

Russian Harvest Ministries

Reaching Nations for Jesus!

# Harvest

Ministry Newsletter

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## Russian Harvest Ministries Sending Teams into *Moldova!*



Moldova For Jesus!



**Peter Mehl with Ivan (left) and Slavik (right). Trained under our care in Odessa these two men have returned to Moldova and are preparing for a move of God. Our teams are already in the country and fantastic reports will be coming soon.**

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# Letter From The Founders

## DEAR CO-LABORERS:

You are truly making a difference in the world. God has opened doors for us through our disciples to reach into other nations. We have disciples in Spain, Italy, America, Russia, China, Romania and now Moldova. ***This is Acts 1:8 in operation.***

In every nation they are producing fruit and people are coming to the Lord through their witness. Yes, they were mentored well. They were trained well. Thanks to RHM supporters we are fulfilling the Great Commission and Jesus is being glorified. He is our Banner. He is our reason for living. What we do in our evangelism is a product of the New Testament. We are called to be bold, to take over, to fight the good fight of faith and be good soldiers. We are in a warfare of eternal consequences. This is why we must never quit. There is nothing in the Great Commission that ever portrays a ho-hum attitude. We are all supposed to be Red Hot for Jesus. Anything else is unacceptable. We are excited about Jesus at RHM. He is our Lord and we are going to serve Him



to the utmost. He gave all for us so we are responding accordingly.

Unfortunately there is too much presented from pulpits that portray Jesus as effeminate, tolerant, in need of a hug. To get a picture of Jesus look to Revelation chapters one and nineteen. He is a warrior. He was beaten once but it will not happen again. He was crucified once but never again.

Jesus said to “Go into all the world and make disciples...” We were first called Christians in Antioch. Why? Because we were doing the same works as Christ. What are these works? Preaching, teaching, healing, miracles, operating in the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, signs and wonders. These are the works and Jesus said that we would even do greater works than He. Wow! What a life we have in Jesus! What an opportunity to change the world.

When we are out evangelizing this is the spirit we carry and no matter how hard it is we are full of joy because we get to win souls for the Master. We get to walk in His

power and preach His Word. What an honor. This past month we had many more honors as we invaded enemy territory. Orphans, homeless, nurses, business people and others were reached for the Lord. Babies were dedicated, potential leaders were trained, 47 Bible school students were sent out to do practical ministry, 2 people are ready to be sent to the nation of Turkey as missionaries, 17 new believers were baptized in water, multiple teams were sent out to invade villages with the Gospel of the Kingdom. This is normal Christianity!

We never have a month with nothing to report. There is always too much to report with many updates that have to be left out of the newsletter. Yet, this is a good problem to have!

What a great life we have! Reaching souls, souls, and more souls for Jesus! We really appreciate all our ministry partners. You keep us in the heat of the battle. It is true team ministry. Thank you.

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

# Modova For Jesus!



**Ivan, Peter and Slavik**

## **Ivan and Slavik have returned to Moldova to pioneer new churches:**

“We are both so blessed and want to thank Peter and Jill and all their ministry supporters for sponsoring us during our missionary schooling. When a church in America backed out after promising to sponsor us we did not know how we could ever afford to come to Odessa for training.

Then God opened two doors:  
One couple opened their home

to house us and Peter committed to cover our food and transportation while in Odessa. Then of course we had the additional pleasure to be trained by Peter in the classroom and at every outreach we could attend with him. He was so gracious to always have room for Slavik and me so we could go with him and his team to evangelize and see firsthand how it is done. We learned so much by observation. We were always amazed at what we saw. People were always saved and the power of God was always there, so real and the results proved the reality of our risen Savior. With God’s help we will reach many in Moldova for Christ” *Ivan & Slavik*



## **Healing Service Results in a Very Special Healing for Mom**

### **Valentina’s Miracle**

“I came to the meeting tonight not for a physical healing but for my son. I stepped in the prayer line and said to the Lord ‘I do not come for myself but ask that you save my son.’ I have been believing for a miracle for years for my son who was on drugs. He came with me to the meeting tonight which is the first miracle. The second miracle is that after seeing and hearing all the wonderful healing testimonies and hearing the message preached he finally realized his need for salvation. My son repented tonight and turned his life towards Jesus!”

