

# Resurrection Power

*The Monthly Voice of Russian Harvest Ministries*

**Children Intensely Listen to the Gospel Message as Peter Mehl Preaches in Pervomaik.**



These are but two of the 63 that made decisions for Jesus in the village Pervomaik. How can we neglect these precious ones? We can't. We must go to them as fast as we can. Time is running out. (Crusade report on page 6)

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# Letter From The Founders

## DEAR CO-LABORERS:

Before you gave your life to Jesus destiny evaded you. From morning until night you allowed outside influences to direct your life. Life was going no where. You were lethargic. Heroic living evaded you. Your focus was this life. No hope. No direction.

Then after Jesus came into your life lethargy surrendered to passion and life became real. Going back was not an option. The lights came on. Everything changed. Hope became real and destiny screamed loud and clear.

At least this is how it was with us. We no longer wanted religion. We wanted the real thing. We wanted relationship. Jesus became King and we lived to follow and obey the One true God.

After serving Jesus for 28 years we have never relented. We are more passionate about serving Jesus and carrying out His call to the Great Commission than ever. We are adding more to our already packed schedule (See page 11). Time is running out and it is imperative that we do all that we can to reach the lost at any cost. Souls are too precious to pass it off as someone else's responsibility. Eternity is too long to be flippant about the soon appearing of Jesus Christ.

That's just the way life is with us. That is the feel around our offices in Chernigov.



It is a beehive of activity with our number one priority being reaching the lost. Secondly, we disciple believers to be fully devoted followers of Christ and integrate into one of our Life Giving Churches!

This is what you will be reading about again as this months newsletter is full of more great reports from our Ukraine crusades. Teenagers and children opened their hearts to Jesus by the hundreds. There is a cry in the land. A cry for help. You see it on every face. You feel it in every word.

People are living in fear. They feel unloved. Not just in Ukraine. It's everywhere in the world. Unfortunately it is everywhere in the church too. Too many church goers are wanders. Directionless. Lifeless. Listless. It is a deadly cycle that must be broken.

There is a cure for this. The answer is found in *faith*.

How does faith come? By hearing and receiving Rema words from God. Get into the Word of God like never before and spend time with the Holy Spirit. This is foundational stuff but most still seem to miss it. Our destiny rests in what we do with the Word of God. Our response determines our future.

Our challenge to you is to simply - *Go For It!*

## *Update*

We have been having great weather in Crimea giving us opportunity to hold outdoor meetings into the fall months. This increases our chances for bigger crowds and more opportunity for soul winning.

We have had such a great time evangelizing these last few months because the partnering pastors have traveled with us. We have established closer relationships. They have caught the vision and they are determined to carry it on.

What does the future hold? The future holds new church plants. It holds emerging leaders. The Crimean project is bearing great fruit and we are seeing it unfold before our eyes. Partnering pastors remain excited and have been rejuvenated by what we are doing in their state. Calls continually come into our office concerning the outreaches we are doing. It is amazing what the Lord is doing in our midst.

Please pray about your year end giving and consider helping us finish strong by reaching even more people for Jesus. With your help we will finish the Crimean Project and immediately launch the 2010 Crusade Initiative in the Odessa region. God bless.

***Radical For Jesus!***  
***Peter & Jill***

## 41 Come to Jesus in Ukromnoe!



**Natasha Lazuka leads those that came forward in a prayer of dedication. They committed to forsake sin and follow Jesus. It was something wonderful to behold.**

Ukromnoe, a small town near the Crimean capital of Simpheropol, is our first official church plant as a result of the Crimea Evangelism Project. We have several more church plants in preparation but this one is developing faster than the others. We are very pleased with the results. This recent crusade gave this new church plant many more people to work with and we are thankful for what took place. A pastor is now on site and weekly meetings have begun along with weekly street ministry to reach the lost. We have high hopes for Ukromnoe!

Pastor Igor Klemenko from Simpheropol recently said, *"I am so excited about what you are doing in Crimea. I am personally revived. My vision for evangelism and church planting has returned and our church is again engaged in Kingdom work. Thank you Peter for all your effort and being a spiritual father to so many."*



Pastor Igor, right, distributes discipleship materials and shares one-on-one with those making decisions for Christ. He brought ten others with him to work the crowds during ministry time and many others became open to receive follow up contacts.



## 11 RECEIVE CHRIST ON THE STREETS OF SIMPHEROPOL!



The band played and the preacher preached the Word. Results - People repented!

