

Russian Harvest Ministries

Reaching Nations for Jesus!

# Harvest

Ministry Newsletter

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## Over 100 People Respond to Jesus in *Faleshki!*

August Results are in -  
Over 1,000 More  
People Come to the  
Lord!



**Over 500 people gathered on the streets of Faleshki to see feats of strength but received something far more powerful - The Gospel of Jesus Christ. Result: Over 100 decisions for Christ!**

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# Letter From The Founders

## DEAR CO-LABORERS:

Wow! Another awesome month in reaching people for the Lord. Over 1,000 people made decisions for Christ! Maybe this does not sound like many to some people but when you are evangelizing villages and small towns it is a lot. Considering the value of one soul it is tremendous.

Pastor Sasha of Faleshki said it best, *"I have no words to express my joy. In all my years of serving in this area I have never seen so many people gather on the streets, even for holiday events."*

No, we are not satisfied accepting this as the best it can get. Our hearts remain restless at the thought of not seeing a million souls saved. Everyone has a right to hear the Gospel at least once in their lifetime. We are sowers and God is the Lord of the harvest. If we are relentless in sowing seeds of God's Word we will see a great harvest. So we remain vigilant. Because seeds planted in faith will eventually bear an abundant harvest.

There is but one way to victory. We must take the initiative. If we are faithful to obey and proclaim then

God will be faithful to confirm His Word with



salvations and signs following.

No proclamation - no confirmation.

Victory only come to those who obey.

We must step out of our comfort zone and be stretched into new faith realms.

We must all do the work of an evangelist. Each of us has a place, a purpose and an anointing to do the works of Jesus. He will prosper the fruit of our labor as we step out in faith and be a witness for Him, ***Lifting up His Name - JESUS!***

We as believers must embrace the fullness of all God's promises. We must imagine the impossible and do the unimaginable. Anything less is not living up to God's standard. Let's do it. Let's carry the torch of power-packed hell-defying pure obedience of God's Word to the ends of the earth. We do this and we will see biblical results.

## Romania

We have spiritual grandchildren in Romania that we have never seen. Yes, through our disciple Kaaren Zelfimyan we have a church plant in Romania and they are ready to go to

the next level: Evangelizing villages and pioneering new churches: The DNA of our ministry! Jill and I will be heading that way in September as we make a three nation tour of Ukraine, Moldova and Romania, evangelizing along the way.

We will be holding leadership and evangelism training and then hitting the streets with them to reach the lost. At night we will hold crusade outreaches.

We will also be making the first steps in launching a missionary training school in Romania. Yes, Russian Harvest Ministries is reaching the world and it is all because of you, our ministry partners. Together we are making a huge difference, one soul and one village at a time.

Thank you for partnering with us in Kingdom work. Jesus is returning soon to planet earth but in the meantime we must be about the Father's business to seek and save that which was lost.

May the Lord Jesus richly bless you as you live for Him.

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

# Over 200 Repent with Open Hearts to JESUS in *Rishkani*!



**Hands go up all over the hall in Rishkani**



Peter having fun with some of the youth after the meeting. *"Their hearts were open"* said Peter. *"They are looking for something real and we delivered. It was Jesus!"*

## **Hands Go Up Like Rockets at the Invitation to Repent!**

When the call to repent was given there was no pause. Hands shot up like rockets. Young and old alike responded. *"This has never happened here"* was the local pastors response. *"We have labored here for a long time but this is amazing!"*

There were too many people that wanted prayer for healing and little room in front so we had them lay hands on themselves as we prayed the prayer of faith. God always honors His Word. People testified from their seats of being healed!

We thank the Lord for using us to bring breakthrough wherever go. People are coming to the Lord in greater measure and we intend to keep the pressure on and pound the devil daily.



## **Peter gathers outside with about 30 of the local youth**

After spending some time having fun with them Peter opens his heart to the seriousness of the Gospel and encourages them to stand in faith against everything that may hurt the call of God on their lives. Peter adds, *"I never want to miss an opportunity to deliver a word that may transform someone's life. One word spoken in due season can make all the difference in the world."*

# 17 Come to Jesus in Popovshina!



## Report by Pastor Dimchenko of Romni

We just held an evangelism outreach in the village of Popovshina and praise the Lord 17 people repented and made decisions for Jesus! While the Word was preached Almighty God was at work in the hearts of people. As we ministered we could see the expressions on people's faces change. One woman began to cry. Others eyes filled with tears. It was mostly elderly women over 70 years of age. They all lived through the horrible days of communism. It was the first time they heard the Gospel. It was wonderful.

