

Russian Harvest Ministries

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157 Come to Christ in *Tatarbunari!*

**Peter's disciple, Zhenya, pulls in the net
and people respond to the call of Christ!**



**Another Great Month at RHM as over 1,000
more decisions were made for Christ!**

Thank You Partners for Making This Possible.

Letter From The Founders

DEAR CO-LABORERS:

Here we go again with another great soul winning month. We must say that it did not come easy. Several crusades were hindered by orthodox opposition. Sometimes intense as they spewed vile profanities and threatened physical harm. They tore down our posters in the Odessa and Chernigov area crusades. In some cases they even set them on fire and burned them from the meeting hall doors. This even happened in Romania.

Yes, you read it correctly, RHM is now impacting another former communist country - Romania!. After just two outreaches 83 Romanian's repented and responded to the call of Christ! Since Romania and Moldova speak the same language we will have double impact.

Peter's book "*Raw Truth For Youth*" has finished translation into Romanian and is in its final review. Once done we will go to press with our first printing.

We have also begun translation of our Russian language correspondence school into Romanian. The target date for completion of book #1 in the three book series is October 30. We



already have many people waiting so we are working hard on this project. We must make great impact as fast as we can. Time is running out and we must be diligent in carrying out the Father's business.

As we write this letter to you we are 32,000 feet over the Atlantic heading towards America. We just completed a three nation tour holding several crusades, leadership conferences and launching another training center. We are tired. Very tired. It was a long hard trip with little rest.

We drove twenty hours nonstop from Bucharest to Chernigov, slept three hours and met with staff, leaders and missionaries for another twelve hours. Then we began our trip back to America. Maybe it is insane to some but to us it is worth the fruit that is born into The Kingdom. We are passionate about winning as many as we can as fast as we can. Jesus is our focus. We run the race because we are so grateful to Him for what He has done for us.

RHM in Germany!

Another exciting thing that took place was that Evangelist Zelfimyan from our team went into

Germany to train over 150 German's in personal evangelism and street witnessing. After the morning training each day he would take them out all afternoon. They would separate into small teams and share Jesus and pray for the sick. In two weeks over 400 people came to Christ and many were healed including a woman that came out of her wheelchair.

Italy is Next!

Our disciples in Italy now have a small group of believers but no Full Gospel church to attend. After reviewing the situation Peter gave the word to develop our media ministry so we can send our church services to Italy via Skype as a first step followed by real time streaming. Russian believers in Spain are also waiting as well as other countries so the fruit of this step of faith will eventually impact several countries around the world.

It is a serious step for us but a necessary one as hundreds of thousands of Russian speaking people can be reached via the Internet. Thank you partners for helping us take the Gospel to the end of the earth!

Radical for Jesus!
Peter & Jill

Germany For Jesus!

Russian Harvest Ministries Sends Evangelist into Germany to Train Believers in Evangelism and then Hit the Streets Preaching!



Kaaren poses with one of the teams that he helped train.

I had a wonderful time in Germany. These guys were serious about the Lord and to learn all they could about witnessing. Not only that but they were even more serious about putting what they learned to practice.

Every morning we also had testimony time and it was so awesome to hear them share their stories. Even after I returned to Ukraine many kept in contact to tell me new testimonies. It is such a joy for me to be part of Russian Harvest Ministries as we reach the world for Christ.

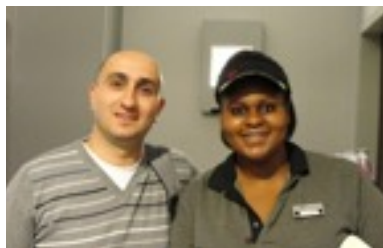
Thanks Pete and Jill. The Lord bless. Kaaren.



This man spent 18 years in prison then he met Kaaren on the street and repented after hearing the Gospel!



Kaaren leading this family to the Lord.



Kaaren needed to refuel his tummy so he stopped in for lunch and ended up leading one of the workers to the Lord!



Kaaren sharing the Gospel near a busy walkway underpass.



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On the first night people crowd around Zhenya as he makes the appeal for people to repent of their sins and surrender to Jesus.

“This is my life” said Zhenya. “I want to do all that I can to reach people for Jesus because of what He did for me. He rescued me from Hell. How can I not share His Good News?”

Zhenya is a man on a mission. When we asked him if he wanted to be personally discipled by Pete he jumped on board and has since turned into a preaching machine. Our focus of late is to raise up evangelists and then empower them for ministry and give them a platform to succeed.

