

# Harvest

Ministry Newsletter

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## 200 People Come to the Altar of Repentance in *Taraklia!*



After the altar call in Taraklia, Jill Mehl shared, *“Pete, it took three photos to get everyone. The people lined both outside aisles and the middle. What a great response.”* The local pastor who has labored for six months to start a church told us, *“I stand amazed at the results. Now I have something to work with and a lot of follow up work to do but that is a good thing. A really good thing.”*

See pages 4-5 for a full report on the Taraklia crusade and the amazing results.



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# Letter From The Founders

## DEAR CO-LABORERS:

We are living in a time like no other and the evidence is clear. The verdict is in. Jesus is coming soon and we must remain focused. We must know our mission and live it daily with passion and fortitude. Jesus did and He kept focused on that one task He was sent to do - *"For the Son of Man has come to seek and save that which was lost."* (Luke 19:10)

Jesus could have launched the greatest Bible college of all time or spoke the Word and emptied every sick bed. Why stop at 12 apostles? Why not raise up 12,000? Because Jesus had a plan and He kept to it. He remained focused on a hill called Calvary. He had to get to the Cross. He had to die to self and then die Himself. His whole life was focused on dying so that he could save others.

We are no different in that we too are to die to self and carry a cross. When we breathe our last breath our words hopefully will ring as true as His, when He simply said *"It is finished."*

What is it we must finish? Our purpose. Our call. Knowing that in it all we stayed focused, obeyed God and fulfilled destiny. Our heart



remained fixed on Jesus and His desire for us, in us and through us.

Too many are being carried away with the cares of this world and the temptations of the age.

Like Gehazi, who was to inherit the mantle of Elisha, but instead lost it for some clothing and silver.

Then there was Demas who forsook Paul. It happened then but now it is happening by the thousands. Believers are allowing offense and the cares of this life to knock them out of the race and eventually into Hell itself if they do not wake up. What is the remedy? What one thing should believers do to help most in these end times?

Believers must stand true and stand tall in these times and remain focused on what mattered most to Jesus - souls! Reaching souls for the Master - the Bible way - which is to "Repent and Believe." That's the message. At all costs we must remain focused on others and less on self.

The writer of Hebrews says it plain enough: *"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us,*

*and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, (2) Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2).*

Let's keep our eyes on Jesus. Do what He did. Say what He said. No more - no less.

That's what we continue to do in Ukraine and Moldova and we are seeing amazing results. Last month we shared about our increased prayer time in 2011 praying in the Holy Ghost. Well, fantastic results are already coming in! Increase in healings, souls, baptisms in the Holy Spirit, favor with government officials and much more.

One such miracle was a 30 year old serving at our Uborki rehab center who has been dying as a result of Hepatitis C. For years he has stood in faith for a miracle. The doctors recently declared him healed after two rounds of tests! This is normal Christianity. Let's live it to the extreme. Enjoy the newsletter.

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

# 2011 *Fargo* Dessert Social

## *Special Guest Speaker: Kaaren Zelfimyan*

We are making a slight change this year and instead of our usual ministry banquet with a full meal we are instead having a ***Dessert Social***. Why? There are a few reasons: It lowers the cost for table sponsors, it should help keep the focus off food and on the content of the message and finally simplify the evening so we can focus on Jesus and His work in the former Soviet Union.

This year our main speaker is a man that Peter raised up as an evangelist in the mid 90s. He pioneered his first church when he was just 15 years old. He has evangelized in Australia, America, Germany, Ukraine, Moldova and Romania. He has seen thousands come to the Lord and he shares Jesus non stop. He is a great preacher in front of crowds and also one-on-one as he constantly leads people to Christ wherever he goes. Besides this he has an anointing to heal the sick and cast out demons. He is also one of the premier evangelists in Ukraine and Moldova. Simply put he is a man of God.

We teamed up for last years Odessa region crusades and now again for the great opportunity that the Lord has given us in the nation of Moldova. Kaaren is someone you will want to hear personally, meet firsthand and be influenced by his life and anointing.

***Set Your Calendar -***

***You Do Not Want to Miss this Event!***

***April 26, 2011 at 7:00PM***

***Hilton Garden Inn - Fargo***

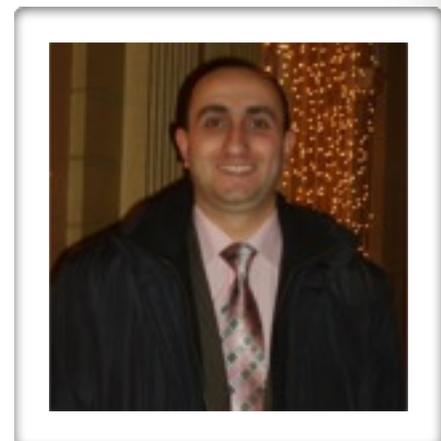
***4351 17th Ave. S.***

***Lilac Room***

This years presentation is the most important in the ministry's history because it has to do with an End-Time opportunity God has given us in the nation of Moldova.