**See more about her son on page 4**



# 17 More Believers were *Water Baptized* in Chernigov!

Each person that was baptized shared their own unique testimony of God's goodness and overwhelming power to deliver regardless of the depth of depravity. Heaven listened as people gave thanks to the only One who is capable to deliver from sin. **That person is none other than Jesus Christ of Nazareth.** *"It was a very special weekend for these believers"* said Pastor Vladimir Lazuka. *"I know every person and what they have went through to get to this point. Rejected before they were saved and then after by the very same people. Rejected because of the sin they were captured in, the drugs, alcohol, sexual perversions and more. Then once saved and walking for Jesus they were rejected for being non-orthodox."*

Rejected because they have changed kingdoms and no longer serve the devil. That is a great reason to be rejected. If we are going to be hated of men it will be because we love Jesus more than them or their ways. Reach them for the Master, yes but never lower ourselves to their standard to get their attention. Instead let's demonstrate the power of the Living God in their midst to get their attention. From this they will see His Power revealed in the earth and then see their own wickedness as it truly is--horrendous. The result? Repentance! True heart throbbing, teeth chattering, tear flowing repentance!

## Valentina's Story Continued From Bottom of Page 3

*"After my son repented in Peter Mehl's meeting I was so happy. Now he is taking another serious step in his faith. "I couldn't even walk to the altar to repent in the meeting, I had to be helped" said Vladimir. "I was so sick from drugs but that night I was greatly changed by the Lord. I thank the Lord my mother never gave up praying for me or sharing her faith."*



**Vladimir (left) is ready to go under the water. Pastor Kolya is doing the honors.**



**Valintina hugs her son when he comes out of the pool.**

## 12 Year Old Anya Kusmenko Takes the Plunge!

When we first started the church in the village Anisov, Anya was a little girl. She would sit and listen to the preaching and it was bearing fruit as last month she told the pastor *"I want to repent of my sins."* She did and immediately she asked to be

baptized in water. She is growing in the Lord daily and serves in the local church.



**Anya being baptized by Pastors Lazuka and Mitus.**



# Baptisms Continue

## Alexander and Inna (Husband & Wife) are Baptized Together!

Alex and Inna were seeking God while still bound to sin. They began to read the Bible but still nothing seemed clear to them. Then they met someone from an RHM church and he shared the Lord with them and soon they repented and in their words, *"Our lives were turned upside down."* They were set free from all their addictions. They even had a miracle during baptism. They both were suffering from food poisoning and thinking of staying home. Instead they came in faith believing God for a healing. When they came out of the water they were healed. No more pain or sickness! They immediately shared of their wonderful gift that day. It built their faith and proved to them that Jesus heals.



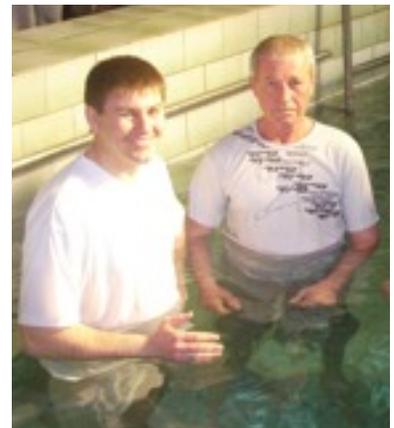
**Alex and Inna listen intently as Pastor Lazuka gives instruction before baptism.**

## Sasha and Marina's Story

When Sasha and Marina came to the Lord they were not officially married. *"We were living in sin"* said Marina. Marina was also an alcoholic. Her 13 year old daughter, from a previous marriage, often begged her to stop drinking. Nothing helped. She was in bondage.

The transformation started when Sasha began to sense a need for God and started searching for a church but never felt God in any of them. It was through the personal witness of people from an RHM church in Anisov. They talked to Sasha and led him to Christ and then Marina. *"She has also been set free from alcohol and is like a new person"* said Sasha.

The first thing this couple did after they repented was to ask to be legally married and have the blessing of the church. Sasha is being disciplined by some brothers and has a desire to work with youth. They have also opened their home to a cell group. This couple is on the move in the things of the Lord. Thank you partners for helping us reach this couple for Jesus.



**Sasha (right)**



**Marina**



# Testimony of Miracles!

**My name is Ludmila** and I moved with my family from Russia in 1989 to the village of Anisov. Everything seemed to be fine until one day my husband came home drunk. Then it was twice a week and eventually every day. His love for vodka became greater than anything else. I begged him to stop. Then my daughter Sveta began drinking and then my son Sasha too. In a short time my family was in bondage to alcohol. It was a living nightmare. I was in a perpetual panic. I did not know how to help them. Then my mother became sick and I just wanted to die. I was overwhelmed.

