

Russian Harvest Ministries

Reaching Nations for Jesus!

# Harvest

Ministry Newsletter

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## 37 Repent in Open Air Crusade in *Petrodolinsk!*

Over 1,000  
Decisions for  
Christ this month!



The sincerity of the people repenting was overwhelming. We trust God for a church plant in this village: ***Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan.***  
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# Letter From The Founders

**DEAR CO-LABORERS:**

What a great month we have had in reaching the lost and seeing the power of God move in people's lives. We have so much to report because the Holy Spirit revealed Himself with signs and wonders. Right on the streets people gave their hearts to Jesus and were healed when prayed for.

It was an amazing month. The weather was in our favor as we held mostly outdoor meetings. In two villages the people told us that they have never had so many people show up for an outreach on the street. At one village there were over 500 and 95% were not believers. That is exactly what we want, sinners. In all over 1,000 people repented and came to the Lord this month. Add last months numbers plus the North Dakota outreach and we surpassed 3,500 in just two months.

We have had such a wonderful time seeing the fruit of our labor being birthed before our eyes. We sure appreciate your partnership in helping us stay on the front line of evangelism. We are

stretching every one of your



financial gifts to its maximum potential. The results speak for themselves.

## **Evangelism Training**

We spent seven days training 35 emerging evangelists ages 12 to 66. Yes, you read it right. Even a sixty-six year old grandmother was out pounding the pavement preaching the Gospel and getting people saved!

In the morning, we taught this group for two hours on personal evangelism and then sent them to the streets for four hours of witnessing, then we all gathered together to hold a night crusade. You should have seen the excitement when these emerging evangelists shared their street witnessing experiences each morning.

One 15 year old girl began to cry when she shared how someone was healed when she prayed for her. She could not contain herself. One group of four women led over 100 people to the Lord on the streets.

During the night crusades we did feats of strength to draw crowds. We also had partnering Ukrainian churches worship teams do music. It was a tiring week

with little sleep but the harvest was awesome.

## **Evangelist Zelfimyan Added the Following**

“It was so exciting to see young people becoming passionate about reaching souls for the Kingdom. This is why we need to do training tours like this once a month. Helping churches and believers fulfill destiny: Where we can train believers and send them to the streets to preach the Gospel. My heart was overwhelmed when I saw 14-16 year olds getting excited when God used them in leading someone on the streets to Jesus. I will never forget their eyes, full of light and joy! I think it is the best reward we as ministers and leaders can get here on the earth, to see our disciples being on fire for the Lord!

I want to thank Pete and Jill and everyone that supports Russian Harvest Ministries. You are such a blessing to Ukraine. Thank you for giving your lives and finances so that this nation can be saved!”

God bless you all. Enjoy this months newsletter.

***Radical for Jesus!***  
***Peter & Jill***

# 26 Come to Christ in Nosovko!



**Peter asks people to the stage in response to the call of repentance. In doing so 26 people came and dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ.**

After the outreach Peter encouraged the church: *"This was an exciting time for the church here in Nosovko. You have gone through a lot but today something was broken. Take up the mantle for a new day."* With this the church members shouted with joy as the Holy Spirit refreshed their hearts. As one member put it: *"My hope is back. I am ready to go on in the fight."*



**Pastor Nadia Kundishenko** distributes new Testaments and other materials to the new believers. "These kids were amazing" she said. "They were so eager to receive the Word and had so many questions to ask. They were empty spiritually and needed to taste of God's water - the Word.

**Pastor Victor Kundishendo added:**

"I was excited at what I saw. We have been working hard for a long time for some type of breakthrough. The orthodox church had opposed us greatly: going door-to-door threatening people not to come to our church, getting city officials to find ways to hurt us. It has been war.

When I heard that Peter was holding these events as a draw for young people I knew I had to get him here. He is very busy but he gladly added us to his schedule.

The result was like a breath of fresh air for me and my wife. It is like when Aaron and Hur lifted the hands of Moses in the day of battle. Our hands have been lifted and we are refreshed and have had a wonderful breakthrough.