Setting up on one of the busiest street corners in downtown Simpheropol where thousands hang out until dawn, Peter Mehl and his team preached the Gospel of the Kingdom. Peter weaved the preaching of the Word between songs as he artfully positioned the net to pull in a harvest of fish. The result was eleven souls that made decisions to repent and follow Jesus Christ. It was not easy. It was not pretty. Then again we are after

results not showmanship. Street preaching is always a challenge and especially in larger towns because of the drinking and drugs and of course the rowdies. We simply go by faith, plead the Blood of Jesus and remain bold because what we are doing is righteous. While our team ministered the partnering church had their ministry teams talking to the people. They personally ministered to over 150 individuals.



**Left:** Peter and Natasha give the final appeal and then lead souls in a prayer of dedication. As hundreds more watched these eleven brave souls stepped out in faith. Yes, there were hecklers but many others listened intently too. Who knows how many more stood there praying or just logging in the words for future use by the Holy Spirit? Time will tell. God knows!

## 43 Make Decisions for Jesus in Zovoetnoe!



**The Team, in the last row, pose with those that just made decisions to follow the Lord Jesus. As you can see God reached from Heaven and touched many children.**



**Precious ones receive Jesus!**

This is what it is all about. Look at the faces of these two girls. Hearing their confessions of faith was all the more inspiring. They were honest. Sincere. Pure of heart. No wonder Jesus said that we must become as little children if we are to enter the Kingdom.



**Left:** Hall administrator receives Jesus!

The administrator of the hall that we rented opened her heart to Jesus and made this declaration, *“You may come back any time and I will go out of my way to get every one that I can to the meetings. I cannot express to you in words how wonderful I feel.”*



**Left:** Team members and volunteers distribute discipleship materials to all the new believers. In the words of Sergei Bagrey, *“The one-on-one ministry time was special, full of life.”* Sergei later made this comment, *“I will never tire of being a part of this ministry.”*





## 63 Make Decisions for Jesus in Pervomaisk!



**Natasha leads this group of people in a prayer of repentance and faith in Jesus Christ!**

About 150 people gathered around the fenced-in plaza where we set up. This bright sunny day was perfect for an outdoor meeting. Except for a few drunks that we had to deal with we were able to capture the attention of the crowd and the result was 63 people responding to the Lord. Pastor Ivan, the local partnering pastor, was beside himself. *"I am amazed at what I just witnessed"* he told us. He went on to say, *"You were able to do more by coming here than I ever imagined. This is such a great response and all those children, wow! Thank you so much for helping me."*



Peter Mehl gives the team some final instructions and then prays before starting the meeting.



Peter locks knuckles with a new friend that was enthralled with everything that we did. He sat through the meeting sitting next to the sound man. He too gave his life to the Lord Jesus and we trust that he will never be the same.

## Orthodox Priest Sends Parishioners to Beat Up RHM Missionary!

Our church plant efforts in the village of **Kukshin** are not going without notice. The people coming to Jesus sure notice us but so does the orthodox priest and his group of cronies. The village *Bell Ringer* (Rings the bells in the local orthodox church) is a hefty guy who the priest uses to take care of his outside-the-norm duties. In this case the *Bell Ringer* and a few others were sent on a mission to beat up our church leader, Alexander. Miraculously he was kept out of harms way but this only infuriated the priest.



**Sister Galina, who Alexander led to Christ (See below), has given this house as the meeting place for our church plant in Kukshin!**

With some simple clean up and tender loving care this house will be a great starter location for another RHM church plant.

The priest then went on a mission to collect signatures stating that, *“This new cult in our village is saying blasphemous things against the orthodox church.”* He flat out lied but doesn’t that sound familiar? Just like what the Pharisees did at the so-called trial of Jesus. Because of this our lead missionary in the area, Igor Daviduk, was called to appear before the local authorities. He was expecting a serious thrashing but God again intervened and instead of forbidding us from evangelizing in the village they gave us permission to start a church! What a miracle! God turned this whole situation on its head and the local orthodox priest went through the roof.

The very next day Alexander, our missionary to Kukshin, ministered to a woman on the street and she came under heavy conviction and began to cry and ask God’s forgiveness. Her name is Galina and she was saved on the spot and began to glorify the Lord. She has since opened up one of the houses that she owns in the village to be used as our new church location...rent free! Another miracle! One day thugs are trying to beat up our missionary and run us out of town using local authorities and the next day we have a rent free location to use as our church home.

