

Russian Harvest Ministries

Reaching Nations for Jesus!

Harvest

Ministry Newsletter

January 2011

Breakthrough in *Ladan, Ukraine!*

Over 100 People Come to Christ!



2010 - A Tremendous Year for Soul Winning!

December finished with another great month of reaching people for the Master. Thank you for partnering with us as together we reached the villages in the former Soviet Union with the Gospel.



Letter From The Founders

DEAR CO-LABORER:

We have had another amazing month as nearly 700 people, mostly youth made decisions to repent and follow Jesus.

We held crusades in Ukraine, Moldova and Brednestrovia (the banana republic inside of Moldova). When Jill and I were done crisscrossing these countries we sent out follow-up teams. They continued to win souls and heal the sick. It results are amazing!

The Last Days

One comment recently made to me (Peter) was, *“Why do you run at the pace you do? Why don’t you take more time off?”* Someone else made this statement *“You are almost 55, you should be more concerned about retirement.”*

My response was that I truly believe we are in the last of the Last Days. We must do more than just talk about it. We must live it!

Besides who ever came up with the idea of retirement anyway? It sure isn’t found in the Bible.

We were never meant to fade



away. We, as Holy Ghost people, were meant to ***Blaze Away!***

Matthew 24, Luke 21 and Mark 13 are all chapters loaded with end time instructions, warnings and commands. Every believer would do well to review them in detail and heed to what they have to say.

Moldova Update

Partners, God has given us an open door for Moldova. We now have partnerships established with pastors in every corner of the nation. The foundation for taking a nation for Christ is being established and we get the honor of being the forerunners.

We are not saying that we were God’s first choice but we plan to be His last, because we are going to obey. It is a daunting task. Huge. Way beyond our current ability financially. Yet, we find ourselves in the middle of it. Would God take us out this far to then close the door? We think not. Somehow, He will provide the resources, the people, the churches and businesses to partner with.

In November Jill and I held a special meeting with the leaders of the only Charismatic/Full Gospel fellowship in the nation. We shared our vision and made it plain. God was with us in a special way and we are going forward.

We have formed partnerships with the five largest Charismatic churches in Moldova and the largest in Brednestrovia. All others come under their authority or influence. Therefore the stage has been set for the largest and most aggressive evangelistic effort in the history of Moldova.

We already have the manpower, the teams, the evangelists and staff to pull off a five year plan to evangelize every town and village in the country. Now we need the financial miracle to help us sustain this initiative in full.

Please pray with us, for us and aggressively join us in this great End Time opportunity to reach an entire nation for Jesus! (See page 11). Thank You.

Radical for Jesus!
Peter & Jill

65 Come to Christ in *Terasipol, Brednestrovia!*



As Evangelist Zelfimyan pulls in the net, youth flood the altar area to repent and make commitments to follow Jesus Christ!



Faces of the Future

These children are the future of this republic. God gave us the mandate to reach them for Christ and we did. Yet, there are thousands more remaining. Somehow, with your help, we will reach them for the Master.

Terasipol is the capital city of Brednestrovia, the banana republic inside of Moldova. When crossing the border control it was like stepping back twenty years. It was back to the KGB and military everywhere, the posted signs declaring “No cameras,” and where fear mongers rule.

Be that as it may and in spite of it, we came to declare a different message: That Jesus rules! Again, we used the *feats of strength* as a draw for the youth and then weaved our testimonies throughout the meeting. By the end, the youth knew where we stood and more important, where they stood: on very unstable ground. The result was that 65 came forward to repent and declare that they will follow Christ.

God has opened the door for us in this republic. We do not know for how long but we know that we must move fast. We cannot afford to waste any time because night is soon coming when no man can work. For this republic, today is the day of salvation. Thanks for helping us evangelize Moldova.

Spirit of Repentance Falls In Chishinov, Moldova!



The Holy Spirit takes control

The Holy Spirit began to move after Peter gave a word of knowledge to these two teenagers on the left.

Then the pastors wife was touched and eventually the whole church. God was in the house and lives were changed forever.



People fall to the floor weeping

People began to fall to the floor in a state of repentance. One by one and then the weeping began. The spirit of repentance was apparent.

This went on until our rent time expired. People would not leave. They wanted to stay in the atmosphere of Heaven.



People stand in honor of the Holy Spirit's presence

When the Spirit began to move, hundreds of people stood to their feet. You could hear the weeping coming from everywhere.

The Holy Spirit was moving in a special way. Change was taking place in the lives of God's people. He is preparing them for two things: Revival and the spreading of the Gospel across the country of Moldova.



Peter ministers personally to over 100 people.

When the invitation was given to come to the altar for prayer the people flooded the front and both sides.

