

Russian Harvest Ministries

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Police Shut Down Street Preaching!



Emboldened by mockers four Romanian policemen (two are in photo) move in to shut down our street ministry. Notice the evangelist, with his Bible open proclaiming the Word of God, was not intimidated (See page 4).



RUSSIAN HARVEST MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

Letter From The Founders

DEAR CO-LABORERS:

It is with great joy that we bring you this months newsletter. Once again God has blessed the work of our hands and brought many souls into His Kingdom! In the last 30 days we have been in three countries reaching people for Jesus: *Romania, Moldova and Ukraine*. In each country God gave us victory and many people came into His Kingdom through the Cross of Christ!

Romania

Wonderful healing testimonies came forth in many of our meetings especially in Romania. While there God was saving many - especially men. It was like He was targeting men and their hearts were opening. When men get saved they bring their families to Jesus. This is a wonderful breakthrough for Romania.

We brought a team of 12 from Chishinov, Moldova with us to help with street ministry. They did a wonderful job and were a great group to work with.

As we have previously shared it is our goal to train up believers in Moldova to



reach their neighboring country of

Romania for Christ.

It will take some time to get this vision firmly established in the Moldavian churches yet, it has now begun and fruit is already coming forth.

Yes, we did have some trouble with police but they were called in by Christ haters that did not want the Gospel proclaimed. We just moved on to another spot and then another until it was time for the night crusade (You can read more about Romania on pages 4 and 5).

Moldova

Evangelist Zelfimyan has been in Moldova working out all the details of moving his family there but the government red tape is astronomical, slow and costly. Nevertheless, it is getting done and we are working hard to get them there by September.

Evangelists Training Camps

The month of July was filled with crusades and three training camps in two countries, Ukraine and Moldova. While many youth camps revolve around fun and getting preached to ours are different. We teach, show by example how to witness and pray for people

and then hit the streets with the kids.

Together we see people saved, healed and delivered on the streets and then at night we have a street outreach.

In the mornings we have each youth share their experiences of the previous day. They grow in their faith greatly during their week of training and - it lasts a lifetime. We will report on these camps and crusades next month.

Ukraine

Some have asked us "*Are you still in Ukraine?*" Yes, we are still going after souls in Ukraine and have some reports for you in this newsletter. Ukraine remains our base but now we will have a separate base for the nation of Moldova. God has been good to us and is anointing our efforts to reach even more Ukraine villages for Jesus (See pages 3, 9 and 10).

Testimonies

As usual we also have a few personal testimonies to share with you of God's grace working in individual lives setting people free.

Radical for Jesus!
Peter & Jill

85 Repent in *Kisilevka, Ukraine!*



RHM has Victory in Kisilevka as 85 Youth Make Decisions to Repent and Follow Christ!



Please Help Our Daughter

This was the heart cry of a parent during our outreach. *“We went to the orthodox church but they just wanted money and to sell us candles and icons to ward of evil spirits. ‘Can you help? Can you pray?’”*

These were the words of a father who brought his daughter to the meeting. Some may think that we hold these *Feats of Strength* outreaches and have an altar call and that’s it. This is far from correct. We always do Full Gospel ministry including ministry for the sick, deliverance and more.

These folks are in great need and only a touch from Heaven can help. Jesus must be proclaimed as the only source of help.

Great Victory in Kisilevka!

Step-by-step we are taking ground for Jesus in Ukraine. This was evident again when we were in Kisilevka. The warfare remains and at times serious but we continue to see the hand of God at work such as: Salvations, people being set free of demon control, healings and so much more.

Once again the local authorities in government and the orthodox priest teamed up to try to stop our ministry in this village. They went to homes, the market and businesses to spread lies about us and slander the Jesus that we preach.

That’s why when we came some people told us to *“Go home”* or *“Keep your religion to yourselves”* or even *“We love our icons”*.

Fortunately this event did not turn violent and in the end more than eighty people, mainly youth responded to the call to follow Christ and repent of their sins.

With your prayers and finances we brought God’s Word to another village in need. Thank you partners.

Galatsi, Romania Crusade a Success!



Police shut down street preaching

Police came to shut down our street preaching. We left and went to another location.



After police shut us down the first time we moved to this location

Once again our 12 person team of street evangelists began sharing the Gospel.



Ten People Repent on the First Night!

This opened the door for them to return on the second night bringing friends and another ten people repented. For Romania this is a huge breakthrough.



Kaaren Leads People in Worship!

