

Russian Harvest Ministries

Reaching Nations for Jesus!

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77 Come to Christ at *Military Academy!*



Responding to the Call of
Christ to Repent and Believe.

**Peter Mehl Preaches Gospel at *Military and Law
Enforcement Academy in Moldova!***

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Letter From The Founders

DEAR CO-LABORERS:

Let's begin by talking about something so powerful it can move mountains, conquer kingdoms and yet live in the hearts of men and women.

It's called faith! Hebrews chapter eleven has a lot to say about the faith of God's people.

Too many believers have chosen to live their lives hiding from reality, running from destiny and succumbing to insecurity and fear. They fail to realize the potential sitting dormant inside them. What does this potential need in order to come alive? **Faith!**

Too many leaders create followers of themselves instead of disciples of Christ and there is a huge difference. They create puppets and parrots. Instead they should be establishing the Kingdom of Heaven in earthen vessels.

We encourage you today to begin to dream God size thoughts. Begin asking God for the impossible. Anything else is an insult.

If your vision is overwhelming then there is a good chance that it's of God. It's time to reignite God's purpose for your life.



Bible faith is the component that establishes the

foundation for God's power to be released into the earth through you. Faith will connect you to the Living God and from there all things become possible. Without faith, the Bible says, it's impossible to please God. It is time to stop limiting God and put His Word to the test. Ask Him for the impossible and begin pursuing it by faith.

As we edge closer towards eternity it will take men and women of extraordinary faith to overcome to the end. Those that dare to live bold. That forget comfort and status quo and live extreme faith for the Master.

Ask yourself these questions: Is my faith producing Bible results? Is the Book of Acts revealed in my life? It should be and it can if you make the decision to live it. All it takes is a decision followed by action. It begins with your proclamation.

Yes, it may seem like a huge river to cross but today is the day of the first step in your journey of faith.

Live bold for the Master and fulfill your God designed purpose in the earth. Almost twenty years ago Jill and I discovered ours and walked away from everything we knew: Family,

friends, business, and country to embark on our journey of faith.

It is a decision that propelled us into living God's design. It was what we were created for. To reach people for Jesus in the former Soviet Union. It was His timing and we thank God often that we obeyed.

Yes, we lost a lot as far as earthly things but gained something far greater - *souls* - that will be in Heaven forever.

As partners with us in this ministry you have a tremendous part in every success, every person that comes to the Lord, every healing or miracle and every crusade and church plant.

With your prayers and financial seeds that you sow into Russian Harvest Ministries you are partaking in something that is having eternal impact. No brag - just fact.

We are not shy about what we do or who we are in Christ. Why should we be. We serve the King of the universe! That is something to get excited about.

Stay Red-Hot for Christ and never forget - He and He alone is Lord!

Radical for Jesus!

Peter & Jill

Short Reports & Updates

Another Open Door!

God Opens Wide another Door for RHM to Proclaim Jesus in Military and Law Enforcement Academies in Moldova! The cover and pages 4 & 5 tell the story of us evangelizing the first Battalion.

Page eleven shares a fantastic testimony of reaching the family of the commander of another battalion for Christ.

We have just been informed that two more battalions will be allowing us to come and preach the Gospel. We are believing God for every military and law enforcement academy in the nation to open to us.

These incidents have taken place in less than three weeks. God is obviously doing something special.

When He directed us to focus on a five year plan to reach every village and town for Jesus we did not have military or law enforcement on the radar - but God apparently did so here we are - and we are going to do it in all haste.

Izmail, Ukraine Schools Open to RHM Feats of Strength Evangelism Outreaches!

Someone saved 17 years ago in one of our crusades in Izmail now has a position of authority in the school system in town. She is working on bringing all the schools and university together for an RHM event in March. This will have tremendous impact in the town. God continues to open doors for us to reach the lost!

Food Package Evangelism

Feed a Family for a Month!

For just \$40 you can feed a poor family in Moldova for a month - and reach them for Christ!

As part of yet another evangelism outreach, we plan to evangelize five Moldovian villages with food packages. How?

