

Russian Harvest Ministries

Reaching Nations for Jesus!

# Harvest

Ministry Newsletter

November 2011

## 207 Make Decisions for Christ in *Besarabka,* *Moldova!*



*Youth swarm the stage area in response to the call from Peter Mehl to repent  
from sin and turn to the Living God - Jesus Christ - and follow Him!*

**(See page 6 for complete story)**

---

# Letter From The Founders

## DEAR CO-LABORERS:

There is an all out attack on believers being initiated from the pit of Hell. The attack is against our mind and seeks to eventually get into our hearts. Once there it gets to our mouth for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. We must stand against this with everything in us. This is why we must keep God's Word in front of us daily and worship Him daily.

The enemy uses distractions to his advantage and he is using world-wide events to do so. Terrorism, money crisis, sickness - anything and everything. We must stand against anything not born in the mind of God.

Remember, anything that takes you from an attitude of worship, peace and joy is not of God. In this case open your mouth and speak life. Proclaim His Word.

We must live in this world but not be of it. Certainly not love it or any of its enticements. Anything that dethrones us from being a vocal believer, standing up for righteousness and being victorious is satanic. In such case we must retaliate for "...the



*kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and the violent. (the righteous-us) take it by force" Matthew 11:12.*  
Emphasis mine.

The Bible tells us that in the last days many will "wax cold" as they fall away from the faith. It is already happening in increasing numbers. So what do we do? Draw close to God!

As each of us gets closer to finishing our time on earth the fruit of our lives reflects how we lived. I encourage you to finish strong. With each passing day Jill and I become more focused on doing just that. Leaving a legacy of soul-winning and disciple making.

With the advent of **chrislam**: the mixture of Christianity and Islam, gaining influence in America, we have entered the final stage before the return of Christ.

More than ever we must focus on finishing strong. In June of this year pastors and churches in 32 states of America gathered to hold services together with the Bible and the Koran on the same podium. God help us. These preachers are of those that have become apostate. If your pastor or church leaders even hint

that this is acceptable then run from that place and get your family to safety.

We are told that before Jesus returns the earth will be as in the days of Noah. In **Genesis 6:11** it says that in Noah's days "...the earth was filled with violence." The word violence in Hebrew is transliterated Chamac and its root word has a phonetic spelling of khaw-mawce' and is pronounced "**Hamas.**"

See the picture? Hamas is a radical Islamic organization that is violent against the Jews, America and anything not dedicated to its violent and fanatical ways. We need to look at these things as harbingers (Signs) of the Last Days - warning signs. To do what? To wake us out of slumber so that we can finish our race on earth strong.

We are living at the end of days. Let's not waste our final years gathering things to ourselves that we cannot take with us. Let's not invest in temporal things that do not produce eternal fruit.

Let's continue to invest in souls. The Trump of God is close at hand. We can even hear it now? God bless.

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

# Short Reports & Updates



## Gospel Tract Reaches Man for Jesus!

Receiving a Gospel tract and a personal witness on the street by one of our evangelists this mans heart was opened. He took the material home and read it. He saw the address where we hold Sunday meetings and came to the very next service.

He then responded to the altar call and was born again! This is the power of personal witnessing.



## Kitchen Table and Chairs Purchased for the Zelfimyan Family!

We asked our partners to help buy a few things for the family that heads up our Moldova work - The Zelfimyan's. Well, you did it and they send their thanks. Kaaren and his son Albert sit at the table we bought them. Kaaren told us, *"This is the first dinner table and chairs we have actually owned. Thank you."*

## RHM Buys Van for Mobile Evangelism in Moldova!



## Evangelist Kaaren Zelfimyan stands next to our first Moldova mobile evangelism van!

It is a Renault Dachia and made strong for the terrible roads in Moldova.

It sits higher than other vehicles which helps greatly for the village crusades because of the deep ruts in the roads.

We have had it less than two months but we have already used it to reach almost 1,000 for Christ!

# RHM Launches Training Center for Evangelists



**Inaugural Class ~ RHM Moldova Evangelist Training Center**



**Larissa**

"I believe that by the end of this training I will become much bolder in evangelism and in reaching people than ever before. Already fear is gone, sharing my faith is fun and awesome to do. I have already led three people to the Lord including a friend in Spain through Skype.