*“I did not know what to expect when the authorities called me in but I knew that it could not be good”* said Pastor Igor. He added, *“It just seemed that I had the favor of God upon me. I felt bold and at ease. My head was clear and fear was non existent. It was a great day!”*





## Testimony of Alexander Klikov

Hello, my name is Alexander Klikov and I was born in 1951. I would have been considered an average guy. Not too good. Not too bad. I did not get into drugs or booze heavily. Just enough to be cool or so I thought. I did pray to icons often and usually made my yearly trip to the church to light candles. I knew that I was sinful so I made my feeble attempts to please God and in my ignorant way try to find Him.



Alexander

When my wife became sick and my son got heavy into drugs I asked myself some hard questions. I realized that I was in over my head and that I needed help. The priest told me not to be concerned. I became disappointed both in myself, in the church and in life. I felt so empty but did not know where to turn. I would speak out sometimes, *"God if you are there help me."* I was desperate but had no answers.

It was at this time my wife and I met Valya Khomenko who happened to be attending *Salvation Church* in Priluki. It is a church started by Peter and Jill Mehl.

Valya seemed different. Someone who really cared and this caught our attention.

Valya shared about the hope in Christ and in the need to repent and be dedicated to Him. We had never heard anything like this. When we did hear it though we knew that it was true. Something inside of us told us, *"This is the word of the Lord."* We went to church and gave our lives to Jesus.



Alexander being water baptized

*"I am a totally changed man. Life is so different now. Thank God that someone told me about Jesus!"*



We do not see ourselves the way we were. It is like we stepped out of ourselves and into a new dimension. We are free from bondage. Free from religion. Free from worshipping and praying to icons. We truly repented and now we are praying for the salvation of our son. If God can reach from Heaven and touch us He can also do it for our son. We look forward to the day when we can present him to our church body and say, *"Look what the Lord has done!"*



## Testimony From Nosovka

Hello, my name is Natalia and I want to share how the Lord found me and set my feet on higher ground. I was born into a family where there were many believers. Also the village I grew up in had a church and many believers lived there. My grandmother used to take me to Sunday service. I remember hearing her pray for her grandchildren often.

Unfortunately I did not have the heart she did and over time I lost interest in the things of God. I got married and had three children. I still tried to live by the principles I learned when young but inside I was empty. I felt spiritually drained all the time. My husband did not understand me and when I brought up the subject of Christ he got mad. I felt like a sinking ship. Wanting God but being scorned by my husband.

In my desperation I began to simply ask, *"God, help me find my way back."* I began to recall the talks that I had with my grandmother. One day I met a friend that I had not seen in years and she began to tell me about a church she was attending that was started by some missionaries from America, Peter and Jill Mehl. She told me how the Word is preached boldly and many people are healed. I knew right there that I wanted to visit the church.



When I told my husband he became

very upset and cursed at me and my friend for telling me about the church. My soul couldn't stay silent and I really wanted to be with the Lord. So secretly I went to church and there I found peace for my soul by reconciling with the Lord. I felt like Heaven dropped into my heart. Oh, what a great feeling.

When my husband found out that I repented and started going to church the bomb exploded. He started screaming at me threatening me and even turned the kids against me. I prayed and fasted and I asked the church to stand in the gap for me.

My husband saw my position and became more aggressive. I began doing deeds of kindness for him but it just got worse. Then he left me saying, *"You chose your God over me so goodbye."* Later he contacted me and said, *"I will jump under a train if you do not change."* I was in turmoil but kept seeking

the Lord. One day he threatened to take the kids from me but I felt boldness come and declared the Word of the Lord and he immediately calmed down. From that time his attitude totally changed towards me.

I now lead Sunday service for children. My own kids help me prepare the lessons. I believe my husband will come to the Lord too. He is worth fighting for.

## Short Reports

### Vladimir Lazuka Ministers to 40 Doctors in Mena!

Although unwilling to let us take photos 40 doctors gathered in the Mena Regional Hospital to hear the Gospel of the Kingdom preached! This has been some time in the making beginning a few years back when a doctor and his wife came to Jesus in one of our crusades in Mena. They have since become very serious about their faith and involved in evangelism at every opportunity. These regional meetings do not happen often but God opened this door for us. Actually, they wanted me (Peter) to speak but I felt since they gave only twenty minutes that time would be better spent letting Vladimir speak directly to them without interpreting.