Tatarbunari was a crusade where Zhenya began to reveal potential. First, he has a genuine love for the lost. Second, he gives everything he has when he ministers. He leaves nothing on the table. Finally, his skills in giving altar calls are improving greatly. Peter spends a great deal of time mentoring Zhenya and the results are obvious.

“When Zhenya ministers to people he comes alive” said Peter. “I am proud of him. He is developing into a man of God that will bring many to the Lord. This past month he began holding crusades on his own and the results were awesome.” We will have reports in next months newsletter. Partners, thank you for helping us reach Zhenya for Christ and then raise him up to become a last days evangelist to reach the lost.



Ministering to the new believers

After the altar call our teams went to work one-on-one, answering questions and praying for the sick. The kids did not want to leave and we were there for another hour praying, encouraging and exchanging contact information.

Even before we got back to home base in Odessa we received emails and calls. The local pastor has now raised up his own mobile team and is on a mission to start 10 new churches!

Tatarbunari's 2nd Night Crusade Draws More to the Lord!



Second nights altar call drew many more to dedicate their lives to Jesus!



Dasha (Tallest in rear) poses with her new friends: Dasha is the daughter of the pastor from our Ladan church plant in the Chernigov state. She traveled with us to Odessa for training. She returned home with a whole different outlook as to her potential. Together with 34 other young people she stepped out in faith and because of it many names were written in the Lamb's Book of Life!

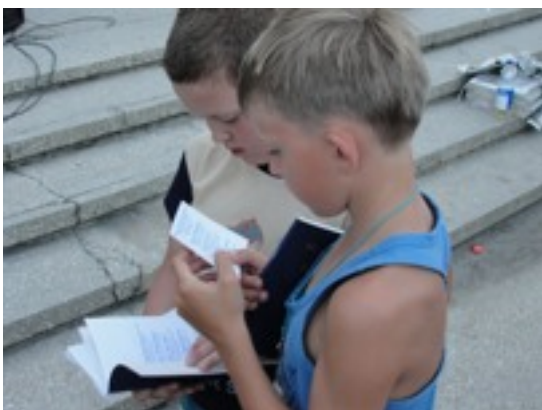
Dasha's Story

"I want to be a missionary and reach many youth to Jesus. When Peter asked me if I wanted to come to Odessa I jumped at the chance. I am already in his leadership school in Chernigov but I want to go farther and do more for the Lord.

Being part of reaching over 450 for Jesus during our week of training was awesome! It was amazing what I saw and what the Lord did through me.

In one outreach in Tatarbunari I prayed for a girl on the street because she said that she had pains in her leg and right side. When I did the pain left, she was shocked and of course happy. So was I. Not that I was shocked that God could do it but that He did it through me right there on the street. For me it was a 'Wow' moment!

As I talked to so many youth during the ministry times I realized even more in the serious times in which we live. We must do all we can to reach people for Jesus before it is too late."



Two children review their New Testaments

These little guys were deep into paging through the gift we gave them after accepting Christ. *"I have never had one before. Me either said the other one."*



10 Repent in *Makeevka!*



People come to the front to receive New Testaments and new believers materials after the altar call. Learning that it was one woman's birthday the church blessed her with flowers. She was double blessed and had a personal experience as to the love of the Lord and His people.

Thirty people came to the crusade from the tiny village of Makeevka. Even in the midst of orthodox persecution these people came because they are seeking truth and this desire helped them overcome fear. Fear of what? Losing friends, family, even jobs. Yes, it happens all the time. It still amazes us how people can have such a hate for the Gospel. One person told us, *"I would rather have my son on drugs or in prison than go to one of your churches."* How lost these people are. Jesus did say that they hated Him before they hated us.

We have since held follow up meetings in Makeevka and with similar results: opposition, yes, but people came and received the Lord!

Stand with us in faith as we continue to storm the gates of Hell on behalf of this village that desperately needs Jesus.



Dasha Leads a Team!

Dasha (See page 5) returns home and soon after leads worship during the Makeevka crusade. She did not let any grass grow under her feet but went right at it and since has now been in other outreaches as well. Thank you partners for helping us train up the last generation of soul winners to bring in the final harvest.



7 Come to Jesus in Zhavinka!

One of our teams began evangelism outreaches in a new village recently and the first results are in: Seven people made decisions for Jesus! The most amazing part was the openness to talk with our team members and receive prayer and encouragement.

As team leader, Valara, put it, *“There is no orthodox church there so the people have not heard all kinds of hatred towards those preaching Jesus. The Full Gospel was preached and we received New Testament results as people were saved, healed and demons were cast out. It was a great day. A day of victory.”*

The team not only held the crusade but ministered on the streets leading more people to the Lord and praying for many.



