

# Resurrection Power

*The Monthly Voice of Russian Harvest Ministries*



**Peter & Jill with Olga and Sasha who will pastor the new church plant in Uzhnoya located on the Black Sea.**

## **First church plant for the Odessa Project already in the works!**

We have already targeted Uzhnoya as a key location for a church plant for 2010 and named the pastors. Olga was saved in our ministry over 15 years ago and is a leader along with her husband, Sasha, at Church of Praise in Odessa. (Read more on page 10)

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4. More Crimea reports. The project has ended and we were very successful!
5. Peter Mehl launches youth rallies using feats of strength that are drawing in many young people to the events and hearing the Gospel for the very first time.



# Letter From The Founders

## DEAR CO-LABORERS:

What a great month we have had. Exciting breakthroughs continue to take place everywhere we go. God is blessing our work in Chernigov, in Odessa, in Crimea, stateside ... everywhere! The results are that people are being reached for Jesus. There is never an idle moment. Although Jill and I feel on the verge of collapse all too often we feel compelled to run as hard and as fast as we can to seek and save the lost. Why? Because Jesus is coming very soon as we must be about the Father's business.

This newsletter - as always - is full of fresh updates and reports that verify the hand of God in our midst. Here is a glimpse:

### Crimea Update

Pastor Sergie Smolyar from Crimea has been sending out evangelism teams from his church and is reporting many salvation's each week. He is on fire for evangelism. Our presence in Crimea this past year has activated his church into evangelism and church planting. The results from his church alone are already bearing great fruit and will

be enormous as time goes by. To help him in his efforts RHM has just given his church a mobile sound system and keyboard.

Pastor Sergie is a key voice in the state of Crimea and will help us by continuing to rally other churches into Great Commission work. Sergie is not alone either as Pastor Misha of Nizhnegorsk is also on fire since we were working with him this past year plus Pastor Daniel of Krosneperekops and others have also picked up the pace for evangelism. Crimea will never be the same.

### Chernigov Region Goals

Jill and I spent a week traveling the Chernigov region meeting with key leaders, holding outreach meetings and a missions conference. The result was a renewed vision to reach every village in the state for Jesus. There are over 1,500 villages in the state and 124 villages in the county where we have our base. After eight years of nonstop evangelism and church planting in the state our missionaries are ready to do even more.

Pastor Lazuka, our RHM director said this, "*There are no other churches in our region with a vision for evangelism.*

*and church planting. If we do not do it who will? We must obey God. We must obey the Great Commission. We must give our lives for the Gospel."*

We believe that we are in the last of the last days. We cannot take life for granted nor relax in light of world events. Time is running out.

### Odessa Project Update

Jill and I also spent a week in the Odessa region in planning sessions, leadership training, partnership building and preparation as we launch the 2010 ***Odessa Region Evangelism and Church Planting Initiative***. The results were above expectation putting us in a great position as we launch this initiative. Our first mobile teams will be sent out December 8. Others will follow according to our schedule.

Although our matching grant funding is half of what it has been over the last four years we are pressing forward in faith believing God for breakthroughs in finances, soul winning and church planting. We know that God will call new and current supporters to take a bold stand in faith for the lost in Ukraine.

***Radical For Jesus!***  
***Peter & Jill***



# Priluki Church Dedicates Itself to Reach Every Village in their Region with the Gospel!



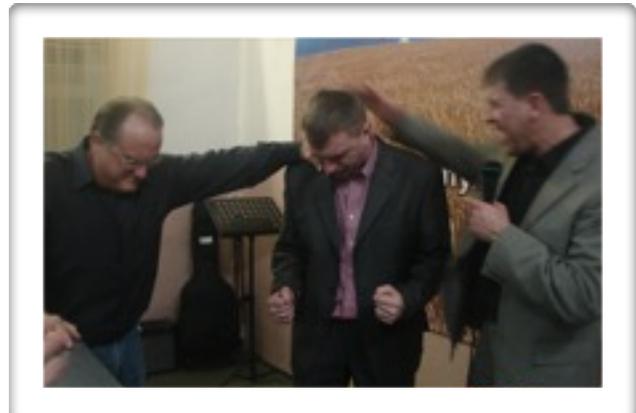
**Peter Mehl and Natasha Lazuka prepare to take the stage during a rally in our Priluki church.**