This is not about blowing smoke... it is real and this ministry has been handed the mantle to evangelize an entire nation in less than 5 years. That's right, every village and town in entire nation in less than 5 years!

Please help us by sponsoring a table for just \$125 and then inviting every missions-minded believer to join you. Thank you so much - ***Peter & Jill***



**Evangelist Kaaren  
Zelfimyan**

# *Taraklia* Shaken by the Power of the Gospel!

## 200 Respond to Christ!



**People come to the front from the right side in response to the call to repent and turn to Christ.**



**The center aisle fills with people coming forward to make a confession of faith in Jesus.**



**Children with parents - whole families, gather from the auditoriums left side.**

When we arrived at the hall every seat was filled totaling 500 people. The hall director told us that the hall had never been filled to capacity. *"This is the first time. I stand amazed."*

The atmosphere was electric as people waited with anticipation. The music team coming to help from Kagul was actually traveling from another outreach they did in Romania. They called to tell us that they would be late, being held up at the border. Now the thought was *"How do we keep 500 anxious people occupied until the team arrives."*

The answer? We prayed - and a supernatural calm came into the hall. It was amazing, especially since the heating system barely worked and people were cold.

We started 40 minutes late but it did not matter. God was with us. Heaven was visiting earth and we knew that supernatural results were in the making.

When the altar call was given people filled the front and each of three walkways. God gave us a tremendous victory. The hall director was so pleased she told us this, *"I have never witnessed anything like this. I have never heard preaching like this. I invite you back anytime and also-forget about the rent-payment-there will be no charge!"*

We are already scheduled to be back in Taraklia in mid-March. The Lord has opened a great door of opportunity for us and we are going in to help establish a great church in Taraklia!

## Taraklia (Continued)

### Pete with Ministry Team



Peter with the ministry teams that joined together to make this crusade outreach a great success.

The people to the right of Peter are the music team from Kagul that came to help. To the left of Peter is Kaaren and helpers from Taraklia.

### Team Ministers one-on-one with the Youth



Youth were eager to stay after the outreach to talk and provide contact information. This gave the pastor and his leaders plenty of time to establish some relationships and share more about the church and its vision.

*“This was a wonderful breakthrough for us”* said Pastor Ivan. *“My wife and I were feeling alone here and praying for God to send us someone to stand with us. He sent you and your team and we are grateful.”*

### Pete & Jill With Pastors



Peter & Jill with the founding pastors of the Taraklia church, Ivan and Natasha Deliu.

### Pete and His Disciples



Peter with his two feats of strength team members from Chernigov, Sasha on the left and Zhenya on the right.

They traveled all night by train and then four more hours by bus to help Peter in two outreaches. They then traveled 12 hours by van to return home. Why? So they could do their part in reaching people for Jesus.

## 2 Grandmothers Repent in Bobrik, Ukraine!

We recently held a crusade in the small village of Bobrik, Ukraine. So small that Bobrik plus two nearby villages have a combined population of just 360 people. Bobrik has just five school age children. While only seven people came to the outreach, that number represented 7% of the population. One person that came was the treasurer of the local orthodox church. She told us this afterwards, *"I am so excited. I have never heard such beautiful music or words from the Bible like I did today. I am so thankful that I came."*

Although she did not respond to the altar call she heard the Gospel and we know that it will not return void. It will accomplish what it was sent to do - salvation!

This may not seem like much compared to the results we are seeing in other villages but God has called us to go into all the earth. For us that is every village - even the small ones.

Finally, the director of the hall that we rented asked for several of our testimonial newspapers to distribute in the village. This will produce more fruit in the weeks to come.



*"Thank you for coming to our village to tell us about Jesus."*

## 6 Repent in Sovkoznoe, Ukraine!

Sovkoznoe is a beaten down village in the Nezhin region of the Chernigov state. The homes are beaten down, the roads are a disaster and the people empty, lonely and struggle to make it through each day. It is not a preachers paradise. The orthodox church has a stranglehold on every life. Drunkenness is rampant and demons rule. So why would we even attempt anything here? Simple. Jesus said to go into all the world. That's every village and town. So we go and we will keep going until Jesus returns or our legs wear down to stubs sticking out of our hips.