We go to the mayor of the village and ask for a list of the poorest and in the most need. We then verify the list and go to the homes. We give the food gifts, pray for the sick and share the Gospel.



This is one food pack and *(two packs cover a month of food)* includes noodles, rice, oil, butter, sugar, peas, canned beef, tuna and chicken plus hand and dishwashing soap.

We launched two churches last winter using this method and believe we can do it again but this year expand to five.

We buy all food items at wholesale and \$40 will provide enough food for a typical family for a month.

We target 12-15 homes per village and use these connections as the basis for a home

group plant and eventually a church.

This comes to about \$500 per village to fund an outreach that will reach people for Christ, a potential church plant and at the very least feed families in dire need.

For Christmas this year - help us with these gifts of love.

OUTREACH UPDATE!

So far funds have come in for two villages but we would like to do five total by the end of January, 2012.

Peter Mehl Preaches the Gospel at a Key *Military Academy in Moldova!*



Peter with his Ministry Team for this Outreach !

Each team member had a part, ranging from feats of strength, music, dance, drama and of course preaching. All took it serious and together we lifted up Jesus and the end result was 77 military and police trainees responded to the call of repentance and faith towards Christ.



Intently watching as we minister from the stage.



Training of Moldova's Elite

We arrived just in time to hear over 100 men marching in cadence down the street and then right into the hall where we would hold the outreach. As we followed them in the orders were given to sit. Then in spite of the fact that the hall had no heat they were then ordered to remove their hats.

For the next hour we did feats of strength, skits, Christian music, testimonies, preaching of the Word and as always the call to repent and believe.

We were not sure how these men would react but as always rings true with God's Word and the mention of that wonderful name - Jesus - hearts melt like butter on a hot summer day.

77 men made decisions for Christ!

Military Academy ~ Continued



Battalion Commander presents Peter Mehl with a Diploma from the Battalion

Diploma for Pete

The Commander came to Peter after the outreach to plead with him to return in the summer. *“Please come back in the summer.”* *“Especially on Monday because it is the day off and I will give an order for all 400 men to come to your event. We need this.”*

We will be returning this summer and by God’s grace will significantly influence all 400 men for Jesus. Why is this important? Because they will become the police force, military and security at all embassy’s in Moldova. God has given RHM an open door!



Instructions Given

After distributing our Gospel booklets and contact information Evangelist Zelfimyan gave the men instruction as to the first steps in their new faith.

They listened with anticipation and responded with respect. We will see great fruit in the years ahead. Thanks partners!

Total Respect

Unlike the disruption, the drunks and lack of respect at many of our crusades this was the complete opposite. Men came marching in, sitting and removing hats at command and completely respectful through the entire time we ministered.

We now have a new goal added to our vision to impact this nation and that is to evangelize every military base and law enforcement academy. Why are we adding to our already overburdened schedule? Because this door was opened by God and we must respond. Yes it will cost more money but God will provide. Souls are at stake.

97 Repent in *Leva, Moldova!*



Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan, RHM's Moldova director, leads people in repentance and a confession of faith towards Christ.



Zhenya and Sasha with some of the youth give a thumbs up to what just took place in their lives!

As is common after each altar call our team focuses on building relationships. Zhenya and Sasha focus on youth - as in the photo above.

Zhenya reported: "We had a great time of fellowship and we exchanged contact information including all our email and website addresses. It wasn't long after we left them that we began to get calls. These youth are looking for relationship. We will be there for them."

Breakthrough in Leva!

(As told by Kaaren Zelfimyan)

"Pete, this crusade was a real breakthrough for Leva. There has never been a Christian outreach like this and with such a response to the Gospel.

The leaders with us who will do the follow up just looked with amazement. We told them that people would come but they were so surprised. One of them just said *'I am amazed at what I saw'*.

It is so obvious that God has His hand on RHM and I am so glad that I am with you in the vision.

Thanks Pete and Jill for all that you do to reach Ukraine and Moldova for Jesus."

Mens Prison ~ *Leva, Moldova!*



Zhenya Hityiev leads 15 men in a prayer of repentance and faith towards Christ!



