

Russian Harvest Ministries

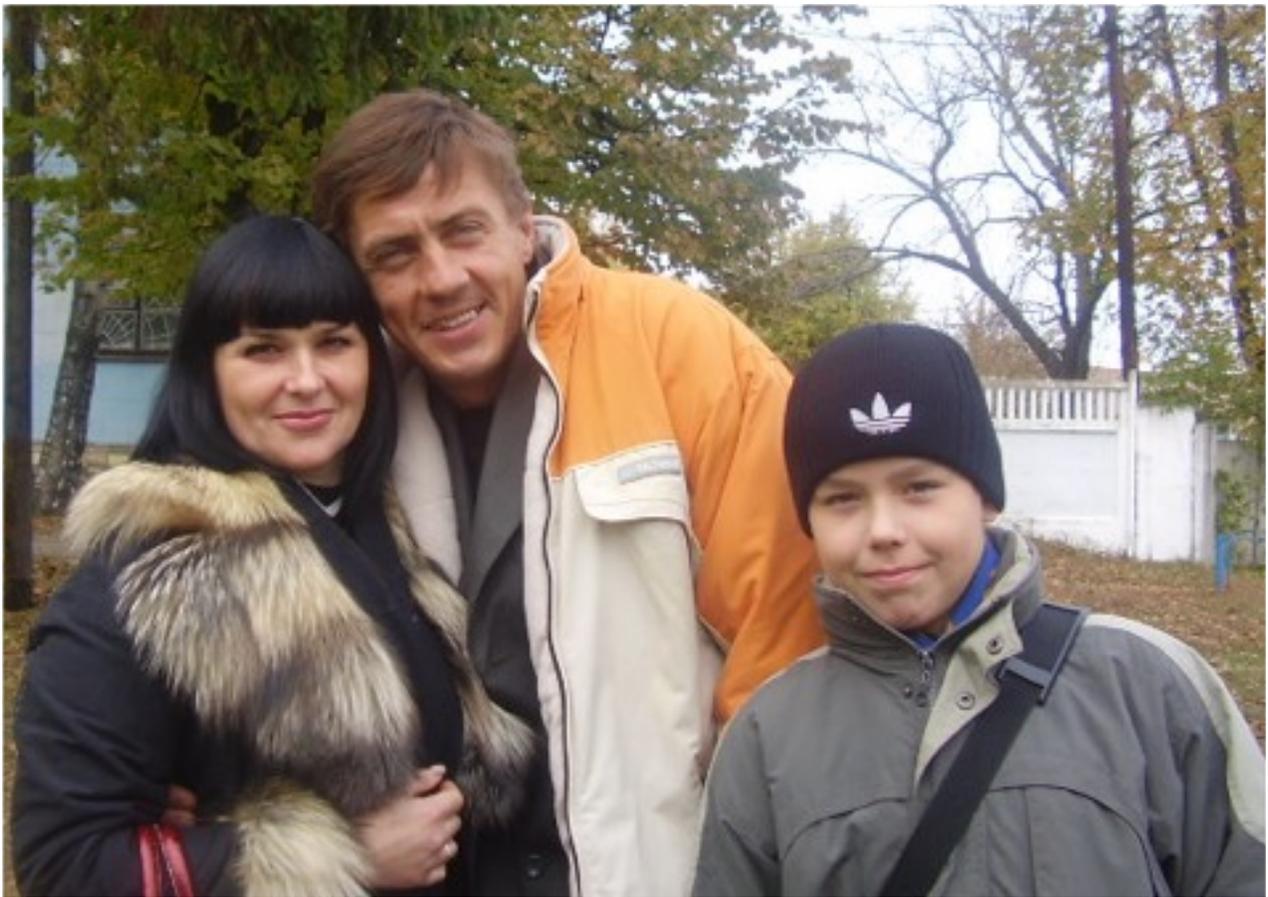
Reaching Nations for Jesus!

# Harvest

Ministry Newsletter

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## Saved, Delivered & Healed!



**Sergie was a hopeless addict, Irina was lost in drugs and alcohol.**

Through a series of miracles they were reached for Jesus, met, fell in love and now are directors of our prisoner transition home and a new church plant. Finally, Igor (the boy) has a home with parents that love him. God is in the business of restoration. (Read more about this wonderful story on pages 4 & 5).