# 143 Repent on the Streets of *Poselok Kotovskogo!*



**People come forward at the call to repent.**

*“Why is everyone gathered in this park area?”* said a passerby. *“Because people are getting saved today”* responded one of our street evangelists. Over 300 people gathered to hear the music and see the power feats. It has turned out to be an amazing tool for us and we are going to go the distance. As long as this works we will use it for God’s glory.

**Kaaren adds:** “We have never had so many people show up on the streets of Poselok Kotovskogo. The feats of strength that Peter does always draws a crowd. It is amazing to me but it works.

During personal witnessing 52 people came to the Lord and at the crusade 91. It was a great one-two punch to the devil! We saw tears when teenagers were coming to repentance during the alter call and many experienced the power of the Holy Spirit! We prayed for the sick and people were healed. It was a great way to begin the week of training for the next generation of evangelists. Pray for a new church to rise up in Poselok Kotovskogo.



## **Two youth examine their gifts - New Testaments:**

*“We have never had one”* said the boys. They stood for over 15 minutes paging through the books. It is such an amazing thing to watch and a thrill to a preachers heart to see young people interested in the things of God. We never get tired of doing the works of the Lord and are always energized when we see Him at work in the lives of people. Thank you partners for making it possible.



# Poselok Kotovskogo Outreach Launches 35 Believers into Active Ministry!



**Peter (Center) with all the evangelists in training (minus 7 that had to leave early by bus).**

This group of budding evangelists were fired up by weeks end and are ready to carry the torch of evangelism wherever they go. *“I am so excited”* said one 14 year old. *“I never thought it would be so fun to reach others for the Lord.”* This was a common response from the team members. Another added, *“I have overcome my fears. Now I can actually do it.”*



**Alexie Ostapchuk** (right) personally leads these people to Jesus and then prays for their healing. *“I have had such a great time this week”* said Alexie. *“I want this to remain real to me for the rest of my life.”*



Victor Lazerevich shares Jesus with this young guy who was walking by. *“He was walking by as we held the street meeting so I went to him and shared about the Lord. I used what I had learned and although he did not repent he made a step towards the Lord by not rejecting what I shared.”*



# 37 Repent in *Petrodolinsk!*



**Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan preaching God's message of salvation through Jesus Christ. Results - 37 people call upon the name of the Lord Jesus!**

## **Report from Kaaren Zelfimyan**

Pete, I could not wait to get home to send you this report. It was so exciting to see people come to Jesus in this small village. He truly is the Light of the world. Most that got saved were ages 10 - 16. They were serious too. Really focusing on my words and when they asked Jesus to forgive them and they prayed to repent they were really serious.

When we were packing to leave they did not want to go home. They stayed to ask more questions. They are hungry for more of God and I believe we can start a church here. We will begin with a home group and go from there. Pete, your work this year in the Odessa region is bearing great fruit.



With seriousness of heart these youth make decisions for the Lord.



Mother (right) and her two daughters come to Christ on the streets of Petrodolinsk!

# 22 Repent in Odessa!



**Huge crowd begins to gather** and we were expecting to have a blow out street meeting. Well, we did! Fifteen minutes into the outreach it began to pour down rain. We announced our backup plan which was to meet in the church facility four blocks away. To our surprise over 100 youth found their way to us and many called friends to join them during their run to the building.



**Youth respond to the call of salvation during one of two altar calls that we did!**

Besides the altar calls three others repented during personal ministry including a young guy from Syria. Most of those that showed up have never set foot inside a Full Gospel church in their lives. One of them told us, *“I never knew that church could be fun, exciting and even joyful. I am amazed.”*

Another person added, *“My friends and I want to say that we could tell that you really cared about us. Your words were strong but not mean. We wish more people in your position cared as much. Not many do.”*

**Senior Pastor Vitalic shared the following:** *“I was so blessed at what I saw tonight. I was just ready to head to the street meeting when it began to rain so I tried calling but could not reach anyone. Then I see people pouring through the front door. I asked them what was going on and they said, ‘We are having a meeting.’ Then Peter walked in and it made sense.”*

Many of these young people looked like they came from the zoo but that is what sin does. It degrades humans. Only the Gospel of Jesus Christ can lift them out of their sin and depravity. We thank the Lord that we have the opportunity to act in His behalf. Thank you partners for sending us to the lost.