The only thing keeping me alive was my granddaughter Svetlana. I thought that I could still save her from a life of Hell. I began going to the orthodox church and pray to icons but there were too many. I was confused and did not know which ones to pray to. I cried out in despair and said, *“God, help me and I heard Him speak and say, ‘do not trust in icons but in Me.’”* Soon after I met some believers on the street who shared the Gospel with me. They also told me that Jesus can set my family free from the bondage of alcohol. I repented right there and turned my life over to Jesus. I began to pray for my family and my children repented first and gave their lives to Jesus. I was thrilled. My husband was on the edge of death. His liver was almost dead. By now I was in a cell group and we were praying for a miracle for my husband and it happened. The doctors could not believe it. My husband was not only healed but saved and is serving Jesus! He is a totally new man.



**Ludmila & her husband Valera**

He was even set free from his past memories of how bad he had become. It is as if his life began when he was born again. He

became kind and caring, a loving dad and grandpa. We have peace and love in our family now. My daughter Sveta also became very different after she got saved. Now she has a wonderful husband who is also a believer.

My son Sasha who was drowning in alcohol repented and went through the RHM rehab center and is

now serving in church and is telling people about Jesus. He is going to different villages with others to hold crusades and telling people about salvation through Christ.



**Sasha**

I am so thankful to the

Lord

for changing my family, for saving all of us and forgiving us! Last year my daughter and her husband graduated from the RHM Leadership Institute. This year my husband and I are going through this training and our son Sasha too. We praise God for everything that He is doing in our lives!



**Sveta & her husband Alex**

# More *Missionaries* From Odessa Ready to be Sent Out!

## Missionaries to be Sent to Turkey!



**Left:** Olga and Galina who will be sent to Turkey as missionaries. Yes, RHM will soon be in Turkey! We are really going to shake up the muslim devils by sending in women because muslim men look down on them. Yet, when they see the power of God in their lives and the Word in their mouths, walls will come down. These two are trained and ready to go. Galina (right) has already been there and has paved the way for more workers to come.



## New Youth Outreach!

**Alexander (left) and Victor (right) will start a youth ministry in Odessa.** They will use street evangelism and open air outreaches to reach young people for Jesus. Kaaren is helping them train up youth evangelists who are already witnessing Jesus on the streets. Wonderful results are already coming in and now that summer is here the work will increase.



## Oxsana Adopted!

**Remember the orphan girl Oxsana that we reported on last month?** She was saved and Spirit filled and given a word from the Lord. We have just received news that a couple from the church will be adopting her. Part of the word given her was that God was about to fulfill her dream of being loved. The pastor told us that both Oxsana and her new parents are overjoyed. What a joy it is to be part of a miracle like this. Thank you partners for helping us reach Oxsana.

**Peter giving Oxsana a word of exhortation. She is now saved and Spirit filled!**



# Short Reports & Updates

## Odessa Revival Meeting Still Producing Fruit!

**“Intense” said Senior Pastor Vitalic Kozechenko:** Seeing him the following day Vitalic responded with “I did not sleep at all last night. It was like I was on fire and will never be the

same. Peter, thank you so much for your work and ministry.” We began at 6:30 and left at 10:00 and it was 3 ½ hours of power-packed ministry. God was in the house and people gathered around the altar crying out to Him with intense prayer. Kaaren added, “Pete, this is what the pastor wanted and I believe that he is getting even more than he expected.”



Peter & Vitalic

**Kaaren added this later:** “It has been over a month since the meeting and we can still see the affects. Not only Pastor Vitalic but now many people have reported the same. God showed up and stirred them to greater works. People have come to me to ask what they can be involved in.”

## Financial Needs

We are in immediate need of the following items. They are needed so we can keep up our evangelism pace. Equipment is wearing out quickly from all the continual use and harsh travel conditions that we endure.

1. Odessa van: \$7,500
2. Underwrite complete costs for one crusade. 80 more need to be covered: \$1,000 each
3. 20,000 Gospel tracts. This covers one printing: \$500 total
4. Four sets of tires for evangelism vans: \$250 per set.
5. Eight new microphones: \$50 each
6. Mixer/power panel: \$900
7. Keyboard: \$1,100
8. Two speakers: \$150 each
9. One guitar amp: \$200



## 7 More People Come to Jesus in Suvurova!



Kaaren welcomes new believers into the family of God.

Seven more people make decisions for Christ in Suvurova and two receive the baptism in the Spirit! One of the young men saved was a Gypsy. He was radically saved and came to another crusade we were having in the other part of Odessa. He is ready for bear and serious about walking out his new found faith. Gypsies are coming to the Lord every time we hold outreach crusades in this area near Odessa!