When we arrived and began inviting people to the outreach not one said a kind word. Every one turned a deaf ear to our invitation. After inviting people for two hours eight people came, two believers and six unbelievers lost as they day is long.

Like zombies they came slowly shuffling into the small communist era hall. This time, however, they heard a much different message and music very strange to their ears. By the time we finished and gave the call to repent and believe all six sinners recognized the need of salvation through the blood of Jesus Christ.

We thank God that we went and that our partners helped us get there. Thank you for sending us to Sovkoznoe.



**Six people respond to the altar call and receive Christ.**



**Ministry team members pray for this mans healing.**

# Short Reports & Updates

## **Alexander Khomenko - From Prison 301\81**

"I have a special request. Can you please mail me more "Salvation" testimonial newspapers. I am using them in prison to reach people for Christ. We are getting saved but there is so much we do not know about the Lord and His work in the earth. Your ministry newspaper is helping greatly. Your recent story about Jonah was such a blessing for us and was a great witnessing tool.

Since I have only been getting one newspaper from you it is hard to reach many others but I have been passing it around and seeing fruit. However, I want more fruit and more souls coming to the Lord. Again, please mail more to me so I can evangelize the whole prison. May the Lord bless you." *Alexander*

## **RHM Correspondence Bible School Continues to Produce Fruit**

"My name is Svetlana and I want to thank you for your RHM Correspondence Bible School. It has been such a blessing to me and I am growing in the Lord. We have no church here yet but maybe the Lord will use me.

Anyway, I am doing all that I can to grow in Christ and you are helping me. Your staff answer all my questions and they write me to encourage me in the Lord. I do not know what I would do without you. God bless and thanks again." *Svetlana*

## **Testimony From Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan**

"Pete, I just got an update from Krasnoselka. All I can say is, Wow! It is amazing what is happening since we were there. Remember, for three years the Odessa church could do nothing there. Constant persecution from the officials kept them from doing any crusades and then by a miracle they let us do a crusade there a few months ago.

Well, here is more 'supernatural' news: First of all everyone who came to a recent outreach repented and gave their hearts to Jesus. More souls for the Master! It is like an open heaven in this village.

Now the director of the hall we rented said that we can come any time and also rent the building for church purposes! Our missionaries from Odessa are now going there every week for meetings, ministering to youth, praying for the sick and testimonies are pouring in showing us that things are changing in the village.

God has also opened doors for our guys to go into the local public school and they can share the truth with teenagers and reach them for Jesus. Man, how fast things are changing. Pete, I really believe it is happening because you called the ministry to prayer in 2011, A year of praying in tongues or as you call it 'Supernatural Languages.'"

## Short Reports & Updates

### *Help us Rescue Pastor Sergie's Car!*

For three years a Christian businessman from Chishinov, the capital of Moldova, let Pastor Sergie use one of his cars. He covered the bank payments as his way of sowing into souls. You see Sergie uses the car weekly to evangelize villages and hold crusades.

Now, the businessman is having financial difficulties and has been missing payments. Because of this the bank is asking for the car back.

If Sergie loses this car not only will his ability to lead his church in Comrat be greatly hindered but also his family situation and crusades will stop... souls lost. Sergie has plans for three village church plants in 2011 but needs this car.

**We need your help NOW!**  
**(Send funds marked "Sergie's car.")**

#### **\$3,000 Will Rescue the Car**



#### **Pastor Sergie next to the car**

Help us raise \$3,000 to buy this car for Sergie. It will no longer be borrowed but Sergie will own it. This car is a lifeline to the lost in the Comrat area villages.

### **Baptists Line up To be Baptized in the Holy Ghost!**

Yes, you read it correctly. Lead by the Holy Spirit Peter began calling out people to be baptized in the Spirit and it turned out to be a group of visiting baptist youth.

What a shock it must have been but it soon turned to joy as the Holy Spirit began to move upon them at the altar. Tears flowed. Bodies shook and soon they all were baptized in the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues.

One girl came to Peter afterwards, with a face shining like a bright light, and asked "*Can you pray for me again. It is so wonderful.*" They had never experience the Lord in this capacity before and they were hungry for more.

It was a night of great joy but then it should be that way when God is in the house.