On the second night Kaaren gathers everyone together and leads them in an old fashion Holy Ghost worship session. He had people raising their hands to Heaven and giving Jesus praise from the heart.

In all 20 people repented during the two night meetings and another 16 on the streets during the day. Plus over 250 Gospel booklets were given out to people that heard a testimony from one of the street evangelists.

Kaaren Prays for the Sick

Left: "These people, fresh off the street were hungry for a touch from God" said Evangelist Zelfimyan. "That's why so many were healed. Their hearts were ready for truth. They are tired of the lies and deception that they have been taught in religion."

Tatarshest, Romania Crusade Results is Healings and 15 Salvations!



Pain Throughout Body ~ Healed!

Saved just two weeks previous in a different town 40 miles from Tatarshest, this woman takes a leap of faith.

She hears about our healing crusade and tells her husband who is not saved. He gets angry, yells at her and spits in her face for going to a “crazy peoples meeting” as he put it.

She drove 40 miles from another town: no address, no phone numbers, just that there was a special healing meeting she had to get to. She drove to the village and headed down the main street until she saw two people standing on a corner. She stopped to ask if they knew anything about a healing crusade. “Yes” they said “We are going there too!”

God was in this appointment with destiny. She was not only healed but asked to be prayed over for the Baptism in the Holy Ghost. She was filled immediately, began to speak in tongues and cried aloud with joy.

She had an encounter with God and partners - you helped make it happen!



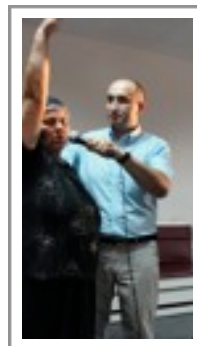
Kaaren Calls out Word of Knowledge Concerning a Mans Hearing ~ Then the Man is Healed!

Hearing 100% restored! The man shared that he had just 20% hearing and needed medical aids to hear. After Evangelist Zelfimyan prayed for him he removed the hearing aids and spoke. The mans eyes got big as saucers. “I can hear perfect” he said and began to weep. The pastor testified that the man had this problem for years - but not any more!



Tortured by Spirit of Fear~ Woman was Delivered and Healed!

“I was tormented for years but tonight I was set free. I felt something leave me and I feel a thousands pounds lighter. Thank you for coming.”



Woman could not lift her arm for months ~ Healed!

“I had terrible pain and unable to lift my arm. Now after prayer it is totally free and without pain.”

Short Reports & Updates



Pastor Roma, right, with Nikolay

Pastor Roma of Mena, Ukraine befriends a drunk he found on the street.

“He was a mess” said Roma. Covered with dirt, he stunk, his face was beat up and bloody as if someone had been kicking him in the face. Which they probably had.

The mans name is Nikolay and he has been in prison six time for a total of 32 years. He was released the last time in August 2010 and has been on the street since! and drinking hard.

Roma told us *“I was out street witnessing when I saw him and my heart went out to this man. He looked so helpless. I shared God’s Word with him. I returned the next day and shared more and then the next day. I kept going back and finally he repented and turned his life over to Jesus.”*

Nilolay is now at the RHM Men’s Rehab Center in Uborki. Thanks partners for helping us reach all walks of life for the Master.

Children in Nosovka Reach Friends For Christ!



The Children Doing a Skit

Children of parents who have recently repented became the focus of the children of our church in Nosovka. They took it upon themselves to prepare a few skits and invite children and their parents to a special meeting. *“We need to reach out to these kids”* they told the pastor. *“We can do it too. We will plan everything.”* Well, they did need some help but their parents stepped in to make it happen. The result was that many more were added to the Kingdom!

There were about twenty children and every one made a confession of faith in Jesus! The children not only did the skits but prayed for the sick and one little girl who said that she had stomach

pain was prayed for by the kids and was healed. What a great witness to these new families. What a blessing for the children who put on this outreach.

Short Reports & Updates

Foursquare Foundation Grant Update

Our *Moldova Evangelism & Church Planting Initiative* was officially launched on May 1st and by God's grace well over 1,000 people have already made decisions for Jesus!

Please keep praying for our work in Moldova and for matching funds to come in for the grant. Remember, this is a 50-50 matching grant. We raise \$50,000 and the Foundation matches that amount. By year end we trust that we will have well over half covered so that we can focus on our crusades. Remember, appreciated stocks are a great way to give because you get a full write-off and do not pay any capital gains.