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# Letter From The Founders

## DEAR CO-LABORERS:

All we can say is WOW! Look and see what the Lord is doing! We are excited at what 2011 will bring as far as souls for Jesus. Ukraine, Moldova, Brednestrovia (and now Gagauzia-see page 7); crusades, church plants, evangelists raised up and released into the harvest, youth training this summer for evangelism and street ministry - and the list goes on and on!

Yes, it is exciting and we are doing it thanks to you - our partner in ministry. Your faithful support of RHM is allowing us to evangelize where the Gospel is not being proclaimed. In doing so we are fulfilling the Lord's call to go into all the world and preach His Gospel.

## Praying in Supernatural Languages

On December first we began stepping up our times of daily praying in tongues in preparation for 2011. On January first we set out to ramp up our times of praying in tongues - God's Supernatural Language - even more.

We are hungry for more of God and to see His Word come alive. We are acting on this in faith.



## Our 2011 Praying in The Holy Ghost Schedule:

The first three weeks of January, every Monday and the first three days of every month is dedicated to pray in tongues. All other days throughout the year are two hours each day.

Why? Because we must press in to all the potential that God has for us and He, through His Word commanded us to pray without ceasing. Paul said that he prayed in tongues more than anyone and look what he accomplished. Also, the devil cannot understand what the Spirit is praying through us. It will disturb him greatly. We want to do our part to drive him into a mental institution for fallen angels!!!

If we sow in this manner we cannot help but to reap eternal results. Praying in tongues, heavens supernatural language is praying totally in faith and God loves faith. He responds to faith. We encourage you too, in 2011 to ramp up your times praying in the Holy Ghost. Go after God with all your heart. Be bold as a lion. Be aggressive in faith. Be the man or woman the Lord would have you be.

It is time for an all out attack on the kingdom of

darkness. Let's be serious in 2011. We must build our faith, take new ground, pray without ceasing, tithe, give more than ever and stand firm in all the promises of God.

2011 will be a year of great change: For those in darkness it will get darker. For those in the light it will be brighter. Two kingdoms are at war and believers must be very diligent, wise and recognize the signs of the times.

The whole world now is under an unsustainable mountain of debt. World leaders and all governments are corrupt and looking for the answers in all the wrong places. *The only answer is Jesus.* The only cure is repentance and faith towards God. The only remedy to a black stained heart, mind or a whole nation is the pure red crimson blood of the only One to die and be raised again. That is Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Let's do all that we can in 2011 to bring His saving Gospel message to all that we can as fast and far as we can.

Thanks so much for partnering with us in World Missions.

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

# Moldova Update



**Peter and Jill with Igor Kokosh and his wife, Lena, Pastors of the second largest Charismatic church in Moldova, *New City Church*.**

## **RHM Forms Partnership with Second Largest Full Gospel Church in Moldova!**

Jill and I spent a few days in Chishinov establishing relations with key pastors including Igor and Lena Kokosh. They are pastors of *New City Church*, a thriving church in the capital city of Moldova.

The Holy Spirit continues to help us lay the foundation for what will be the taking of a whole nation for Jesus. We still need a major financial miracle to pull it off but we know it is coming soon. Stand with us in faith for this!

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## **2011 Moldova Evangelism Thrust Begins!**

We can now officially report that 2011 has begun with a whole hearted push to take the nation of Moldova for Christ. We will bring you many new crusade results in the next newsletter but the reports coming in are wonderful with many more salvations and great healing testimonies. The Lord is working with us with signs following (Mark 16:20).

### **More Breakthrough!**

We have also met with the leadership from the largest Full Gospel church in Moldova and the news is awesome as God continues to help us lay the foundation for a full fledged nation wide push to bring thousands of villagers to the Lord. We will have a full report in the next newsletter.

### **Leadership Training!**

Besides crusades we have begun the training of leaders and equipping young evangelists and pastors. The first question that we ask the pastors is "Will you be coming with us to the streets?" We know that if they do not lead, people will not follow.

### **Orphans & Addicts!**

We are also helping to get orphans off the streets and drug addicts saved and into a rehab center. It is building fast and we need prayer support and miracle finances to keep pace with our growth. We will have a full update in next months newsletter and you will be amazed and pleased knowing that the fruit of your life is helping RHM make such a huge difference in the Lord's Harvest.

# Testimony of Miracles

**My name is Sergie and I thank God for saving me and delivering me from drugs. This is my story:**

For 15 of my 35 years I was an addict. Three times I was in prison and my life was hopeless. The last time I was released from prison I just wanted a normal life, a wife, children, a decent job. Unfortunately my old problems swallowed me up fast. I found myself in the hospital with festering in my hip. It was painful and I looked terrible when I walked. I had no desire to live. Who would want to share a life with me?