The crowd filled the room and adjoining hallway as they waited to hear from the founder of their church Peter Mehl. A special meeting had been called by Peter in preparation for his “Time is Running Out” rally. *“I am on a mission”* Peter said, *“A mission to rally the troops for a final push to bring in the last harvest before the great and awesome return of Jesus. That is why we are pushing it to the limits in everything that we are doing.”* The rally was a success with many in attendance committed to evangelize all the surrounding villages with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Peter and his leadership team are laying out a specific strategy for the Priluki region that will be launched in 2010.



**Souls for Jesus!**

16 people come to the Lord after Peter Mehl gave a spontaneous altar call during the rally. Many people had invited relatives to the meeting and the result was joy in Heaven and among us!



**Anointing & Prayer of Agreement**

Peter Mehl and Vladimir Lazuka lay hands on Pastor Volodya Ishenko. They anointed him to carry out his vision for a church of 1,000 people in Priluki and for the grace to reach every village in his region for Jesus.

## 8 Youth Born Again and over 100 Rededicate Lives to Jesus at Odessa Youth Rally!



**Peter Mehl holds a *Feats of Strength* outreach that drew over 200 youth to the meeting. “The results were amazing” said Pastor Vacya Nemchinov of Church of Praise.**

Peter Mehl told a visiting CNL news crew, *“The only reason I do these strength feats is to draw crowds so I can preach the Gospel. Otherwise they would be a waste of time for me.”* Odessa was a test run and the results were impressive. Pastor Vitalic Kozachenko added, *“These kinds of things are not done in this country. We will be able to go into small towns and villages and draw many youth to the outreaches. When they hear Peter’s testimony and the Gospel message he preaches, many will come to the Lord.”*

We will hold at least 25 outreaches in 2010 using feats of strength to draw youth to our meetings. We will minister with our mobile teams as well for a total of 55 crusades in the Odessa region, another 50 in the Chernigov region and by God’s grace another 50 in North Dakota, USA.



Peter bends a 9/16” steel bar over his nose and then scrolls it in circles.



Peter bending an 8” crescent wrench over his thigh followed by breaking screwdrivers in half.



Another feat Peter does is to roll up frying pans, a great crowd pleaser.

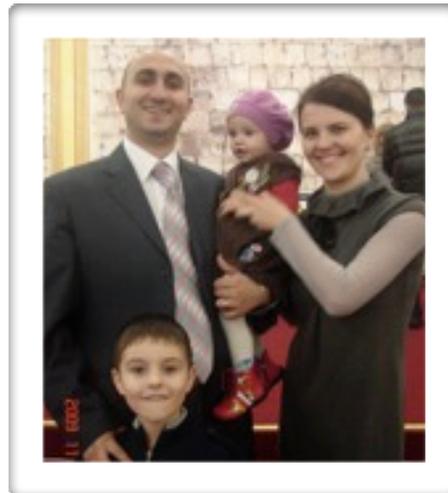


**“ODESSA PROJECT” PARTNERING LEADERSHIP TEAM**

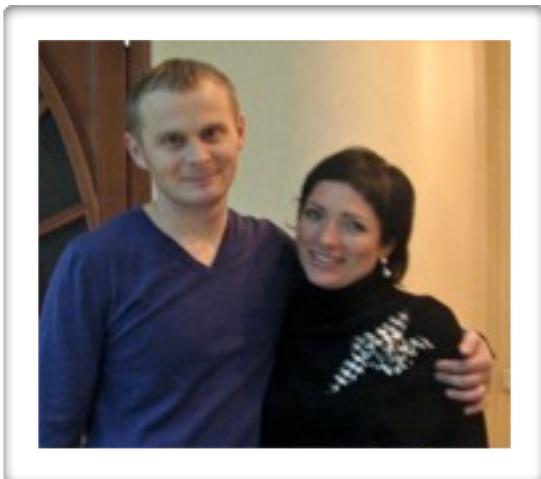


**Pastors Vitalic & Natasha Kozachenko**

Vitalic is Senior Pastor of Church of Praise, the lead partnering church for the Odessa Project.