# 15 Repent in Chernigov!



**Peter Mehl and Natasha Lazuka** call people forward to openly confess Christ and the decision they just made for Him.

Over 400 people gathered in the main hall of the city center including the number two guy in the state religious department. He made sure he talked to us so that we knew he was there. He probably thought that he could influence our actions. In a way he did because we preached even more serious about the need to repent!

Fifteen out of 400 was not what we expected but we will take what God gives. The good news is that over 400 people, mostly sinners, heard the clear Gospel message. There will be no wiggle room at the Judgment.

Chernigov was the last of 14 crusades that we did in eleven days in three states and two countries. We were very tired but so thankful to Jesus for counting us worthy to carry His name and for all our partners in ministry for keeping us on the front lines of Kingdom work.

## Immediate Needs

**We have several urgent needs that must be financed so that we can keep going strong without interruption.**

1. The Odessa Mobile Evangelism sound equipment needs to be updated with more powerful speakers and a stronger power amp and mixer. We have had to piece together two systems to make it work during recent outdoor venues and for bigger halls: **\$1,800.**
2. Our drum set used in mobile evangelism is old and damaged because of years of on-the-go use. We must get a new one and we are not asking for a professional set, just one that is good for mobile use: **\$500.**
3. Three vans are in need of immediate repair. Bad Ukrainian roads have taken a toll on our van budget this year: One costs **\$250**, one **\$310** and the other **\$275**
4. We want to run four extra printings of our evangelism testimonial newspapers. These 4 page newspapers are an incredible tool to reach people for the Lord. Our crowds have been bigger than last year and we have already surpassed budget. **\$250 will print 15,000 copies.**
5. Help underwrite our next 10 crusades. With the matching grant and funds received we need just **\$500 per crusade.**



# 151 Repent in *Uzhnoya*!



**Zhenya and Sasha finish up their power feats and then Zhenya preaches a powerful altar call message resulting in 62 repenting.**



**These emerging evangelists share one-on-one with the youth of *Uzhnoya*.**

The result was that over 60 came to the Lord through personal witnessing!



**Alexia leads this group of kids to the Lord.**

We often did more than one altar call during the night events because people were walking by, coming and going. The crowd changed so we kept asking for hearts.

**151 repent during two days of street witnessing and two night outreaches!**

**Report by Kaaren Zelfimyan:**

We really had a great time of reaching people for the Lord during the two days in *Uzhnoya*. What was wonderful for me was when some of the believers that we were training came to me to tell of their excitement: One said, *“Kaaren, God used me to share Jesus to people on the street and to pray for their healing. I am so on fire for more. Thank you so much.”*

Another added: *“I have never led anyone to Jesus before. This was my first time and I am ready for many more.”*

God gave us a miracle on the second night. When we arrived the sky was black so we gathered to pray and in fifteen minutes the clouds separated and the sky opened up above us. It was black all around us but sunny in *Uzhnoya*! The result was that many more made decisions for Jesus Christ. God is on His Throne!



**Peter Mehl casts demons out of drunk**

*“He was a wreck”* said Peter. Crying, going into fits of rage. This guy needed a miracle and a serious one. He needed to be set free from demons of booze. On the streets of *Uzhnoya* I attacked the demons inside this man and was relentless about it. No seeker sensitive message will ever set people free from demons. It is only as we boldly declare the name of Jesus and command demons to flee in Jesus name.

# Short Reports & Updates

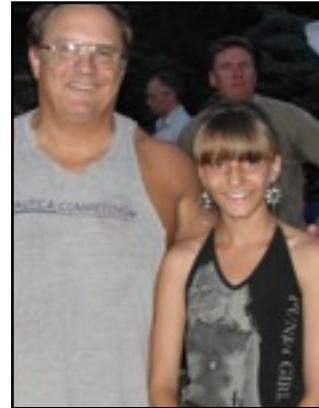
## Muhammad Gets Saved!