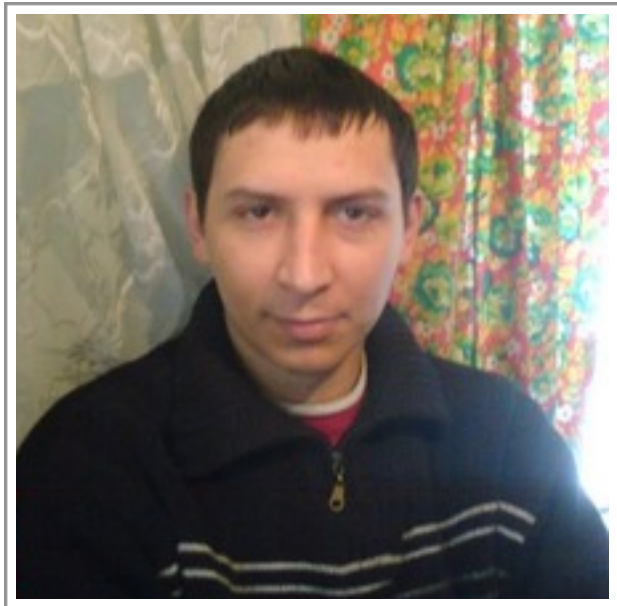
Alexander Turns to Jesus and is Saved & Delivered!

My name is Alexander and I am 24 years old and am from Chernigov. I grew up in a good family. When I was in the eighth grade I got around kids that taught me how to smoke, drink alcohol and I tried drugs with them for the first time. It didn't take long for me to start selling things from my home just to get another dose.

At that time only my mother's tears and the police stopped me. But soon after I graduated from high school I met one of my friends who offered me to try another drug - a new variety he said that was out of this world. It was and soon so was I - for ten years.

I always had the idea that I could control it but that was a lie. No one can. When my

dad died everything got worse. I was so lost that there was no way back. Then one day my mom invited a Christian to talk to me. He shared his testimony with me about his old life and how bad it was but that Jesus set him free.



After hearing his testimony I had faith that God could also change me. My mom and I together repented right there and invited the Lord to come into our lives. Soon after I went to the RHM Talalaevka Rehab Center and am going through the one year program. I am now a leader of the prayer group there and

I love it. For the first time in over twelve years I am free.

Partners - Thank you for helping us reach Alexander for Jesus!

Update on RHM “*Destiny Homes*”

~ Orphan Rescue Missions

The first six boys are with us in Comrat and we already see a difference. They will become leaders in the Kingdom of Christ! Also, instead of renting a house we were able to rent an apartment in the same building as the senior pastor, Sergie Radidyal, of the church we are partnering with. This will help us oversee these guys and provide better accountability especially as we launch the first home.



Lumilla with our first six boys at our Comrat, Moldova Boys Destiny Home

The next six youth will be coming in September and we are already preparing for that. It is an exciting time for us as we set out to launch another work of the Lord that will make a huge difference in this nation.

Once we get better established and have a proven system: Housing, feeding, daily schedule with prayer, Bible, chores, etc., we will begin to challenge churches throughout Moldova to follow our lead and launch their own rescue homes. Believe with us for 25 homes to be launched in Moldova.

Become a Sponsor For Just \$30 per Month!

(Also - You may dedicate any amount to this outreach with a special gift. It will go towards housing, food and clothing.)

Chimishlia, Moldova Church Officially Launched in June!

As we reported last month we officially launched a church in Chimishlia and placed a young man over the work. His name is Dima Untila. They already have 20 committed people in the church

HELP NEEDED - BECOME A SPONSOR!

Now we are asking for sponsors to help Dima for 12 months to get him started and over the rough part of church planting - the first year. Even if we could find four \$25/month sponsors that would greatly help him and be a wonderful encouragement to him and his family. He has a wife and two small children. ***(Special gifts may be designated towards Dima and this church plant.)***

78 Repent in *Mrin, Ukraine!*



Altar Call - Zhenya Calling in the Harvest of Souls!



Discipleship Materials Distribution

Team members line one side of the hallway loaded with materials as those making decisions for Jesus pass by and receive.

Victory in Mrin!

After months of work obtaining the required permissions to hold our outreach we finally had our breakthrough. So often people read about all the outreaches that we are doing and assume that it is so easy and we have open freedom - not so.

The opposite is true. It is always hard work behind the scenes. We have one staff person that just deals with all the new laws we face just dealing with finances. Others on staff deal with lawyers, mayors, religious departments and more. This is just to be able to hold crusades.