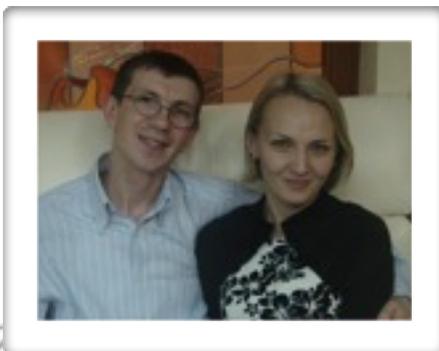


**Karen, his wife Olga and their children Albert and Karena.** Karen is an evangelist and will be RHM’s main contact for the Odessa Project.



**Pastors Vacya & Alona Nemchinov**

Vacya is the Dean of Church of Praise Bible School and Alona is the Worship leader. Vacya came to Jesus through RHM. Students from this school will be sent out to pioneer new church plants in 2010.



*“I am 100% committed to the 2010 vision to reach the Odessa State with the Gospel of Jesus Christ”* said **Pastor Vitalic** in a recent Sunday meeting. He went on to encourage his church, *“We are a missions church called to reach our nation and beyond for Christ. We are partnering with Peter Mehl and Russian Harvest to hold crusades all over our state in 2010 and believe God to bring in a harvest.”*

**Evangelist Karen Zelfimyan** said, *“This is the real deal. This is why I was born. My calling is to reach the lost and I am ready to give my life to this end. Peter trained me 15 years ago and because of him I have reached hundreds for Jesus. Now I am ready to reach thousands.”*

**Pastor Nemchinov** told us, *“We have over 50 students preparing for ministry and we have fully committed to partner with RHM and Peter Mehl.”*

**Pastor Lukenchuk** added, *“I am head of the prayer ministry and we will be covering every crusade with a blanket of prayer.”*

As you can see we have a powerful group of leaders partnering with us this year and this is only a few of them.

**Pastor Alexie Lukenchuk and his wife Olga.** Alexie is in charge of all prayer ministry at Church of Praise and will be leading all the prayer effort locally for the Odessa Oblast crusades and church plants.



## Odessa Project “Short Reports”



### Called to Ministry

These boys were called out of the crowd at the Izmail meeting and given words of knowledge calling them into ministry. Their mothers cried as the crowd shouted in joy. God was in the house and His gifts are alive, active and bearing fruit.



### Saved From the Street

Two more came to Christ during one of our Odessa meetings. Whether a church service, an outreach meeting or a training session, someone was always repenting and receiving Christ!

## Young Boy Receives a Ministry Call During Odessa Outreach!



### Young boy Baptized in the Holy Spirit!

Immediately after receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit Peter had a word for this boy and then prayed a prayer of impartation. He was then given the microphone and encouraged to preach. *He did and the crowd was amazed.* This however is normal Christianity. It should be a regular happening in every church on the planet and wherever a believer goes.



### Anointed to Heal!

Immediately, new believers should be put to work in the harvest. This is also true for those receiving the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Peter gave several words of knowledge concerning sicknesses and then called the people forward. Then he asked the boy to lay hands on each one. Several of them began to cry and then testify of being healed. As we said before, this is normal Christianity.



# Odessa Project "Short Reports"



## Izmail Church Part of Odessa Initiative

Peter and Jill with Pastor Victor Tomev, lead pastor at Word of Life Church in Izmail. He has come on board with us as a partnering church in the Odessa Project. He is now preparing his people to be involved in three village church plants near Izmail which is in southern Ukraine near the Romanian boarder.