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**Peter Mehl and Vladimir Lazuka** pose with a new class of Leadership Institute students. Every year we graduate about 20-25 students from the Chernigov Leadership Institute. Now that we are also training in Odessa as part of the Crusade project we have added 14 missionaries and 47 Bible students. Many of these will move to missionary training next year.



**Peter Mehl performs another baby dedication** during a recent missionary conference. The parents are Volodya and Lilia Dimchenko, missionaries to the region of Romni in the Sumi State. Their third child, Timothy, was dedicated in an atmosphere of faith and praise. This couple remains dedicated to the Lord and their work in the Romni area.

## Sergie & Yula Have a Baby Girl!



**Eve, new baby girl of Sergie and Yula Bagry.** For those who have been over and know Sergie, he is a happy papa!



**Peter with Sofia Zelfimyan (Kaaren's sister).** She was saved in our meeting 15 years ago and now she is 30 and was just married. She traveled four hours to be with us and say, "Thank you." Sofia now has her own ministry to youth and is reaching them for Jesus too!

# Nezhin Church Launches Outreach to *Homeless and Orphans!*

Missionaries Igor and Galina Daviduk have begun outreaches to the homeless, opened a soup kitchen and are reaching orphans. Galina reports, "There are even some women living on the streets with their children that come to us for food. Many want to go to our rehab center but we are full and cannot help any more. We are also pouring ourselves into the youth in our church and training them to evangelize. Now they have a fire for ministry. One of the first things some of them did was to launch a ministry to orphans. They go weekly and share the Gospel, distribute Christian materials and spend quality time with the kids. We are serious about reaching our town for the Lord."



**Youth leader shares her testimony and passes out Gospel materials. One by one these kids are opening their hearts to the Lord!**



**People line up on the street to be fed at the church soup kitchen. Even on a cold rainy spring night they still came.**



**Two orphan boys said that they wait with great anticipation for the church youth to return each week. They told the team, "It is the best part of the whole week."**



**On this cold spring night Galina pours hot coffee for the many homeless people and then she and others share the Gospel.**



# Testimony of *Svetlana* from Priluki

My name is Svetlana and I am 32 years old. I was born and raised in Priluky. After high school I went to medical school and graduated in 1997 and since that time I've been working in the central hospital as a nurse. I wish that I could say that I was a good person but I was not. All my life I was drinking and smoking and had a foul mouth and just plain living like a pagan with no responsibilities.

When I was 26 years old I met my future husband Yura and we got married. Unfortunately, we started doing the same old things we did before marriage. We drank together, smoked together, partied together. It always led to disagreements and fights. I was thinking about divorcing him at one point.

We were living in darkness. Everything we did was sin. Our words were evil and our actions disgusting. Then something happened that changed our destiny. Yura had an old friend that began to visit us and talk about the Lord. Yura did not want to listen but he did because of the old friendship. He would visit often and always the subject came to the need to repent. Then one day Yura came home and told me, "*Svetlana, I am a new man in Christ. I repented today.*" I thought he was losing his

mind so I kept an eye on him. He read the Bible. He prayed. He began to act different and talk different and was much more loving towards me.



**Svetlana**

He stopped smoking and drinking and no longer hung out with his old friends. Then one day Peter Mehl came to our town to preach and I was curious because my husband and others had talked about him. I thought maybe it's time I checked this stuff out further. The preaching was so powerful and conviction came to my heart and I knew deep down that I was a sinner and repented that

night. On the way home I kept thinking, "*Wow! Something is different.*"

I began attending, along with my husband, the church Peter Mehl started in town. I am also studying in the RHM Correspondence school and will soon be baptized in water. I thank the Lord for everything that He is doing in my life. So many changes are taking place so fast but all of them are good. This is amazing!

***Friends, thank you for helping us reach the Yura's and Svetlana's of Ukriane for Jesus!***



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## Prayer Requests

1. Pray for our outreach into the nation of Moldova. God is opening doors so we are going through but we need His anointing.
2. When you receive this newsletter we will be in the middle of a 20 crusade schedule that Jill and I are conducting. When we are done, other teams will take over for 20 more. Pray for safe travel, health and that many souls come to the Lord.
3. Pray for financial breakthrough and many new partnership doors to open up. Pray for all our partners and agree with us that God will bless them greatly. Because of the financial situation in America some of our supporters have cut back and some stopped all together. Two supporting churches told us that they had no funds. We will press on regardless and believe God but we ask that you stand with us in faith for financial miracles. We must be about the Father's business.

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