she is the only one that knows Russian. The whole family watches Christian videos that we provide them and teachings on Cds. We believe that the Holy Spirit will use this family to reach many Gypsies for Jesus. Praise God for what He is doing!



This story was shared in some of our thank you letters but bears repeating in the newsletter.





Prayer Requests

1. Pray for success, favor and protection during our August crusades. Three members of Revival Band will be joining us. We will be holding crusades in larger towns including Muslim strongholds. It will be a brutal two weeks but with prayer covering we will be sustained.
2. So far in the Crimea Initiative over 1,300 have made decisions for Christ. Lets believe that in the next two months we surpass the 2,500 mark. Pray for the Spirit of God to move upon all who hear our message.
3. We are contacting hundreds of churches in search of strategic partnerships. Pray for divine connections. Jesus is coming and we want to be about the Father's business.
4. As always pray for signs, wonders and miracles to operate in our midst. We need the anointing of God that breaks every yoke.

Fargo Prayer Meeting

Next Meeting:

August 1 @ 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: Amerclnn in Fargo along Interstate 29 and west of Cash Wise.

We meet in room 100 near the front desk.

Village Novoselskoe, June 28th

This day was a national youth day and many people went to the local celebration at the stadium. Only 3 unbelievers came to the crusade that night. Others were Christians from the local church. We shared testimonies and preached the Word. 3 people repented but only one woman came forward – the other 2 prayed at their spots but they said that they sincerely prayed. Thank God for these saved souls. Amen.

Village Okunevo, June 26th

This was the first crusade we did on this trip and we actually stayed in this village overnight at one brother's house. We were not supposed to do a crusade in this village but we were planned to go to sanatorium and evangelize there (it got canceled when we came). But we talked to the people where we stayed at (they have a cell group at their house) and asked them if we can do a crusade right there in front of their house and they liked the idea. So we set out the sound system, brother Segie took the magazines and went door to door to invite people. We also invited people through the microphone. At first people were cereous and came out from their homes but then they went back in. Then we started singing. And preaching the Word. The 3 ladies came and started listening to us across the street. We didn't do the altar call. Instead we came and personally talked to those ladies but they said they need to think about repenting but she promised to come to the local cell group. We also talked to other people across the street and they promised to come to cell group. At the end we invited every one who could hear us to come to the main church in Chernomorsk and also to come to the local cell group.

Village Krasnoselskoe, June 27th

We did a meeting inside of the Dom Kultury, 17 people came. 2 ladies prayed without coming out (they told us later that they were too shy to come down front. There were other women that wanted to come out and repent but one lady was constantly whispering something at their ears and as the result – they stayed at their sits and didn't make the decision. We hope that they will come to the Lord in the future.

LOCAL CHURCH

Pastor of the local church gave us 30 minutes to share testimonies of God's miracles. Pastor Vova Ishenko preached a short message about the evangelism and inspired the people to serve the Lord.. Brother Sergie and Valera shared their testimonies.

June 27th, we did a meeting in a village Nasezhdino in the morning. This village is totally Tatar's and there only 18 houses there. There is no water in this village and it is delivered to the village once a week on Thursdays. When we came to do a crusade it just happened that there was a funeral in the village – a 53 year old man died and because this is a small village most people were at the funeral and only 5 came to the crusade. No one repented.

June 28th – we did a crusade in Yarkoe village. Mostly believers came to the meeting. 5 unbelievers came but also there were people on the sides listening to the Gospel. All together 23 people came to the crusade. No one repented. People asked for prayer after the meeting. There is a prayer house in this village. The pastor in this village repented in 1993 at Peter Mehl's crusade in Odessa and after that in a few years he came to Djankoy and was baptized by the Spirit at Peter's meeting. He invited Peter to come to the village.



for crusades in Sevastopol area – Prilyky team

Lubimovka region (Sevastopol)

After what happened at the tuberculosis hospital satan got mad and decided to stop us. When we came to the place of next crusade we heard some strange noise coming from the van. It turned out to be a serious break down and only by God's mercy we were all kept safe and it didn't happen some where in the mountains or on high speed. But satan couldn't stop us and we did our crusade. We were actually more encouraged to preach the Word with boldness that night. Many people stopped to listen to us as they walked by. 10 of them listened very carefully. But no one decided to respond to the altar call. We sowed the Word of God.

Region Maximova dacha (Sevastopol)

There is a cell group in this region but people are not opened and don't like to fellowship... We started our crusade on the street some people stopped for a minute and some just walked by. About 20 people heard the Gospel that day. The church that invited us to do these crusades had its youth there and they were involved in passing our flyers and magazines to people. We sang songs, shared testimonies. Some people tried to resist us, argue, curse... No one responded to the altar call. But we also noticed that people listened from their balconies. At the end we fellowshiped with different people and went home. We believe that the Word of God will soon bring fruit!

The crusade in Nuga Best salon in Sevastopol

The sisters that work at this salon invited us to evangelize their visitors. This was just a meeting with a lot of fellowship with tea and sandwiches. We sang a few songs and also shared about our lives and continued fellowshiping at the table. We divided into 2 groups and had a more quality fellowship there. We all shared with people how we personally came to the Lord. One lady was asking us many questions and she listened to everything we said very carefully. (The next Sunday we saw her in church but she didn't respond to the altar call and when we asked her why she said that she was too shy and that she will repent next Sunday). Praise the Lord! All together there were 10 unbelievers.

The crusade in Nuga Best salon in Sevastopol

This crusade was on the street again. There was a great persecution this time through older people and also through youth. When we were just setting up our sound system one lady asked us what are we going to do and when she found out she told us to immediately pack up and go away. Another lady came to Valera and said that if we don't leave now she will call the police. But with love we asked this lady to step aside and not interfere. Then we started signing and sharing the testimonies. 2 young guys tried to provoke us to fight. They were drunk. They were saying all kinds of bad words about us. One of them told Zhenia that he will kick out his jaw if he doesn't stop playing the guitar. Then he started provoking pastor Volodya. Then another guy came and started arguing about the Orthodox church and wearing a cross on your neck. Every one tried to find a way out from this situation. Then the police came and for a second we rejoiced thinking that they make take these 2 drunk guys away but instead they stopped our crusade. But never the less the WORD was preached!

Town Inkerman

During this crusade it was also more like sowing the Word. Not many people came – 10-15. Some were listening, some walked away. No persecution, everything was fine. We were in the park passing out literature and tracts. At the end we noticed 2 guys who were carefully listening to us. I came and talked to them, shared my testimony (I could tell that they drink) and then asked if they wanted to repent but they said no even though they did admit that they are sinners. After that we were done so we left.