Once we were done nobody would leave. They wanted more of God's Word so we gave it to them! Even when we were loading up the van the people surrounded us and thanked us saying *"Please come again and start something permanent here, we need this."* Another said, *"When I was listening to the words from the Bible I knew that I was living in sin and had to respond."*



Roma (with Bible in hand and microphone) is an RHM Leadership Institute graduate. He is preaching the Word for the first time before an audience of unbelievers. When he gave the altar call 17 people came to Christ! He was excited. Thank you partners for helping us train Roma. You helped prepare him for ministry.



Roma goes from person to person laying hands on the sick. His face lit up like a Roman candle when a woman said that she felt pain leave her body.



After watching Roma praying for the sick these women responded to the Lord and were born again. They stood to repent and after asked Roma, *"Pray for us too."*



# 16 Saved in Nikolaevka!



## **The Romni Mobile Evangelism Team was on the move again and 16 come to the Lord in Nikolaevka!**

Pastor Dimchenko reports on another successful crusade, this time in Nikolaevka as sixteen people repented of their sins in the open air crusade. "At first no one was there but we began anyway. Soon people began to show up and finally we had 25 people from ages 35-70. One man was always trying to interrupt but we kept going and preaching the Word. When the call to repent was given 16 people responded.

One man asked to be set free of alcoholism. *"I am an alcoholic"* he said, *"and I need help. I need to be free."* He looked like a wreck. All beat up looking, dirty and smelled fierce but we knew that God was going to do a miracle in his life. We prayed for him and he shared that something happened inside of him. *"I do not know what it is"* he said, *"but I feel something going on inside of me. Like I am being cleaned..I cannot explain it the way I feel."* We checked up on him a week later and he was still free and thanking the Lord!

We had great fellowship with the people as God really opened their hearts. We plan to be back soon to continue building the work"



**HERE HE IS AGAIN, ROMA** is in the middle of this evangelism too. Here he is busy distributing new believers materials to those who just accepted the call of Jesus. *"I am having the time of my life"* said Roma. *"Pastor Volodya and his team still have many crusades to do this year and I will be right there with them. Seeing people changed by the Lord is in my blood now and I love it!"*

# Over 100 Respond the Jesus in Faleshki!



**Over 500 people gather in a small park area to see power feats but instead met The God of All Power - *Jesus Christ of Nazareth!***

**God Gave Great Victory in Faleshki!** Our pre evangelism team arrived early to pass out flyers distributing over 1,000 of them. Our partnering church had put posters all over the town a week earlier. This is our practice. It is not a guarantee that people will come but it is something that has to be done. This time it produced great fruit as over 500 people gathered in the small park.

We stepped out in faith and did what we could do and God gave the increase. The Holy Ghost was at work and when we gave the call to surrender to Jesus over 100 people responded!

For over an hour after the crusade people remained to talk, not wanting to leave. Partnering church leaders distributed hundreds of informational packets as they talked and ministered to people one-on-one.

The worship team we partnered with from another town was in awe: *“Peter, this is so exciting for us. Thank you for helping us launch out into evangelism.”*

It was one of those times where we felt that the engine was firing on all cylinders and it was.



## **People Press in to Make Commitments to Jesus Christ**

After Peter finishes his call for people to repent Kaaren leads them to the Lord and then encourages them in their decision. *“This was a great victory here today”* said Kaaren, *“I have been here many times but never with a crowd this size or with this many responses. Praise God!”*

# 12 Repent in Bobrovica!



**Zhenya (far left) is one of Peter's evangelists.** As Peter finishes a demonstration Zhenya shared his testimony which many youth can relate to. Hearts were opened to the Gospel and the saving power in Jesus.