While in the hospital some believers came to see me. I used to take drugs with them before they changed. I saw how different they were and hope started rising in my heart. They told me everything about Christ and what He did in their lives.

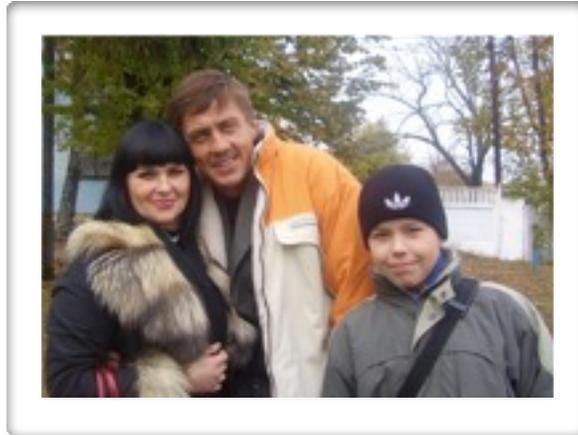
I had reached my limit so I just repented of my sins before God believing that He would help me and heal me. In two weeks I was able to stand on my legs and to walk with a cane. In two months I was walking without a cane!

God raised me up and I am able to walk even without a joint in my hip!

I graduated from the RHM Drug Rehab Center center and God set me free from drugs, smoking and cursing. My life has totally changed. I've made the decision to serve God for the rest of my life.

In November 2008 a woman came to me on the street, she was drunk, and asked for a smoke. I could see her torment. Her pain. Her loneliness. I was only able to tell her that God loves her. After I said these words she looked at me with sober eyes like she wasn't even drunk and she started telling me her life story.

Her name is Irina. She is 35 years old, she told me that she was addicted to drugs and alcohol. She was crying and telling me how these things totally destroyed her life, that she is not needed by anyone, that her relatives and family are suffering because of her and everyone else just turned away from her.



**Sergie, Irina and Igor**

Then her son was taken away from her. Nothing showed hopeful. Ira was trying to get medical help everywhere she possibly could but every time she turned back to drugs or booze.

I had a great desire to help Ira. I was also able to see the beauty in her that the drugs hadn't destroyed yet. Her life story really touched my heart. I felt her pain. I

walked her home and I told her about Christ and how He could help her.

Ira repented and was then accepted at the RHM Women's Drug Rehab Center. She was totally set free from drugs, smoking, and alcohol. Her life was totally changed!

We started getting to know each other better and after a while God gave us special love for each other. We realized that the Lord meant us to be together. We got married in August 2010 and live in Talalaevka where Russian Harvest Ministries started a prisoner transition home and a church. We both serve in this church where I am the pastor.

My wife Irina helps me in everything. Her son Igor became my son. He lives with us and is doing great and is now a believer too. We love him very much and we are raising him together. We are happy. Peter, thank you for coming to Ukraine and reaching people that are unloved. **God bless, Sergie**

# 70 Respond to Salvation in *Talalaevka!*



**People respond to the call to repent, forsake a life of sin and follow Christ!**

Talalaevka is a village four hours from Chernigov and in winter conditions and on Ukraine roads, it can be very frightening travel. The long hours of travel in such conditions were well worth the effort. The fruit that came forth was a miracle in the making. A few years ago we launched a transition home for prisoners. A place of refuge. A place of hope for the hopeless.

Then we stepped out in faith to also plant a church. It has been a long hard pull as people were concerned about former prisoners in the area. However, they slowly began to warm up after they saw the fruit of what was happening.

The leaders have been asking us to come for some time but only now did we respond. It was God's timing and He was in the house that day as 70 people responded to Christ.

*"We are so excited" said Sergie. "We have been praying that you would come with your team but to see so many respond to the Lord is amazing. It is wonderful and such a tremendous breakthrough for us."*

Irina, Sergie's wife added, *"Since the day I was saved until now I have been so blessed by Russian Harvest Ministries. You reached Sergie for Christ and he reached me for the Lord and now my son Igor is saved. Words cannot express my gratitude."*

Friends, because of you we can bring you these stories. Your prayers and faithful giving allows us to stay active in the harvest. We thank the Lord for such tremendous testimonies. We promise to keep doing the Lord's work in your behalf and by His grace there will be many more stories like this to report.

# Santa Evangelists in Romania



The team hits the streets of Galatsi, Romania loaded with New Testaments, Gospel tracts and new believers CD's.