#### **Believers seeking the baptism.**



#### **The presence of the Lord was real to these girls and brought them to tears.**

# Santa Clauses Continue to Come to Town!



**Santa's keep coming to town and with great soul winning results! Here they are in Kagul, Moldova.**



**Santa evangelist leads a man to Christ on the streets.**

The Santa's kept evangelizing all the way into February before they hung up their bright red uniforms for the season. Yet before they did they had reached hundreds of people in Ukraine, Romania and Moldova for Jesus. Hearts were open, they just needed someone to bring them the Good News.

Peter told evangelist Zelfimyan that he will do most anything to reach the lost, even Santa's but he draws the line if asked to dress as an easter bunny.



Each photo shows our Santa Evangelists sharing the true *Good News* of Jesus Christ with people on the streets of Moldavian towns. It gave a whole new meaning to ho-ho-ho! Although finished for this season plans are already being made for next December and January.

# The Salvation of *Yuri Kovalchuk*

My name is Yuri and I want to tell you my story. I wish that I could say I was not a rat but that is exactly what I used to be, and a big one.

I was a drunk, a thief and took drugs. I was finally arrested and sent to prison for a long time.

Then in prison I came down with tuberculosis and sent to a special hospital in the prison. My diagnosis was not good. I went from bad to worse.

The funny thing was is that I was contagious yet I worked in the kitchen and handled food for the prisoners.



Then a wonderful thing happened, I was reached for Christ in prison by people from Russian Harvest Ministries and later released before my time. I then went to the ministry rehab center for men in Uborki.

My brother, Sergei went there too and was saved and delivered from drugs and demons. He was also healed of multiple diseases. It is a center of faith and I am so glad it is there.

The story is not over because I have wonderful news: God healed me of tuberculosis! He saved me, delivered me and then healed me. What a great God!

# The Salvation of *Valerie Arkadevich*

Valerie was empty, lonely and lived with a feeling of being worthless. *“I did not want to live”* said Valerie. *“I saw no real benefit to life but I thought that I would give it a little more time. Then I met a pastor from a church and thought I should check it out. After all, this pastor treated me like I had value.”*

A glimmer of hope invaded Valerie’s heart and he showed up at church. His reaction? *“It totally changed my life. I was saved and then set free from alcohol and loneliness. I now have a reason to live and I want to thank Pastor Roma for ministering to me and for a church family that cares about me. I now read the Bible every day and pray. I also read good Christian books about faith and my new life in Christ.”*



**Pastor Roma (Left) and Valerie**

# God Never Gives Up!

## Mother Abandons Children to Live a Life of Sin - Then is Rescued by the Lord and Returns Home to Begin a New Life in Christ.

This story is one of heartache, rejection, failure and then a beautiful road to redemption. It is a familiar story because it is what Jesus does so often. He finds, saves and heals.

This story begins with a single mom and three kids who came to the end of herself but instead of turning to Christ she abandoned her children leaving them with her mom. She then left and began a life of sin: alcohol, drugs and sex. It is the same old story we often hear: *"I want freedom to live the way I want."*

Eventually the grandmother had a stroke that left her partially paralyzed. Shortly after our church in Nezhin began to reach out to her and she repented and came to Christ. That's when we heard about the situation and then began praying for her daughter, Natasha.

Within a month Natasha showed up at her mothers door and asked forgiveness. God was at work! Prayer always produces

fruit. *"I was praying seriously for my daughter" said the grandmother, "but I have to admit, when Natasha came to my door I was shocked. It was a miracle. How my life has changed this past year."*



Natasha went to our church with her mother and repented and is now attending one of the home groups and is always volunteering to help in church. Her life is changing fast. It is Christ in her, the hope of glory.

### Son Healed of Epilepsy

We found out that Natasha's son suffered from epileptic seizures that had plagued him from birth. Grandma used to throw a black blanket over him when it happened in an attempt to calm him down. The church began to pray for deliverance and now it has been several months since a seizure. The family is rejoicing and has now opened up their home for a home group.



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Reaching Nations for Jesus!

## Prayer Requests

1. We have submitted another grant application to the Foursquare Foundation to help us hold 300 crusades between May 2011 and April 2012. Pray for the Lord's favor, especially until March 5th when the decision for phase I will be announced.
2. We will be launching a series of crusades in mid-March over a 30 day period covering three states in Ukraine and several locations in Moldova. Our team alone will do 16 crusades. Pray for many souls to come to Jesus and for His power to be manifest in abundance. Pray also for traveling mercy and the health of all the teams.
3. There has been many attacks against the health of our missionaries and their children. Pray the healing power of the stripes of Jesus to cover us all.
4. Pray for miracle funds to cover the cost for the used car needed for evangelism. See page 8 for more information.

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