Another was a friend that I had not seen in years. I met her while walking to class at the university. The Lord led me to take a different route that day and there she was. I began to share with her and she opened up to me that her life was a mess and thirty minutes later she turned her life over to Jesus! Thank God for this School!"

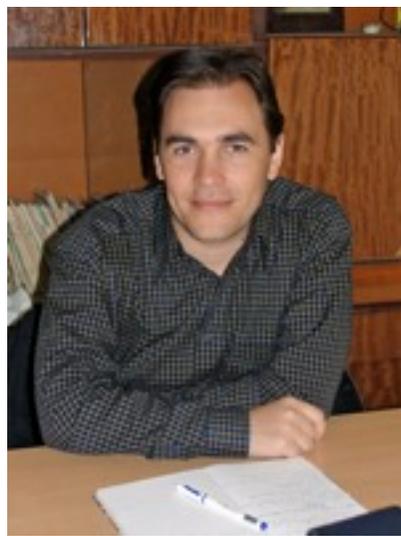
## **Immediate Success!**

Within 4 hours of launching our Moldova Evangelist Training Center our students were on the streets witnessing and by the end of the first week had led several people to Christ.

In Pete's team they shared Christ with a bus driver during his lunch break, a teacher, three students, five others on the street and a security guard at an orthodox monastery.

Karen's team met a man selling appointments for a palm reader and in 30 minutes led him to Christ.

By the second week the students went out on their own in teams using our *New Destiny* Evangelism booklet, a 24 page full color soul-winning tool. Over 25 have come to Christ through our students in just the first two weeks of training and hundreds more will. We already have twenty believers on the waiting list for our next school and anticipate up to 50 students.



**Alexie**

“During the first week of training in the RHM Center for Evangelists I felt that I became part of the team.

I overcame fear and achieved success in my personal evangelism. This was a great victory for me.

I am really thankful for the chance to come here and have no regrets for making the decision to come to this training center. It will be time well spent.”



**Radu**

“Praise the Lord for this school. Evangelism became an easy thing for me now. Before it was a challenge. I was lost in what to do.

Also, I now understand the importance of being consistent in evangelism, regardless of how I may feel. I just do it and God blesses my efforts. I am thankful for the chance to be here and be trained by those who live it daily.”



**Katya**

"I have gained more boldness to share the Gospel with unknown people in different places regardless of where I am.

It is so good that we can practice what we learn right there at the training center. It improves our skills to evangelize so when we are in the real world it comes natural. I am glad I chose to attend this center.

### **Quotes From Pastors**

“This has never happened in Moldova. There has never been a school to train evangelists. Yes, we have had some evangelism courses but never a center like yours. Russian Harvest Ministries is the first of its kind.” **Pastor Sasha - Faleshti.**

“Thank you for coming to Soroki. Our church was blessed and so many made decisions for Christ. The students from your evangelists center that you brought did a great job. You are training them well. Also, do not forget about us. Always, when you are in the area, please schedule us for an outreach.” **Pastor Victor - Soroki**

“I am so thankful that the Lord brought Peter Mehl and his team to Moldova. It is amazing what is happening in our country since he came and now he launches a center to train evangelists. Amazing!” **Pastor Vadim Misveski - Kagul**

“The students I sent to you to be trained in evangelism told me that the training is fantastic and that they have witnessed to more people in two weeks than in the last year.” **Pastor Tudor Prokochuk - Ungeni**

# 207 Repent in *Besarabka,* *Moldova*



**207 Youth Respond to the Pledge to Follow Christ!**



### **Youth Rush the Stage to Receive RHM Discipleship Materials!**

It never ceases to amaze us how hungry these youth are to receive our faith based materials.



### **Youth Bow Their Heads in Respect as they Make Confessions of Faith to Follow Christ.**

## **Besarabka is a Town full of Youth that we will Reach for Christ!**

This is the second time that we have done an outreach in Besarabka and over half the crowd was in our first crusade. We are reaching these youth, many of them Gypsies, for the Master. The town recently voted in a communist mayor. His main assistant is also a commie but that did not stop us from proclaiming Jesus as Lord from the housetops. It was suggested that we tame it down but that is not an option.

Our advance team arrived early in the morning to distribute flyers and witness on the streets leading several to Christ before our main team arrived at 5 PM. Eventually we will have our witnessing materials in every home in this town and as per our five year plan - in every home in the nation!