The Ministry Team That Invaded Zhavinka

Transformation of a Man!



Kolya (Middle) repents



Valera casts out demon



Kolya with a smile of freedom!



Valera rebukes demon and man is set free! The mans plea: *“I am tormented by demons of alcohol, can you help?”* That’s all Valera needed to hear after which he took authority in Jesus name and the man was set free!



Team Ministers to Children



Sergie and his wife minister to this little guy who they lead to the Lord. He was so caught up in the New Testament and booklet we gave him.



These kids are looking at Peter’s booklet *“Raw Truth for Youth”* that we give every young person in our meetings. It is a great tool to reach their hearts for the Lord.

Short Reports & Updates - Non Crusade Salvations

Update by Natasha Lazuka: Because we now ask our evangelists to report all salvations including crusades, ministry, and personal witnessing, we have daily and sometimes hourly reports coming in. It is amazing. We now realize that much more is happening than we ever realized and we thank the Lord for it. Below are just a few examples that come into my office every day.

Priluki: Workers went out to set up posters for a village crusade this weekend and in the process began a conversation with a grandma sitting outside her fence. She said, *"I come out here to just sit and pass the time. I have been doing this for years."* Our brothers told her that they wanted to pass the time with her in conversation. They then shared Jesus. *"She was so open"* they reported. *"It was her appointed time."* Fifteen minutes later she repented and asked Jesus to be Lord of her life! When our guys left the woman was all smiles. Destiny invaded her life.

Ivanovko: Alexander Gulie an 82 year old lifelong resident of the village Ivanovko gave his life to Jesus during personal street witnessing. *"I know I am a sinner"* he said, *"but what can I do about it?"* From there our evangelist shared the Gospel story and Alexander entered The Kingdom!

Woman Repents in Hospital Bed! Lidia, a believer from one of our churches was in the hospital. She decided to set up as if she were home. She put Christian music on her player and began to listen and then sing out loud not caring what others think. After a short time she began to share Jesus with another woman in the room. *"I told her of the love of God and the miracles I had seen and how God saved me and before I knew it the lady repented and turned to Jesus! Before she was released I gave her several RHM newspapers to give to her family members and others that she knows. Now I am praying for her whole family to be saved."*

Tables Turn on Beer Drinker: While on the street one of our evangelists was asked by a guy if he wanted to have a beer with him. *"It is on me"* he said. Dima answered *"No thanks but I do have something I want to give you and it is on me."* *"Okay said the guy, what is it?"* Dima proceeded to share the Gospel and reached the man for Christ.

Funeral Turns Evangelistic and 30 Respond to Christ: With the lead pastor on vacation and one of our evangelists in charge of the funeral things went much different than those in attendance expected. The funeral was for a former drug addict that was reached for Christ through our Romni church.

When Sasha realized that there were so many people there from the orthodox church he decided that it may be the only opportunity they may have to hear the Gospel. *"I felt God's compassion come on me for their eternal salvation and I had to do something about it."*

He set the open casket between him and the people and preached on Heaven and Hell. It got their attention and over 30 repented.

Orthodox tradition teaches that when a priest does a funeral the people must stay still and quite so in keeping with tradition no one left. The results were eternal.



Pastor Roma Presses on!

Update from Pastor Roma of the Mena Church

We continue to press on in the things of the Lord and regardless of the economic times we believe that the Lord will be with us as we reach souls for Him. Our recent outreach is just one example and resulted in ten youth making decisions for the Lord! This is awesome and we thank the Lord for it. My wife and I want to thank Peter and Jill and all RHM partners too for all you are doing for Ukraine and the help you give us. Because of it we reach people for Jesus every week.



Ten youth repent and open hearts to the Lord!

We have been seeking the Lord more than ever and are taking Peter's vision to heart. Our church is not big but we have big goals. Here are our main target points for the remainder of 2010:

1. Strengthen the church in Kiselevka and reach many more souls for Christ.
2. Start a church in Makoshino. We have been working there but now want to go to the next level.
3. Start a church in Feskovka. We have been evangelizing here too but are believing to pioneer a church here also.
4. Continue to evangelize in the villages Kukovichy and Bereznoe, believing God for a harvest. Please be praying for Pastor Roma and his team.

Testimony from Makoshino

We have been evangelizing in the village Makoshino for a long time but have had great opposition there. The village government will not let us rent any hall or meeting room and people are afraid to open their homes. During a recent street witnessing outreach we met a woman who was white and ripe for harvest. She did not repent right there but did take our ministry newspaper home and before she finished reading it she repented. One week later we met her on the street and she told us what happened and invited us to meet her husband. She took many of our ministry newspapers and began witnessing to her friends and family.