Yes, you read it right but obviously it is not that Muhammad! Here is a great report from Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan that verifies the continued reach of Russian Harvest Ministries.

*“Pete, today we had a great outreach and even though only five people came to the Lord two of these people were muslims from Iran. One was Ali and the other Muhammad. I decided to call him Misha instead. During the altar call I had a word of knowledge for him and he was greatly inspired. It was that God is calling him as an evangelist to reach his people for the Lord. He was so excited about it too.”*

Muhammad has returned to Iran and with all our contact information, a Bible and study materials!

## Miracle Update of the Week!



### **Peter poses with a miracle from the past:**

Vika was just four years old when her mother brought her to a crusade we did in Izmail ten years ago. (She was one of the youth we recently trained in evangelism.) Vika shared how that she was an epileptic with constant seizures. I never heard the result but she shared, *“I have never had a seizure since. Thank you Peter.”* It was such a blessing to get this report even if it took ten years.

## Baby Eve Dedicated!



Peter & Jill along with proud parents, Sergie and Yula Bagrey, dedicate Eve to the Lord. Sergie has been with the ministry for several years and is a wonderful servant of the Lord. It was an honor to dedicate Eve.



## Man Collapses to the Floor in Deep Repentance



The Lord has been moving on people in our meetings in a special way. Repentance remains our theme and people are responding. It is always wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work.

# Jesus Rescues Sergie Klikov!

My name is Sergie Klikov and I am 30 years old. I was born in Priluky and grew up in a good family. My parents have always treated me well; they taught me to do good. I was doing well in school and I had good reputation and sometimes I was even presented as a role model. As I grew older all the good in me began to change. I began skipping school, smoking, drinking and became irresponsible.

I rejected the plea of my parents to stop. When I was 17 I began to take drugs. You know how it is, simple drugs at first thinking that you would never take the hard stuff.

Soon, however, the light stuff was no longer interesting. I saw all my friends getting high by shooting up so I did too. Soon I was hooked. I tried to tell myself otherwise but I was an addict.

Soon everything began to fall apart. My parents did not trust me and my mom was always crying. I had constant fights with my dad and I knew that they were ashamed of me. Work problems began and soon my friends began to leave me. For ten years I lived in a hell I could not get out of. I tried to get free but had no power to do it.



My health deteriorated and I could not even do simple tasks. I seldom

slept and when I did I never wanted to wake up. Drugs ruled my life. I was in a hell of my own making. No one to blame but me.

One day I was at home in great pain, screaming for relief.

My dad could not handle it anymore. He walked out of the house and found a church. He asked the pastor there to pray for him and me. My mom heard and began to attend the church with my dad and they began to pray for me.

Then they sent a brother to me to share salvation. When he came he told about a rehab center for men that an American couple started.

I resisted for weeks even though this brother kept coming to me and finally I knew that I

had to give up and repent. I did and then was accepted at the rehab center.

I graduated from the RHM rehab center and am now back in Priluki totally free from drugs. God set me free and gave me another chance. My parents are happy and I welcome each day with joy. Every morning I open my eyes and thank the Lord for saving me, healing me and delivering me.

I am now trusting that all my old friends will also discover salvation in Jesus.





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## Prayer Requests

Reaching Nations for Jesus!

1. We are writing a grant request for 2011 for the nation of Moldova. Please pray for wisdom in writing and great favor with the Foursquare Foundation. With another grant we could shake this nation of 3 1/2 million people to the core with the powerful Gospel of Christ.
2. We have 4 1/2 months left of this years grant cycle for the Odessa crusades project. Everything is awesome but please pray for the final quarter to be the most fruitful.
3. We have 15 crusades planned for August plus leadership training. A full plate. We need prayer covering. Pray for a great harvest of souls.
4. Pray also for miracle finances to come in so we can add more outreaches to our schedule. Can we even fit more in? Souls are too important not to. Time is too short, Heaven too great and Hell too hot. We must!

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