# 67 Repent in Soroki, Moldova!



**People Respond as Peter Mehl calls them to Repent of Their Sins and Follow Jesus!**



**Man raises his hand in response to the call of repentance.**

“I have wasted my life. Maybe now I can turn it around.”

“Of course you can” we said “but only if Jesus remains central and its done on His strength.”



**Kaaren leads one more person to Christ after the crusade ends.**

## **Youth and Adults Responded to Christ in Soroki.**

It was a long drive to get there but well worth the effort as 67 people responded to the call to repent. Soroki is embedded in the mountains, a beautiful place. Now it is even more so as we bring the light and beauty of the Gospel of Christ. Partners, you are helping us achieve what many thought impossible - reaching every town and village in a nation for Jesus!



## **Pastor Victor and his family.**

Victor leads the church plant in Soroki and is establishing a good work for the Lord in this northern town in Moldova.

“I had only heard about Peter Mehl and never met him. This was our first meeting together. By the time Peter and his team had finished I was amazed at the results. As I told him - you have to return and help us reach more people for Christ.”

# Man Rides Bike 12 Miles to Hear the Gospel & Gets Saved!

Through a friend, a man named Nikolay from the village Ushnya heard of the outreach RHM missionary Roma was conducting in Mena. Ushnya is twelve miles from Mena but the spiritual emptiness in Nikolay's heart was too much for him. "When I heard about the meetings and what is taught there I knew that I had to get there" said Nikolay.



**Pastor Vitya Leads Nikolay to Christ!**

"I only had a bike but for me that was enough. All the way in I told myself that this would be the day and I was not disappointed. I listened to the message and the testimonies of others and when they asked if anyone wanted to repent and follow Christ I jumped to my feet. It was a day set aside for me!"

He was a different man on the bike ride home. A happy man because his sins had been made white as snow by the blood of the Lamb!



## **Man Pulls up in his Horse Drawn Cart to Watch the Outdoor Crusade with his son in the Village of Grudnoe.**

Moldova is a nation of contrast and sights like this are common throughout the country. Several years ago residents of this village ate all the dogs to help stay alive through the winter.

# Church Plant in *Scribnoe, Ukraine!*



**Pastor Valera, third from left leads this home group in Scribnoe. Valera is an RHM Missionary dedicated to reaching souls for Jesus!**



**Pastor Valera's wife, Tanya (right) leads a second home group!**



**Valera on the streets witnessing for the Lord as he passes out testimonials and gospel tracts.**

## **The Birth of a Church in Scribnoe**

Scribnoe is a village about twenty kilometers from Priluki. Alcoholism is rampant and depression fills the area. Their only chance of freedom is in Christ.

Valera and Tanya have set out to make a difference in the village as they reach people for Christ one by one.

“It is a hard place” says Tanya “But we are determined to build a strong church there. Otherwise the village will never have a chance.”

She is 100% correct and that is why RHM goes to these places. Because few ministries do - we must.

RHM is not a big ministry but we have a big vision. Why? Because we serve a Big God and He will make a way for us to fulfill the call to pioneer 1,000 churches in the former Soviet Union - and reach a million people for the Master along the way.



**New Believer distributes gospel materials from the steps of a local store.**  
“She is new in the faith” says Valera “Yet she is bold as a lion.”

# Christmas Gifts / Year End Giving

**As we approach the Christmas season and year end, help us remember our missionaries that are paying a great price to reach people for Jesus. Instead of spending so much on ourselves and those that already have too much, let's invest into eternity!**

**We are asking the Lord for a Soul-Winning Miracle:** What is it? The ability to fund 300 crusades in Moldova in 2012 plus another 100 in Ukraine - that's 400 Soul Winning Crusades in 2012. We have the manpower but one thing is lacking: The ability to fund everything.

We are launching an assault on Hell's kingdom like never before. God has opened the door for us in Moldova and we must act - and fast. He has given us a window of opportunity that we have not seen in 20 years of ministry.

Our immediate 2012 first quarter need is \$100,000. It will take a miracle but will help us launch an aggressive evangelism initiative in two nations: Ukraine and Moldova. For a total ministry budget for 2012 of \$400,000 we can conduct 400 single day crusades and cover all other staff and materials costs. Do you know of any other ministry doing so much for so little? How about a church? RHM is committed to the Great Commission and is very careful how we invest our partners gifts into the harvest. Let's have serious impact in 2012.