Natasha said this, *“Vladimir spoke very strongly concerning repentance. Many were touched. You could see the tears swelling up in their eyes. They did not allow us to do an altar call but a powerful Gospel message was given and they will be without excuse. What a great opportunity and it is not over. We will hear salvation reports back from our doctor friend.”*



The pastor's wife from Bakchisarai, next to Jill, told us during our recent crusade the following story: *“I was so excited to hear that you would be coming to our town because you played an important roll in my life right after I was saved. 17 years ago you baptized me in water after a crusade in Jevpatoria.”* These fantastic stories are being told to us every place we travel to in Crimea. We thank the Lord for the tremendous fruit coming out of our labor of love over the years of ministry in Ukraine.

### Odessa Region Grant Update

By the grace and favor of God we have been awarded another grant from the Foursquare Foundation. This is the fifth year in a row. Because of finances being low they only awarded 3 partial grants out of the 280 applicants and 15 finalists. Therefore our award is 50% of our initial request or in this case \$50,000. We will therefore have a great deal of ground to cover to make up for it but we thank God and are grateful. Thank you Foursquare Foundation.

### Crimea and CNL Matching Grants Update

We still need some heroic giving to complete our matching grants funding for 2009. This is a great time to be praying about year end giving. We still need about \$20,000 to complete the remaining crusades and television broadcasts.





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### **Peter & Jill in Ukraine**

We will be in Ukraine thru November 16 holding meetings in three states, Chernigov, Crimea and Odessa. We will also be filming several more broadcasts for our weekly program *New Destiny*.

The Crimea project ends November 30 so we are pulling out all stops to finish strong. Our teams are returning to several sites that have the best potential for church plants. Jill and I will be holding leaders meetings and planning sessions with pastors.

In Chernigov we are launching another Leadership Institute class. This school is producing great fruit and something we are very excited about because it is equipping church leaders, business leaders and church planters.

Please be praying for travel safety especially since we will be traveling across country by van. Also for success in all that we put our hands to do in service to Jesus.

### **Peter & Jill Launch Strategic Ministries in America!**

God has been dealing with us about evangelizing America like we do in Ukraine. Blitzkrieg! Several supporters over the years have asked, "*Would the same strategy you use in Ukraine work in America?*" Our answer was always the same - Yes! We see little effort and less passion by churches to take back what the devil had stolen. The Holy Spirit has surely been speaking to church leaders yet there has been no serious effort to launch a state-taking initiative.

The Lord has instructed us to take North Dakota for Jesus and launch an apostolic thrust which will start a revolution. When God speaks we take notice. We have since officially launched ***North Dakota Ablaze*** (ndablaze.org) with the goal of evangelizing every town in the state.

We will also hold school assemblies in every public school in the state. This is being accomplished under the banner of another ministry that we have launched, ***PeterMehl.Com***.

In October we held 7 school assemblies and 4 night meetings in central North Dakota. The result was 122 decisions for Jesus and several happy school superintendents and principals. Jill and I will return from Ukraine November 17 and on the 18 I will head to western North Dakota to hold 4 school assemblies and 3 night meetings.

Large youth rallies, men's and women's retreats and much more are also on our radar. Yes, it will be a challenge to keep the pace in both Ukraine and America but time is running out. Too many people remain lost and Hell-bound. The time to act is now!

We also have our partnership with Yuri and Tanya Binder and their church plant in Manhattan. We were there a few weeks ago and God moved again as people were saved and the Gifts were in operation. The church is growing and the future looks bright.

We are now building a coalition of partners dedicated to launch a reformation in North Dakota. If you or someone you know are interested in being part of our initiatives in North Dakota please contact us via email: [russianharvest@aol.com](mailto:russianharvest@aol.com).





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## Prayer Requests

1. **Prayer for the Mehl's:** Peter and Jill are currently in Ukraine for another month of high intensity ministry. Pray for protection during their travels to Crimea and Odessa and success in all their meetings in Chernigov too.
2. **Matching Grants:** As the Crimea outreaches and CNL television grant projects finish their course pray for all the matching funds to come in so crusades and soul winning can continue. We still need some heroic gifts to bring this years grants to completion.
3. **Holy Spirit Visitations:** Pray for intense visits of the Holy Spirit as we launch our 2010 Leadership Institute.
4. **Odessa Evangelism:** Pray for the successful launch of the Odessa Evangelism and Church Planting Initiative.
5. **Heating Season Help:** Now that the heating season has begun we need several people to help our missionaries pay their heating costs. \$250 will help a missionary family get through the winter. The Lazuka family needs \$500.

### Fargo Prayer Meeting

**Next Meeting:**

**November 7 @ 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Location:** Amerclnn in Fargo along Interstate 29 and west of Cash Wise.

We meet in room 100 near the front desk.

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