Evangelism Team

Jill and I were not with this team but we sent in Pastor Ishenko from Priluki with a team to join Kaaren and Zhenya and Sasha from Chernigov. It was a mixed bag from three different teams that traveled for a week holding multiple outreaches in really cold conditions. The results were that over 500 came to Jesus and that's what RHM is about.

"This outdoor event was hard on the body" said Zhenya, "But to see these men respond to Jesus was worth any price."

Whether Rain, Sleet, Cold or Snow our Evangelism Teams Will Always Go!

Van problems, border issues, ungrateful guards at the prison and cold weather did not stop this team from making its way into the Men's Leva Prison to preach the Gospel.

Pastor Ishenko shared "I am sure glad we were able to add this prison to our schedule. I have such a heart for these guys.

Because I used to be one of them and I know there are always some that will respond to Christ. When they do they will be radical for Jesus.

Even when it is hard on us as far as travel and border problems or van breakdowns we must go and give them opportunity to repent and come to the Lord."

Church Plant ~ *Grudnoe, Moldova!*



Peter & Jill with pastor Tolik (far left) and his church made up of mostly children and a few youth and adults.

Another Church is Born!

We never have enough room in our newsletters to report all that is going on in the ministry. We have to pick and choose otherwise we would need a monthly 24 page magazine. However in looking back on our September outreaches we noticed one report that should have been mentioned. Which is the church in Grudnoe that is being raised up and we thank the Lord that RHM is playing a significant roll.

The pastor and his wife moved from a larger nearby town to lead this work in a village of just 400 people, mostly older folks and children. Grandparents are raising their grandkids because the parents are drunks or have just abandoned them.

Well, RHM is making a difference by partnering with Pastors Tolik and his wife Nina. We will soon be able to reach the whole village for the Lord.



Elderly Respond to Jesus!

What a great day in Grudnoe as elderly and youth alike responded to the call to repent and follow Jesus.

Living under the treachery of communism for most of their lives and now even worse - poverty - these precious souls hear the Gospel. Result? Jesus is invited in, hearts are changed and the devil lost again!

The Gospel still has its tremendous power to breakdown every barrier and transform lives.

300 Repent in *Baimaklia, Moldova!*



Almost everyone in attendance stood to their feet in response to the call to repent and believe the Gospel.



Altar Call

Mother and Daughter come to Christ!

How can you put a price in this? You can't!

***Baimaklia* Hears the Gospel of Jesus Christ!**

Yes, they came to see feats of strength but received something eternal with spiritual feats of strength. As one-by-one we shared our testimonies between feats you could visibly see lives being affected.

No, we do not surprise them at the end but we tell them up front that we are Christians and that they will hear testimonies of transformation. Some leave but most stay and are always glad that they did as in the case in Baimaklia. Because over 300 people responded to the call of repentance and faith towards Christ.

Many children responded as well as their parents which is always such a blessing to witness. Thank you partners for making it possible.



Sincere Hearts!

It is always precious to see children respond to Jesus. It's no wonder Jesus rebuked His disciples for preventing children from coming to Him.

It's true: We must become as little children to enter the Kingdom.

Year End Giving & Christmas Gifts

Evangelism & Soul-Winning Materials

10,000 Moldovian Language *New Destiny* Evangelism Booklets: \$1,800.

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25,000 RHM Gospel Newspaper Tracts: **Funds came in and we have gone to print!!!**

Printing these materials will allow us to present the Gospel to 45,000 people in the next 3 months! (Every cent designated to these Soul-Winning materials goes directly to printing.)

Christmas Giving

Help with Heating Costs for Missionaries: All funds provided will be given out to our missionaries to help them get through the winter. We have 20 missionaries that we would like to help with a \$200 gift. ***It is a critical time for each of them.***

Bunk beds for Lazuka family: **Funds came in and given to them!!!**

Dental Work for Pastor Lazuka: **Funds came in and given to them!!!**

Heating system for missionary Dima and family in Chimishlia, Moldova: They have no heating system in their rented home: They need a miracle gift. We have raised funds but still need \$450. **\$50 has come in and given to him!!!**

Mobile Evangelism Teams Needs

2 Monitors: \$350.

Keyboard: \$1,000.