**Peter gives the call to repent after Zhenya** laid the foundation and the result is twelve youth making decisions for Jesus! Pastor Maya added her excitement: *"Thank you for coming with your team, Peter. I needed a breakthrough and I received it."*

**Natasha adds:** *"It was so fun to see the faces of these young kids. Their only hope is Jesus and I get to be a part of bringing them the message. It is always exciting."*

**Peter encourages these youth to walk boldly for the Lord Jesus.**

## '7' Come to Christ in Faleshki Church Meeting!



**Peter leads these seven to repentance and faith in Jesus Christ!** *"What a joy it was" said Peter. "I never tire of seeing how the Holy Spirit draws people to Jesus. This keeps my flame burning and passion for the lost ignited."*



**Through a word of knowledge** Peter called out this woman from the crowd and because of it she repented. She was a backslider but realizing God sought her out she openly repented before the church. We need the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to properly do the works of Christ.



# Short Reports & Updates

**RHM Policy:** We have made it our policy that salvation and miracle reports are sent to us daily by email. We decided to list a few for our ministry partners so you know even more so the extent of what your finances produce. It goes way beyond the newsletter reports. These are a few from a typical week.

## Two Letters that we Recently Received from Prisons

These letters reflect the ongoing impact the RHM is having throughout the nation.

**Hello from Prison #306/6: My name is Nikolay Nichaev** and I want to thank you for all the work you do in the name of Jesus Christ. Thanks to your correspondence school believers here are preparing to be witnesses for the Lord. We use what we learn to tell others about the true God! Thanks again. Nikolay

**My name is Sergie Maisterenko and I am currently in prison KOIK-6, Kirovograd.** I want to thank you with all my heart for sending me your Christian newspaper. Many people in prison here wait with great anticipation for me to receive the newest printing. I read it first then pass it to others. Each issue is full of wonderful testimonies that give all of us hope. Everyone needs salvation, especially the guys here with me. I am so amazed that your ministry is so open to help people like us because others outside of prison reject us. You are true believers that live the life of Jesus. I thank God that I am in fellowship with such wonderful people as you!

## Short Reports From a Few of our Churches

**Testimony from Pastor Ishenko from Priluki:** A man came to our prayer meeting recently and said, *"Please help me, I am an alcoholic and I want to be free but have no power to do it myself."* His name is Igor and he is 31 years old. We laid hands on him and prayed and he was set free of demonic control, repented and asked Jesus to be Lord of his life!

**From Pastor Kundishenko:** One sister in our Nosovko church lives in the nearby village of Derzhanivka and she led three people to the Lord recently and will now be starting a home group that we pray will grow into a church plant!

**Two save in Tuberculosis Hospital:** Peter, we want to update you on our work at the TB hospital. Two people came to the Lord today. Both were on the verge of death. Terror filled their eyes not knowing what eternity held for them. Upon hearing the Gospel of Jesus and forgiveness through His shed blood hope sprang up and they opened their hearts to Jesus. One is Maria from the small village of Kukichy and the other Sergie from Chernigov. We are now discipling them and standing in faith for their healing.



# Short Reports & Updates

## Samaritan Ministries International

**Russian Harvest Ministries is saving thousands of dollars on health care costs!**

Our health coverage was going to go up 50% and we were searching for something more cost effective. Thankfully, we were introduced to Samaritan Ministries International. SMI is a community of Christians from around the world joining together to bear one another's health care burdens in a loving, cost-effective manner that does not involve health insurance.

RHM rarely promotes other organizations but we firmly believe in what SMI is doing especially in light of what is taking place with government takeover of the health care industry.

Jill and I have been with SMI for over five years now and we trust this ministry. We have needed help twice and SMI came through for us.

We encourage you to take a good look at Christian health care sharing (an alternative to health insurance).

Let them know that Peter & Jill Mehl of Russian Harvest Ministries referred you.