## Christmas Giving

**Help with Heating Costs for Missionaries:** All funds will be given out to our missionaries to help them get through the winter. Costs have doubled since last year and they need our help.

**Bunk beds:** This is a gift for the Lazuka family boys, Elijah and Daniel. Their other beds (now too small for them) will be given to another missionary family. \$300.

**Dental Work for Pastor Lazuka:** He needs five fillings, a root canal and some other work. It can be done in Chernigov and for just \$1,000. We have raised \$200 so far.

## Evangelism & Soul-Winning Materials

**Food Package Evangelism:** We want to evangelize 5 Moldavian villages with food packages. We go to the poorest in each village and give the food gifts, pray for the sick and share the Gospel. We launched two churches last winter using this method. This year we want to expand to five. We buy all food stuff at wholesale. \$500 per village.

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

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

**25,000 RHM Gospel Newspapers Tracts:** \$750.

## Mobile Evangelism Teams Needs

**Keyboard:** \$900.

**Acoustic Guitar:** \$300.

**Wireless Microphone and Base:** \$500.

**Please keep RHM in mind when deciding your year-end giving. There are many ways in which you can help. This Includes: Stocks, hard assets such as gold or silver, real estate, collectables, etc.**

# Testimony of Restoration

My name is Marina and I am 34 years old. I thank the Lord that I am alive and have a testimony of salvation and deliverance to share. You see, I was on drugs for 18 years and drowning in sin. Fear was a constant companion and I was not really living ~ just existing ~ a slave to drugs.

My parents tried to help but I was a curse to them. Eventually I just wanted to die. I hated life and myself.

In 2001 I was arrested and sentenced to 2 1/2 years in prison. I thought that maybe prison would actually help me but once I was out I went right back into the pit.

Soon I was back in prison but this time I became sick and was given six months to live. My nails fell out and also my hair. The end was fast approaching. I believed in Hell and knew that it was my destination but had no idea how to escape it. Fear took over and life became a living nightmare.

Then I met some people in prison who had been given materials from a ministry (RHM) about Jesus. They told me about repentance and I started praying and repenting before the Lord and suddenly I felt His touch on me.

A miracle took place in my life as He gave me salvation right there ~ He saved me. Praise the Lord! The same night the Lord answered

my prayer and gave me freedom from drugs, alcohol, smoking, cursing but the most important thing is that He healed my liver! He gave me a new liver! What a wonderful miracle. I went to the prison doctor to be checked and was told that there was no more liver damage.



Soon I was baptized in water and promised the Lord to serve Him. Then I was baptized in the Spirit. The Lord has done so many miracles in my life and in the lives of my relatives. Ever since I repented I was praying and fasting and standing in the gap for my family to get saved according to the promise. Today my grandmother is saved

and Jesus lives in her heart.

But this is not the only miracle! Before I went to prison I was living together with a man and we had a baby together. His name is Igor. After I was released from prison Igor saw all the changes in my life and made the right decision ~ he repented! A little later he also was baptized! Praise the Lord!

As soon as I was released from prison I went to the Russian Harvest Rehab Center for Women and graduated. I am serving the Lord in their Priluki church and now love and enjoy life. Thank God for the prison ministry and rehab center RHM has and their love for the lost.



## Prayer Requests

- 1. Evangelist Training Center:** We have officially launched our evangelist training center in Moldova. It is taking off and we already have the next class booked. Pray that we can find facilities and financial backing to double or even triple the class size so that we can send more workers into the harvest even faster.
- 2. Missionary Christmas Gifts:** Pray that we have a good response so that we can bless our Ukrainian and Moldavian missionaries (See page 10).
- 3. Food Package Evangelism:** Pray for funds to come in so that we can evangelize at least 5 villages with food packages this winter (See page 10).
- 4. Foursquare Matching Grant:** Pray for miraculous year-end giving so that we can match the grant and even go beyond and reach even more villages for the Lord.

Reaching Nations for Jesus!

*Legacy Giving*

*Please Remember  
Russian Harvest  
Ministries in Your  
Estate Planning.  
Let's Finish With  
Eternity on our Mind!*

RussianHarvestMinistries.org \* RussianHarvest@aol.com \* 701-306-2755