Santa's run into a wedding ceremony photo session and share Jesus with the bride and groom. They will never forget their wedding day!



Santa's invade the local market. While people came to shop, our team used the bright red costumes to their advantage and distributed hundreds of Gospel tracts and shared Jesus with many.

## Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan Leads a Team of Santa's

I never thought I would find myself getting excited about Santa as I (Peter) have been an avid anti-santa guy ever since I was saved. Then, I realized that this whole Santa stuff could be turned on its head and we could use it to get people saved. So we did and the result is that hundreds have repented and many healed, right there on the streets.

Instead of Ho-ho-ho it's Jesus-Jesus-Jesus all the way! We don't talk about Santa but instead share the love of God Who sent Jesus to save us from our sin. Because of our Holy Ghost filled Santa's many Romanian's are now with Christ!

Kaaren reported that only 10% of the people questioned on the streets even knew the meaning of Christmas. Kaaren told us, *"That is the first question we asked people, 'What do you think is the meaning of Christmas?' and just 10% had the right answer. It was so sad but then we had a chance to tell 90% the reason for the celebration and over 100 people accepted the Lord Jesus! It was awesome."*

The team hit the streets in Galatsi and Tartareshti, Romania and everywhere they went people were open to the truth of the Gospel. How can they hear if we do not go? They can't and therefore we go. Thanks for sending us.



Santa's lead a street worker to the Lord during the morning rush hour.



Santa Kaaren shares with youth about the true meaning of Christmas.

# Santa Evangelists Invade Gagauzia!



**Santa Evangelists stand with Michael Parmuzal (Taller man in center) who is the Governor of Gagauzia!**

## Santa's "Wow" the Governor!

Most people in countries where the orthodox church is strong celebrate Christmas on January 7. For us this is great because it gives an extended time to use the Santa hook and bring more people to the Lord.

Evangelist Zelfimyan trained a team from Sergie Dadiyal's church in Comrat, Moldova and then hit the streets. No reindeer, no bags full of presents and no flying sleighs. Just eight men full of the Holy Ghost and loaded down with Gospel tracts and New Testaments.

People responded to the nine men in red with open arms during the three day street ministry reaching over 100 for the Lord.

The big surprise came when Pastor Sergie, led by the Holy Spirit, said *"Let's go to the Governor's office."* They did and when they arrived in full Santa garb there was on one else there, only the Governor, his body guard and an assistant.

*"Nine Santa Claus' are out here, do you want to see them?"* said the assistant to the Governor." With that introduction the Governor opened his office to our team. He opened his office and his heart to us and the work we are doing in his territory. We believe that we will have opportunity to influence him for Christ.

**Gagauzia is an autonomous territory inside of Moldova.**



# Testimonies From Evangelist Zelfimyan

## Healed of Skin Cancer!

As Reported by Evangelist Zelfimyan

“During a recent meeting that I was preaching the Holy Spirit impressed upon me to give a word of knowledge. It was about a woman that was going to the doctor soon over a very serious condition but that there would be a miracle.

One woman immediately responded to tell me she had an appointment concerning skin cancer. She was worried but the word had given her hope.

A week later she called me to report that all the tests came back negative. The doctors could not explain the disappearance of the cancer. We can! It was Jesus the Healer!”

## Skull Fracture Healed!

Responding to a call to pray for a friend in the hospital, Evangelist Zelfimyan, responded with his usual zeal. Upon arriving he noticed someone else in the room whom he found out was in serious condition with a fractured skull. The doctors had given him no hope due to internal bleeding and swelling that they could not get under control.

The father of the person (his son) was in the room and Kaaren asked if he could pray for the mans son, *“Of course, no one seems to be able to help, maybe this will.”* The man was not a believer. A few days later Kaaren returned to check on his friend but now the other bed was empty. *“Where is they guy with the fractured skull” asked Karren. His friend then told him this story: “Kaaren, the next morning the son woke out of his coma and asked for something to eat. The doctors came rushing in and were in shock. They ordered new tests and to their amazement the swelling was gone and the bleeding stopped. After more tests the doctors told the father he could take his son home because there was nothing wrong with him anymore. It was a miracle!”*

## Tartareshti, Romania Update

The church we planted there a few years ago, lead by Evangelist Zelfimyan, is doing great and is now venturing out to area villages as God is leading them towards two church plants. Kaaren reported the following: *“Pete, Pastor Sergie took me to two villages where he is praying about starting churches. He said that after you were there he knew that he had to stretch his faith and expand his vision. Now he is doing it.”*

Yes, you read it correctly, RHM is reaching into Romania and church plants are coming forth. Kaaren will be back there soon to help in crusades and evangelism training. Mostly we will be raising up evangelists in Moldova that we will then send into Romania to carry out crusades and serve as missionaries. Partners, together we are making a huge difference as we reach into new territory and expand the Kingdom of God. Thank you!