Acoustic Guitar: \$300.

Wireless Microphone and Base: \$500.

Snake - Main cable from mixer to distribution box: **Funds came in and equipment purchased!!!**

Fund 400 crusades in 2012:

100 in Ukraine and 300 in Moldova. We have the manpower but we need help.

God has opened a special door for us in Moldova but we must act fast. He has given us a window of opportunity that we have not seen in 20 years of ministry. To accomplish this many crusades we need \$400,000. A miracle for us but God is able.

With your help we can accomplish the impossible as the Lord leads. Please consider Gifts-in-Kind as a way of sowing additional funds into Kingdom work.

Please keep RHM in prayer when deciding your year end giving. Besides cash gifts keep in mind: Stocks, hard assets such as gold or silver, real estate, collectables, cars, boats, etc.

Testimony of Deliverance, Restoration and Salvation!

The following testimony is a tribute to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Of His goodness and power to deliver. It is New Testament ministry come alive in the family of a commander of a battalion of men in Moldova. Locations and names are not mentioned for privacy and security.

God continues to increase our influence in Moldova and by His grace are gaining momentum. New Testament type testimonies are reported almost daily. One recent testimony was about the family of a commanding officer of a battalion of 400 men. What began as a telephone call to minister to the commanders wife resulted in the salvation of his entire family.

We received a telephone call from a friend of ours, Pastor Sergie of Romania saying *“My friend in Moldova needs help. He is not a believer and his wife has not slept in two weeks, can you visit them ASAP?”*

Evangelist Zelfimyan and another team member responded immediately by making the two hour drive north but as they got closer to the town they realized that they did not know how to get to the commanders house. When they called him he responded by telling them that he would send out a police car to escort them to his house. He is the commander in charge of a battalion of men including the police force and academy.

What began as a routine call to minister to a mans wife turned into an incident of **demonic proportions.**

Here is evangelist Zelfimyan’s account: “We soon realized that this lady was having more than sleepless nights when her voice changed and then her appearance. During the next two hours we cast out twelve demon spirits.

This woman had opened herself up to the demonic. As with anything the devil offers it is never with good intent. Once the last demon was cast out she laid down and went to sleep. It was supernatural peace.

We then sat down with the commander and his twelve year old son and nine year old daughter. They were all in shock. They were not believers so they had no idea what was happening. The commander told me that he was going to admit his wife to a mental institution the very next day but called his pastor friend in Romania out of desperation. He is glad that he did.

While his wife slept I began to receive words of knowledge concerning the son being in internet porn, the daughter not sleeping because of fear. This was followed by the presentation of the Gospel at which time the door opened from the bedroom and the mother came out looking totally refreshed. It was night and day and a testimony to the power of the name of Jesus.

Then God gave me a word for her about witchcraft and curses. She then opened up about an aunt who was a witch and used to speak curses over her when she was young and would taunt her. Then she opened up about how over the years she too had visited witches.

At this point I shared the Gospel with all of them. Then they all knelt down and repented and asked Jesus to forgive them. They rose up a changed family and the following week drove to Kishinov to be with me at their first church service ever.”

This commander and his family will never be the same and it is because of the power in the name of Jesus. Thank you partners for sending us into the earth to harvest souls for Christ.



Prayer Requests

- 1. Missionary Christmas Gifts:** Pray that we have a good response so that we can bless our Ukrainian and Moldavian missionaries this Christmas (See page 10).
- 2. Food Package Evangelism:** Pray for funds to come in so that we can evangelize at least 3 more villages with food packages before the end of the year (See page 3).
- 3. Foursquare Matching Grant:** Pray for miraculous year-end giving so that we can match the grant and even go beyond our original goals.
- 4. Evangelist Training Center:** We finished our first *Evangelist Training School* in Moldova and released 14 graduates. They have grown and already reached many for Christ during their training. Pray for their soul winning success and that each will receive a call to reach a village with the Gospel.

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Legacy Giving

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