It is a continuous battle. It is wearing. We have to pray weeks over things that in America we take for granted. That is why sometimes it seems like we may make a big deal out of seemingly nothing. But it is far from nothing and in the case of Mrin it was a great victory for us.

God helped us gain access to the village and then brought in the harvest. For us it was a double victory. For those that heard the Gospel it was eternal. Again, thank you partners for helping us get to Mrin and reap such a wonderful harvest. Now the followup begins and by God's mercy a home group and eventually a church will rise up.

32 Respond to Jesus in *Peski, Ukraine!*



Except for a few in the room most people stood to their feet in an act of faith as they repented and pledged to follow Christ.



Zhenya ministering to youth during the outreach.



Peter with youth band he is helping to raise up for evangelism outreaches in the Chernigov area.

Peski Work Producing Fruit!

Peski is a small village not too far from Chernigov where we have our Ukraine office. It has been a tough village to work in because of orthodox strongholds on one hand and a serious alcohol problem on the other.

This combination has been both a hinderance to us and devastating to the people of the village. Alcohol and religious spirits seem to be bedfellows.

We have been sending in teams for awhile to do street ministry and door-to-door ministry and now have a few believers there and a small home church.

With the success of this outreach and further fruit coming from our followup we are seeing growth in our home church.

Our next step will be to begin sending potential leaders from Peski to be trained in our Leadership Institute. Soon we also hope to outgrow the house and either have two groups or rent a room in one of the village buildings.

Saved & Set Free!

My name is Natalia and I am 35 years old. I was born in a regular family and was the only child. I graduated from high school, college and found a job and got married to a man I loved. Everything seemed fine at first but there was a nagging emptiness in me and my husband. Maybe everyone has it but for us we began to seek fulfillment in the wrong places.

My husband got into drugs and our life became a living hell for over eight years. Only the person who has gone through this torture can understand its horror. I cannot even put it into words.

My husband would leave to buy bread for us and not come home for days leaving me and our baby without food. He became a liar and started selling our furniture to buy drugs. Soon our apartment was empty.

I found out what depression is. I learned to scream the nights away. I went to orthodox priests but they just sold me candles. Never once did he tell me about the Living Christ who could save me.

One day I cried out to God in total despair – *“Help me to understand how to live right because I can’t handle life like it is any more. I told Him ‘God if I don’t understand things right, then send me someone into my life who will show me the truth.’”*

God answered this prayer immediately. The next day when I was standing at a bus stop I read a flyer that was glued to the wall that said *“God has a way out for drug addicts.”*

This flyer was from *Salvation Church*. The first time in many years I felt hope rising in me. So many people turned away from us – our relatives - our whole family. I talked to my husband who also lost all meaning to his life

and we decided to go to the address listed on the flyer.

Two young men met us there and they shared their testimonies how they used to be on drugs and that God set them free. They said that ever since they became free they’ve been living wonderful lives in Jesus.

That day both my husband and I prayed the prayer of repentance and trusted our lives to our Savior Jesus Christ. The next day my husband left to Kiev to find work.

I soon found out that he went back to his old life style. But I wasn’t as scared and lonely any more because now God was with me and my new friends who wouldn’t leave me in a hard moment of my life.

The church prayed with me and fasted for my husband. I had faith and hope in me. Two weeks later my husband left that job and his old life and came back home. The next day after he came back the Lord gave him a job in our town. Since he came back he has never had a cigarette or drugs or alcohol and it has been over a year now.

Also, we were wanting this job for him for several years and God gave us a miracle. Our God gave us back everything that was destroyed – our family, our love, a job, friends, relatives.

For the first time in my life I can say that I am really happy! I don’t feel empty inside any more. My heart is filled with God, my Savior, Jesus Christ and I thank Him for that.

**Partners ~ thank you for helping us reach
Natalia and her family for Jesus!**



Natalia and her baby!



Prayer Requests

1. Pray for funds to come in ASAP to help us match the ***Foursquare Foundation*** grant (See update on page 7).
2. Please pray about sponsoring an orphan and housing them at one of our ***Destiny Homes*** (See update on page 8).
3. **Pray for the Chimishli church launch** and for a few new supporters for Pastor Dima. Help us pray in 4 \$25/ month sponsors (See update on page 8).
4. **Pray for some heroic financial gifts** to help us increase our evangelism even more. Time is running out on planet earth and we must win souls for Jesus while we can.

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