Weeping, repenting and healing continued until our rent time expired and the hall director told us we had to leave.

Kaaren returned to this church two weeks later to conduct a leadership conference. He reported that the same thing was taking place.

Over '100' Come to Christ in *Ladan, Ukraine!*



Over 200 people crammed into a small hall to hear the Gospel of the Kingdom of Christ and witness its true power.

After a nonstop three weeks holding crusades in Ukraine, Moldova and Brednestrovia we squeezed in one more to top off the month. The location was Ladan, a town near Priluki, Ukraine.

It was another four hour drive and we arrived at the site after dark. It was a compound near the edge of the town. There were no street lights and a light drizzle, not the setting for people to come.

When we entered the hall thirty minutes before we were to begin there was no one. By 6 PM there were 25 people and at 6:30 we had over 200. Only the Lord could do this. The Holy Spirit was drawing souls to the Master.

By the time we gave the call to repent they had heard four testimonies of our team members and a clear Gospel call. The atmosphere was now ready and the results were so wonderful, as mainly children and youth repented and gave their lives to Jesus.

The four hour ride back was much different than the ride going. We were thanking the Lord for allowing us worthy to carry His Gospel to Ladan. Thank you partners for sending us.



Sincerity of a Child

This girl was greatly touched by the message of salvation through Christ. She will never be the same.

75 Come to Jesus in Srebnoya, Ukraine!



Youth surround book table after the altar call.

Here we go again partners with another church plant in Ukraine near Priluki!

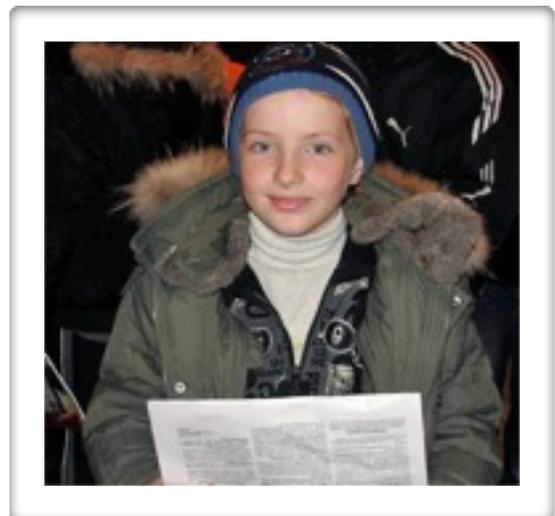
We traveled four hours to get to Srebnoya and upon arriving had trouble even seeing the village. There were no street lights or signs. There was however, a room full of people, hungry hearts searching for truth.

They received more than they expected as the light of the Gospel opened up a revelation concerning Who Jesus is, what He did, and what He would do for them.

The result was heroic as 75 people repented and gave their lives to the Master. It was a great day for Srebnoya. It was epic. The first step in the saving of a village.

Valera and his wife Tanya, who served for years at our Priluki church as key leaders are leading the new work. It has been six weeks now since the crusade and a church is coming forth.

“We are so excited” said Valera. “We continue personal witnessing and every week we have new people coming. People are being baptized in the Holy Spirit and soon we will have water baptism. Others have been healed. In a small village this really gets things stirred up. In one month we have gained many friends and also many enemies. The orthodox have a stronghold here but we will overcome.”



“I accepted Jesus!”

This happy girl just turned her life over to the Lord Jesus. Well, that is the best reason to be happy. She was part of the very first crusade in Srebnoya and a new church launch.

“This was really exciting. Nothing like this has ever happened in my village. I am so happy that you came.”

We not only came but are here to stay. Thanks partners for another victory.

67 Repent in *Krosnosolka, Ukraine!*



Almost everyone responds to the call to repent and follow Jesus Christ.

We held our crusade in a building that was built 200 years ago by believers. Brick by brick Christians built the building for the glory of God but then came the revolution and the communists confiscated it. Since the wall came down in Ukraine in 1991 the local authorities refuse to return the structure. They have also stood against every attempt from believers to hold crusades in the village.

The leader from our partnering church in Odessa told us *"I have labored here three years with no breakthrough. When you contacted us about a crusade I had no hope but you persisted so I asked and to my amazement the local mayor said 'okay.' I was stunned but I began announcing the crusade throughout the village and over 150 people came. The results put me to tears."*

A small team has been praying for this village for three years. We became the tool that God used to break open the door of salvation for Krosnosolka.

The hall director bent over backwards to help us and was there throughout the whole crusade. It is the beginning of a miracle and we look forward to seeing many come to Jesus in the near future.