Pastor Victor shared, *"I am excited about the potential we have this next year to be able to reach these villages. I know God is speaking to me to expand my vision. Thank you Peter for being such an inspiration."*



## Youth receives Call of God

Peter calls out a young boy during the Odessa Youth Rally giving him a powerful word from Heaven. His mother, standing behind him, is moved to tears and responds with, *"I know this is from God. This is exactly right."* Pastor Vacya added, *"The Lord did many wonders tonight. Many lives were changed and these people now know that His gifts are still operating in those with the faith to activate them."*



## Several Receive the Baptism in the Holy Spirit

Fourteen people line up to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit. This young boy received first (See arrow) and it spread from there. This little guy was hot for God (See his story on bottom of page 6). We had him praying over the others and they were receiving the baptism and speaking in tongues! It was awesome.

It's no wonder Jesus wanted all the little children to come to Him. He also said that we must become as little children to be able to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

## Odessa Region Grant Update

This years goal is to raise \$50,000 towards a matching grant from the Foursquare Foundation. We ask that you step out in faith with us and help match this goal. There is no lack in Heaven and we trust the Lord to help us again as He speaks to His people.



## Crimean Crusades!

These crusades were held two months ago but never reported on because of space limitations in the newsletter. We decided to give just a short version of a few crusades so we could show more locations, the labor of our teams and the fruit of your giving and prayers. Thanks so much.

### '16' Repent on the Streets of Klimovo!

After two days of street ministry in Klimovo our team reported 16 decisions for Christ! *"It was a tough one"* said Sergie *"but we kept ministering to everyone who would listen."* The village would not rent us space so our team set up on an open lot of a demolished building. They sang until some people would gather and then shared the Gospel. This went on for several hours for two days until the team left for another village.



Sergie ministers to two children after *they gave their hearts to Jesus.* *"They are so open, so special"* said Sergie.



Five adults and one youth accept Jesus! God gave us wonderful weather so we had to make the most of it. The result is 16 more souls for Christ.



Four more accept the Lord after one of the several ministry times during the day.

### '9' Receive Jesus in Novoselcevo!



**Left:** Three children that received Jesus sit with their new believers children's booklets.

Our Romni mobile team ministered to more than 100 people on the streets of Novoselcevo during the two days of ministry resulting in 9 people opening their hearts to the Lord. These children were 3 of the 9. This was another village that would not let us rent space so our team hit the streets and went door-to-door. We always go with the attitude that says, ***"We will not be denied."***



# More Crimean Crusades!

## '33' Receive Jesus in Kashtany!



Having good weather and a location where many people walked by constantly we chose to hold more than one meeting per day. The result was 33 decisions for Jesus. Some during altar calls and others during one-on-one witnessing. Over 200 ministry newspapers were also given to passerby's as our team shared the love of Jesus with them.

## '6' Repent in Otradnoe!



**Left:** Three youth come to the Lord on day one of the crusade. *"It was a tough two days"* reported Pastor Volodya *"but still 6 people accepted Jesus. It was worth it!"*

## '2' Repent in Kovashevo!



Two come to Jesus in this tiny location but as Pastor Dimchenko put it, *"You should have seen their faces light up."*



## Swine Flu Scare Rocks Ukraine!

Taken to a whole new level of political maneuvering Ukraine's politician's put the nation in a panic in November shutting down all schools, universities and banned the rental of public buildings or the holding of large meetings. People everywhere were wearing masks. This virtually shut us down for three weeks in November.

After setting up our last crusades for the Crimea project including renting buildings, advertising and sending teams to Crimea we were forced to pull the plug on 50% of our crusades. Instead teams went door-to-door and shared the Gospel. We went to every home in the villages and the results were very impressive. 30-40 people prayed to receive Jesus into their hearts in each village. We will give these updates in next months newsletter.