One week later she told us that she wanted to open her home for a cell church. God answered our prayers. We now have meetings in her home and people are coming and we believe for a full fledged move of God in Makoshino.

Anya Zhura's Miracle Testimony



Anya and her miracle boy - Matthew

I want to tell you about the greatest miracle that happened in my life. I know it has been a few years since it happened but I have never told the whole story before. My husband and I have a daughter but we really wanted to have a second child but I just couldn't get pregnant. God really changed my heart since I got saved and now I knew more about loving children and I really wanted to give this child the real love that my daughter didn't have enough of when she was very little. When I had Tanya I was still a student at the University and wasn't saved. I didn't have enough wisdom and money so I couldn't give her everything I should have. Then I repented and the Lord started changing my family as well as my heart. Every morning I prayed to have a second baby. In my prayers I dedicated the baby to the Lord. Valera and Olga from Chernigov prayed for me and ten months later the Lord blessed us with a baby boy. My husband and I are so excited and we give the Lord all the glory.

Special Financial Needs

Italy Project: We are launching a church in Italy using modern technology as a first step. This is to develop our media department to host live services from our main church in Chernigov followed by a video Bible school. We need to upgrade our computers and buy a dedicated server. **Cost for Phase I is \$2,000**

Romanian/Moldavian Book Project: Our youth booklet "Raw Truth for Youth" is translated and almost ready to print the first run of 5,000 books. **Total cost is \$2,500.**

Moldova Crusades: We are in need of funds to cover the next round of Moldova crusades. The harvest is ripe and hundreds will be saved. **Total needed \$4,000.**

Odessa Project Final Thrust: We are in the final 2 1/2 month of the Odessa Crusade and church planting project and still need help for the last 10 crusades. **\$5,000**



Testimony of Sergie Losyatinsky

My name is Sergie and I am 27 years old. Unfortunately 23 of those years were wasted. Even though my parents gave me everything I needed I seemed to have an internal desire to do wrong. In many ways I brought my parents joy but in others much heartache. At eleven I began smoking.

At twelve I took my first drink and at thirteen my first "light drug." I thought I was really something because none of these things hurt my grades at school. I looked at smokers that coughed all the time and read about potential cancer. Even so I told myself that I was above all that.

I looked at the guys a little bit older than me who were drowning in alcohol and were controlled by drugs and I thought that they were wimps. I told myself that this would never happen to me. I couldn't understand why people turn into animals and start stealing from their relatives, lying and selling everything from home just to get another dose. Again, I thought that such people were just wimps.

At sixteen I went to a disco with a friend and watched him take his first shot of heavy drugs. I was both terrified and curious. Two days later I took mine. I thought that I would try it once and

that would be it. Three years later I realized the horrible mistake I had made. My life became a nightmare. Drugs pulled me into a living hell that I could not get out of. I no longer lived. I simply existed. I began to wonder about life after death and this brought me daily terror.



Then I ran into someone I had known years earlier but now she looked so different. She looked clean. Free. She told me about the Living God - Jesus Who set her free and that He could do the same for me. She told me about the many lives that have been changed and restored by God at the

Russian Harvest Rehab Center. She told me that God is alive and that He loves me and wants to help me. She told me that there is nothing impossible for Him.

I repented and went to the RHM drug rehab center. I started praying and reading the Bible. The Lord started changing my life. He gave me freedom from cigarettes, alcohol and drugs. I stopped using bad words and for the first time in many years I saw my mother smiling! Jesus restored my family. He changed my life and filled me with joy, showed me why I live and gave me purpose. I now live a great life. I thank the Lord Jesus Christ for this and His great mercy towards me.





Prayer Requests

Reaching Nations for Jesus!

1. Pray for the many financial miracles we need to keep the Gospel going throughout Ukraine, Moldova and other nations that the Lord has opened up to us (See page 10).
2. Pray for many souls to be saved while we are in Moldova next month and for New Testament results. We will be in key cities plus meeting with key leaders in the nation. Results of our meetings could translate into partnerships that reach thousands of people in Moldova for Jesus. This is an open door of great proportions.
3. Pray for the Italy Project and the financing and wisdom to set up video hosting to reach our disciples in Spain, Italy, America and other countries (See page 10).
4. Pray for our health. Jill and I have been pushing it hard and are feeling the pain. Yes, we know to be wise but to see so many going to Hell is painful too.

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