[www.samaritanministries.org](http://www.samaritanministries.org)

877-764-2426

## Immediate Needs Remaining

**We have several urgent needs that still must be financed so that we can keep going strong without interruption.**

1. The Odessa Mobile Evangelism sound equipment needs to be updated with more powerful speakers and a stronger power amp and mixer. We have had to piece together two systems to make it work during recent outdoor venues and for bigger halls: **\$1,800.**
2. Our drum set used in mobile evangelism is old and damaged because of years of on-the-go use. We must get a new one and we are not asking for a professional set, just one that is good for mobile use: **\$500.**
3. Three vans are in need of immediate repair. Bad Ukrainian roads have taken a toll on our van budget this year: One costs **\$250**, one **\$310** and the other **\$275**
4. We want to run four extra printings of our evangelism testimonial newspapers. These 4 page newspapers are an incredible tool to reach people for the Lord. Our crowds have been bigger than last year and we have already surpassed budget. **\$250 will print 15,000 copies.**
5. Help underwrite our next 10 crusades. With the matching grant and funds received we need just **\$500 per crusade.**



# Testimonies



**Victor with his newest copy of the RHM monthly newspaper.**

**Pastor Roma of Mena (Right) with his new disciple, Victor Schvets. Roma shared the following:**

I met Victor while visiting someone who had just been to our church. Victor told me “*I like to drink alcohol, this is my life.*” Well, I told him that there is a better way to live and began to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Victor’s heart began to open and soon he was crying. The Holy Spirit had set up this moment just for him. He repented of his sin right there. He is now growing in the Lord and loves to read the RHM monthly newspaper because of the testimonies in it.



**Peter & Jill pose with Pastor Vlad and his family**

Pastor Vlad will oversee the work in Zovoetnoe. He is determined to raise up a successful church in this village and other nearby villages as well. His family fed our whole team during the crusade. About ten of us. “*Your help has given us hope*” he said. “*Please come back. Don’t forget us.*” Many pastors are used to having ministries come for photo opportunities and never return. That is not a picture of RHM. We are in the race for the long haul!

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## **Letter From Correspondence Bible Student:**

I wanted to write to tell you that since I began studying in your school I have grown spiritually and am so happy. I can now walk through temptations because I know the Word better and trust the Lord. I pray more often and am so thankful you allowed me to study in your school. God bless you as you continue to work for the Lord in our nation.

**Vladimir Kurochkin  
Donetsk region**



# A Mother's Prayers Moved Heaven!

My name is Valentina and I want to share with you a wonderful testimony of the power of a mother's prayer. My children do not yet have a relationship with the Living God. I therefore pray for their salvation and protection daily. My prayer is that the Lord will get ahold of their hearts so they may experience the life I now have in Him.

While praying about a month ago for my kids a great burden came over me. I knew it was from God and that it was a critical time. I had to pray through and so I did. I also called others to pray with me. We came together and were persistent and the prayers went before the Throne.

When the burden left we stopped. We knew that we had breakthrough. We were not sure what it was all about yet knowing it was the burden of the Lord was enough for us. This was Sunday and the next day my son-in-law was in a terrible car accident. His car ran into a large tractor and was destroyed.

The miracle was that my son-in-law was able to jump out of the car before it hit and

received just a few scratches. When I talked to him he told me that he felt like someone was pushing him out of the car. He said, *"It happened so fast and I was trying to get out but then it was as if I was pushed and I flew out the door and then crash! My car hit the tractor and was destroyed."*



I kept telling my daughter and him that it was the protection of God and that He used our prayers of intercession to save him from death. Since this happened they both have stopped ridiculing me for my faith and are listening to me. God has got their attention and because of this one of my other daughters is now coming to church with me and I know will soon be saved.

I keep reminding my children of how God changed me and they all admit that something has changed and for the better. I am no longer depressed and lonely. I have the Lord and a church full of people that care about me. All my children will come to saving faith because I will never give up. If God could get hold of my heart He can also get my kids.



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## Prayer Requests

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1. The Moldova grant application was submitted August 15 and is now in the review process. Please pray for favor as this grant award could help us literally shake the nation of Moldova with the Gospel of Christ.
2. When you receive this newsletter Jill and I will be on our way into Romania where our disciple Kaaren Zelfimyan pioneered a church. Pray for safety as we travel through three countries and for a great anointing as we train leaders in evangelism and church planting.
3. We are entering the final quarter of the Odessa area project. Pray for another thousand to make decisions for Jesus.
4. The harvest is white before us and the doors open. Pray for miracle finances so we can do even more crusades.

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