Thank you partners for helping us to carry the Gospel to the hardest of places. Wherever we go God is giving us the increase. Yet, the time is short and we still have thousands of villages to reach. As I tell our staff and missionaries *"We can rest in Heaven but for now we must work while it is day."*



Youth Serious about God

His question to us was: *"Today I made the decision, will you help me?"* This kid had no idea what to do but we did. He has begun a journey of faith and we will be there for him.

Typical Day For Peter Mehl

I often hear about pastors and leaders that are frustrated because of lack of results and their boring days filled with meetings and protocol. Well, I like what Rienhard Bonnke said, "*Forget protocol, have an altar call.*"

True faith requires action. If we put action in the equation then life in ministry will always be exciting and filled with eternal results and valuable fruit: Souls for the Master!

In mid 2010 I began having my teams, missionaries, pastors and evangelists send in daily emails providing short victory reports. My life is far from boring. It is exciting. As we team with the Holy Spirit how can it be anything but exciting?

Here is a typical day of email reports received by Peter Mehl:

- 5 people repented at our crusade in Nezhn.
- 2 people repented in Varva this week.
- 2 people repented in the village Makeevka today.
- 1 person repented in Repki today.
- 4 people repented through street evangelism in Priluki yesterday.
- 3 people repented in Chernigov during street ministry last night.
- A young man repented in Mena today.
- 9 kids repented during Ladan's children's outreach over the weekend.
- 12 repented in Uzhnoya outreach today.
- 15 received Jesus in Odessa street ministry on Sunday.
- A 91 year old grandma repented as we witnessed in the village, Peski, near Ladan.

Partners, it's because of you that we can receive reports like these on a continuing basis. Thank you.

10 Repent in *Kienka* Outdoor Crusade

The weather was not in favor of an outdoor meeting. It was below freezing but we went ahead anyway. Too cold for uncovered fingers, we only used a keyboard with the player using thin gloves but eventually they too grew cold. Too cold to play. The good news was that there were people stopping to listen.

Not wanting to leave in defeat because of the cold the team went to speak to people face-to-face and in two hours 8 adults and 2 youth repented. With chattering teeth and cold extremities and after two hours the team climbed into a warm van, giving praise to Jesus all the way home.

"This fantastic testimony took place during the outreach" reported by Yulya: "A woman came to us asking 'Please do not stop, I need to hear this.' She went on to tell us that she was once a believer but against the advise of her parents and pastor she married an unbeliever. 'Soon I grew warm and then cold. My husband is against anything Christian and I ruined my life. Today as I was walking by, for the first time in ten years, I heard music like I did when I was first saved. Tell me about the church that you have close by.'"

God directs our paths and seeks for the backslider to repent and come home.

Short Reports & Updates

LG Corporation donates Flat Panel Televisions



Pastor Lazuka stands next to a 42" TV.



Natasha (right) with two staff personnel standing behind a 60" TV now used at the training center.

LG Corporation donated three large flat panel televisions to our ministry in Chernigov worth over \$4,000.

We gave one to the Men's Rehab Center and use the other two in our leadership institute and training center.

We received the gifts with gladness and use them to enhance our training.

The men's rehab uses a lot of DVD's in their training so LG's gift has greatly enhanced the visual presentations.

Send Your Prayers Before the Throne on Behalf of RHM

Please pray for Jill and I and all RHM staff, missionaries, pastors and evangelists. We must maintain a hedge of protection around us and even more now than ever before as we attempt to evangelize the entire nation of Moldova. As God directs and inspires you, please keep us and all that we do before the Throne of Heaven.

Tax Receipts For 2010

All year-end statements will be completed and mailed out by January 15.

Make sure your final 2010 gift is mailed with the envelope postmarked no later than December 31, to be counted as a 2010 donation.

Thanks for partnering with RHM in the cause of Christ.

Moldova First Quarter 2011 Set

Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan contacted us right before going to print to say that he met with several leaders in Moldova and set the crusade and training schedule for January, February and March 2011.

Kaaren's Report: *"I am so excited. Everything is coming together for a great year. Plus, pastors told me that they have never had anyone, 'speaking of you, Pete' to come and cast such a big vision.*

More than that they said 'And working with us hand-in-hand.' Because of this they know that we are the real thing, especially after seeing the fruit from crusades of the last several months."

2011 Fargo/ Moorhead Banquet

Speaker: Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan

When: April 26, 2011 at 6:30

Where: To be announced

Focus: Moldova Evangelism & Church Planting Invasion

Ludmilla - Saved & Set Free From Drugs!

“My name is Ludmill and I am 26 years old. I used to be a terrible drug addict taking my first drug at 17 years of age. This first time was a “Wow” moment for me. I thought that ‘This is the real deal. This is such a great feeling. Why wouldn’t everyone be taking drugs?’