# Short Reports & Updates

## RHM Forms Partnership With Largest Church In Brednestrovia!



**Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan and Peter Mehl with Pastor Yuri (right), founder of the largest church in Brednestrovia and.**

*"I want to say how excited I am that Russian Harvest Ministries has taken an interest to see all of Brednestrovia saved. Thank you so much for obeying God. Pastor Yuri.*

We continue to form a strong alliance of pastors and churches in Moldova and Brednestrovia. With each passing week the alliance becomes stronger and once struggling pastors are gaining hope for a Great Awakening.

*"We are committed to join your vision and see all of Moldova saved"* said Pastor Yuri.

Pastor Sergie Radidyal told us this: *"Since Russian Harvest Ministries has come to this nation the entire atmosphere among pastors has changed. Thank you."*

**Partners, you are helping us set up a miracle in Moldova! All the glory to Jesus.**



**Pastor Roma (right) and his new disciple, Vladimir.**

## Pastor Roma - Committed to Discipleship!

"I have been witnessing to Vladimir for a long time and did not seem to ever get a breakthrough. Then one day I decided to give it another try and this time he was open, he asked questions. It was like all my previous talks with him were actually getting through and now they were bearing fruit.

Vladimir came to church Sunday and gave his life to Jesus! I am so excited for him but now the real work begins as I disciple him. Already I can see him growing in the Lord. Thanks Pete and Jill for standing with me in helping me reach Mena for Jesus. I know it may not seem like big breakthrough but I am reaching the town one person at a time and making disciples.

# Odessa Project Final Report

Although we did crusades in Moldova, Romania and in the Chernigov region of Ukraine the Odessa Project was a significant focus. Therefore I wanted to bring you a report of the great victory we had there in 2010. Thanks you so much, partners, for your faithful participation.

***Peter L. Mehl***

Working with Evangelist Zelfimyan and Odessa Church of Praise helped facilitate the project and make it a success. Sasha Trofimenko of our Chernigov office did a wonderful job of producing the flyers and posters for the whole project and then having them delivered to the various sites on time for distribution. The whole staff that worked on the project worked hard, often long hours, and were in much prayer from day one to the finish. What was the result?

## **72 crusades in 29 different locations that resulted in 3,125 decisions for Christ and 14 church plants!**

The leadership training part of this project went way past expectations with a majority of those trained now in active ministry. Partnering with Church of Praise in Odessa and other area churches facilitated a huge response. These leaders are either active in a church, pastoring one of the new church plants or cell group or involved in evangelism.

Pastor Vitalic of Odessa said this to his church in December, 2010 during their year end celebration: *"This past year working with Peter Mehl and Russian Harvest Ministries has been the best in over 10 years. The fruit has been tremendous. So many souls have been saved and many church plants. But for me to see so many leaders rise up is amazing. We send our thanks to Peter and Jill and look forward to the future."*

Evangelist Zelfimyan added: *"I have not had the pleasure of working with Peter for over ten years as he has been up in Chernigov area. To be working with him again side by side is a great blessing to me personally. He disciplined me over 15 years ago and again this past year. My life will not be the same but neither will the lives of thousands of people or the villages they come from."*

## **We had a year with many healings, operations of the Gifts of the Spirit and the miraculous. Here are a few testimonies:**

The mayor of Old Shampoli, Nikoli Nikoliavich, and his son were saved in our outdoor crusade and both are seriously serving Jesus. Nikoli is helping with our church plant and his son, who was a drunk, is delivered and is part of a full Gospel church in Odessa. The mayor has also donated a house for our people to use as a church location and they have fixed it up. He is so thankful. Not only for his salvation but that his son was saved and delivered and now has new life and alcohol free.

Village of Petro-dolinskaya: One year ago there was nothing there but we did 3 crusades during the year and there is now a move of God amongst the youth. The house they use is packed with 30-40 youth every week and growing. They need another location but the village hall is falling apart. Once they get another location they will have another growth spurt.

Kotovsk had just one person there praying for God to move and although doing what he could nothing was happening, until we came and did a 5 day crusade. We brought a team, hit the streets during the day and crusade at night and now we have a church plant with 20-25 people.