Although we could not rent government owned buildings for our crusades we could meet in facilities owned by individuals if we made masks available. Since we own our office complex and have long term contracts with others and Church of Praise in Odessa just moved into a new facility with a private owner we were able to keep the pace on 100% of our training institute, leadership conferences and Bible schools and 75% of everything else. It is amazing what the government will do and to no logical end? Regardless, what the devil meant for bad God turned it for His good!

### Cover Story

## First Odessa Project Church Plant!



**Sasha, Olga, Peter and Jill**

When we first began planning the Odessa Initiative we were praying for a powerful and effective first month. The Lord answered our prayers! He put on the hearts of two of our disciples to pastor a new church plant.

The result is Uzhnoya, a key port town giving us a strategic location where we can use this church as a base to reach out to all the villages and small towns of that region. We are preparing others to help them so we can speed up the work and reach people for Jesus as fast as we can. The field is white and ripe and ready for harvest. We must act now!



## Christmas Giving

This Christmas please consider giving less to those that already have an abundance and more to those that have little. We have many missionaries that need help getting through the winter including our rehab centers. We also have many urgent needs including equipment purchases needed ASAP so we can effectively launch our evangelism initiatives in two Ukrainian states, Odessa and Chernigov. Please help us this Christmas with a special gift. Thanks and God bless.

*Peter & Jill*

## Winter Heating Needs

1. Gift to help missionaries with winter heating bills (10 sponsors needed): **\$100** each
2. Gift towards the women's rehab center heating. **\$500** is needed. (Men's rehab donates wood.)
3. We have 6 houses and a meeting hall at the Men's rehab center. The men spend the summer cutting wood which covers most of the heating needs but we still need to buy coal. **\$1,200** needed.

## Evangelism Materials

10,000 12 page full color **Evangelism booklets** directed towards reaching youth for Jesus: **\$2,500**

1,000 booklets for just **\$250**

500 booklets for just **\$125**

**100 New Testaments** to be given away only to those making decisions for Christ: **\$100**

## Mobile Evangelism Vans

2 used Mobile Evangelism Vans are desperately needed to help carry out over 100 crusades in 2010 and beyond. We do not splurge but buy used vans 5 to 7 years old. **\$15,000** each.

## Mobile Evangelism Sound Systems

2 mobile evangelism sounds systems are needed immediately as we launch the *Odessa Region Evangelism & Church Planting Initiative*. **Includes:** mixer/power amp, keyboard and stand, '2' 200 amp speakers, 2 speaker stands, 1 monitor, 6 microphones and stands, all cables: **\$2,700** each

## Sponsorships Needed

Sponsor a Correspondence Bible School student through the entire 3 book 12 test course: **\$75**

Sponsor a student through 12 months of our Leadership Institute: **\$250**

Sponsor one person through the entire years of our Drug & Alcohol Rehab Center: **\$1,000**

Help sponsor an RHM missionary on a monthly basis for just **\$30** per month.



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## Prayer Requests

1. We are entering another year of very aggressive evangelism into the least evangelized areas of Ukraine - villages and small towns. We will evangelize in two key Ukraine states, Odessa and Chernigov. Besides this we will be holding over 50 outreaches in North Dakota. These will be done between our Ukraine crusades and conferences. All total we will hold over 150 crusades and the Odessa crusades will be two days each and some will be three days. A very aggressive schedule and therefore we need much prayer.
2. The Odessa 55 crusade Initiative is partially funded (50%) by a grant from the Foursquare Foundation. We need to raise the matching \$50,000. Our crusades in the Chernigov region are not funded. They are totally by faith. All our crusades in North Dakota also need funding. We need the hand of God to move in our behalf.
3. Pray for a heroic year end. Both in souls for Jesus and in finances so we can finish the year strong and begin 2010 fully financed.

### Fargo Prayer Meeting

**Next Meeting:**

**December 12 @ 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.

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