I began taking drugs daily with the attitude ‘Oh, I can always stop if there is ever a problem.’

A month later my life took a terrible turn for the worse. I was changing into something more like an animal. My attitude, my logic, my temper, my mouth, everything was getting ugly.

My parents found out about my addiction and because of that I started having problems with the family. Big problems.

They were trying to help me all they could. They put me in the hospital but that did not help. They kept me at home under watch and even took me away from town to live in a village hoping this would be the answer.

Nothing helped and I became so bad that they just kicked me out of our home and I wasn’t welcome anymore.

Yes, it hurt but I do not blame them because I was treating them so bad. Stealing from them to pay for drugs and lying to them. I was out of control and in desperate need of help but no one had any answers.

My life was going down fast and I began to hate myself and my life but I could not live without drugs.

I realized what was happening and even that I would probably die and go to Hell but I still chose drugs. They had control over me. The addiction is so wicked.

Then one day it was so bad that I came to the end of myself and cried out to God: *‘Help*

me, please help me.’ Not long after a person came to me from a church started by Peter Mehl and told me about Jesus and that He could save me and deliver me.

It sounded to good to be true. I had never heard anything like this before. Everything I had ever heard from church people was how bad I was and that I was no good. Yet, these believers, told me the Gospel message in a way that melted my

heart. Because of that I repented that day and turned my life over to Christ.

Shortly after I was accepted at the RHM Woman’s Rehab Center and was soon totally set free from drug addiction. I wholeheartedly set my life to serve the Lord with everything in me.

With God’s help I now lead the youth ministry at church and am believing for a great move of God and for many youth to come to the Lord.

I continually thank the Lord for this wonderful opportunity to start a new life!”

Thank you partners for helping us reach Ludmilla for Christ. She was totally and radically saved and now serves Jesus with a whole heart and is very active in our Priluki church.



Year End Giving

Please keep ***Russian Harvest Ministries*** in serious thought when deciding your year end giving. As you have read throughout this newsletter and especially in the update on page two, it is apparent that God has opened up an opportunity for us in Moldova, that is so enormous words cannot testify to its far reaching potential.

There are many ways in which you can help. We often look at cash as the only method and although it may be the typical, there are other ways that should be looked at.

This Includes: Stocks, bond, mutual funds, hard assets such as gold or silver, real estate, collectables, vehicles, etc. Other long-term methods include wills, trusts and insurance. In all things we as believers need to wisely plan for eternity. Jill and I have included RHM in our wills and carry insurance with RHM as the beneficiary.

The Lord has opened up the nation of Moldova to us and we feel compelled to move as fast as we can. We have a window of opportunity that can close at any time. The new government is now once again communist but there are still freedom fighters there. God is giving us time, crucial time to reach this nation but we must be aggressive and move fast.

We are asking the Lord for a miracle: The ability to fund 100 crusades in Ukraine plus another 100 in Moldova in 2011. We have the manpower to hold 200 crusades, even 300 but one thing is in the way: The ability to fund it all.

Our immediate 2011 first quarter need is \$100,000. This will help us launch an aggressive evangelism initiative in two nations: Ukraine and Moldova.

This includes but is not limited to the following:

- Two used vans: \$14,000 each.
- Four portable sound systems: \$2,500 each.
- 5,000 Moldovian Language Youth Evangelism Booklets: \$2,000.
- 5,000 Russian Language Youth Evangelism Booklets: \$2,000.
- Support for 4 mobile evangelism teams.
- Support for follow up teams.
- Costs for travel, housing, food, etc., for the teams.
- Discipleship materials.
- Correspondence Bible school materials.

Thanks For Helping to Keep the Flames of Evangelism Burning Bright!



Reaching Nations for Jesus!

Prayer Requests

1. We are already hot and heavy into crusades in Moldova, beginning 2011 with a burst of soul winning. Keep us and all our teams in prayer as we travel throughout the country. We have crusades going on in the north, south, east and west of Moldova. It is wonderful but we need your help in prayer.
2. Pray also for financial miracles to sustain our invasion of Moldova with the Gospel. The success is enormous and we need to keep it going.
3. Pray also for our teams in Ukraine who are running as fast as they can to reach as many people for Jesus while we have the open doors. Especially in these cold winter months. It is wearing on the vans, equipment and of course, our bodies.
4. Pray for the success of our upcoming banquets in April. These funds will be crucial to help keep us going strong into the summer months when we always see more souls come to the Lord. Why? Because we can then hold outdoor crusades which people are more willing to attend.

RussianHarvestMinistries.org
RussianHarvest@aol.com