# Testimony of Restoration

**My name is Olga Metel and I am from the Nosovko region:**

I wish to tell you about the wonderful work that the Lord is doing in my village of Dershanivka. It is like a revival and I asked the Lord to use me to that end. I said "Lord, let me be a part of bringing revival to my village. I will do all that you ask of me."

Soon after I met the local orthodox priest on the street and began to share with him the need to preach truth. To preach God's Word instead of men's opinions.

After returning home I felt the Lord directing me to get that priest saved so I began to pray for him and those that he leads.

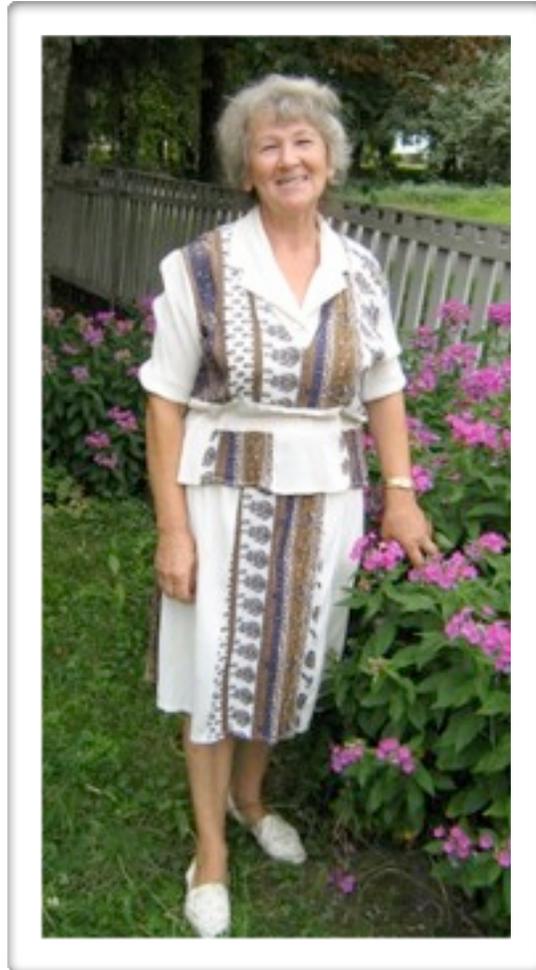
Soon after a woman who sings in his church came to me. She was very confused and began to ask me many questions about life, death and eternity. She even told me she did not understand why she came to talk to me. "I just felt drawn to come" she said. I know that it was a direct result of my prayers.

I showed her scriptures in the Bible about salvation and repentance and she was opening her heart and soon I was able to lead her to Jesus.

At the end of the conversation she said that she wanted to study the Bible with me and to

pray so we started getting together and she is learning the truth of God's Word.

One by one this village will be reached for the Lord even if I have to do it myself. Thank God I don't because I now have a group of ladies working with me. We pray together and witness about Jesus to everyone we meet.



**Olga was reached for Christ by RHM missionaries**

I also was to share a victory report concerning my son, Sasha. While at work a few men came to him and began to beat him and hit him on the side of the head with a metal pipe.

He was taken to the hospital where the doctor told him his eardrum was torn and he needed surgery. When I heard I was mad at the devil and told Sasha that God can heal him "Sasha, do you believe this" I asked.

He answered "Yes" and I laid hands on him and prayed. We felt the Lord in this and asked the doctor to take more tests at which he was reluctant. "More tests" he said, "Why, we have the results."

He finally relented but when he returned with the results he just plopped into his chair and said "I do not understand. This just can't happen."

In the natural it can't but with God and through faith all things are possible.



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## Prayer Requests

1. We have many doors now standing open before us and teams ready to send but there are more doors than funds to meet the demand. Pray for financial miracles so we can strike while the iron is hot and pull in the harvest while it is white and ready.
2. Jill and I and our teams are out evangelizing and traveling the treacherous roads of Ukraine and Moldova. We need to cover thousands of miles the next few months as we continue to lay waste to the devils kingdom. Pray for safety, protection and traveling mercy.
3. We are once again writing another grant application to present to the Foursquare Foundation for a huge initiative in Moldova. Pray for wisdom and the grace to write a spectacular grant request. The initial application is due February 15.
4. The Odessa Initiative is officially over but follow up efforts continue. Keep all our evangelists in your prayers as they establish the new churches and hold more crusades.

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