

Ministry Report



*It is He who changes the times and the epochs;
He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives
wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of
understanding (Daniel 2:21).*

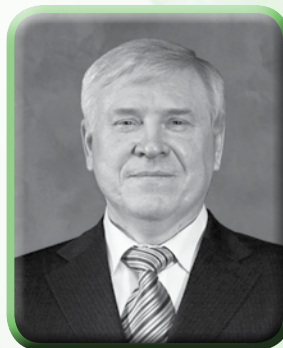
It is truly breathtaking to contemplate the sweeping changes that have taken place in Russia and the former Soviet Union since the landmark days of 1989-1991. Today, as we mark ten years into the 21st Century, the winds of change continue to blow across what is now the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), altering not only the geopolitical landscape, but also the conditions in which the national churches SGA serves live and minister. Yet our all-knowing God is not surprised by any developments or plans hatched by the hand of men. He continues to declare His power and draw people to Himself across the lands of Russia as the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ is faithfully proclaimed.

The U.S. economy remained sluggish during calendar year 2010, which had ongoing impact on SGA ministries and the resources of our partners. Despite the downturn entering its third year, the Lord faithfully sustained our ministries throughout the year and the Gospel continued to advance, especially in youth and children's outreaches. We praise God for what He has done in 2010, and trust that you will be blessed as you review His mighty deeds, and see the fruit of your ongoing prayers and faithful giving.

Changes in Russian Church Leadership

*But go now, lead the people where I told you
(Exodus 32:34).*

The pastors of the Russian Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists held their 33rd Quadrennial Congress in March 2010. Pastor Alexei Smirnov was elected as president of Russia's largest evangelical church fellowship, replacing Pastor Yuri Sipko who concluded his second and



Alexei Smirnov

final term. Elected as senior vice president was Pastor Eugene Bakhmutsky, who also continued in his roles as national youth ministry director and pastor of the developing Russian Bible Church in Moscow.

In addition to these key posts, the UECB also elected seven regional vice presidents who are responsible for vast territories of the country, stretching from the European part of Russia to the Pacific coast in Asia. We praise and thank the Lord for His wisdom and direction, and look forward to more fruitful partnership for the sake of the Gospel across Russia. SGA has served as the official representative of the Russian UECB in North America since 1997.

Impacting Generations Through SGA-Sponsored Bible Training

*Lead me in Your truth and teach me, for You are the
God of my salvation (Psalm 25:5).*

In 2010, SGA pressed forward in sponsorship of the main UECB seminaries and Bible institutes across the CIS. For the 2009-2010 academic year, 963 students were enrolled in a variety of academic tracks at the following key schools: Irpen Biblical Seminary and Odessa Theological Seminary in Ukraine, Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in Russia, Minsk Theological Seminary in Belarus, Almaty Bible Institute in Kazakhstan, and the Tajik Bible Institute in Tajikistan. Programs of study included Theology, Pastoral Ministry, Christian Education, Music, Deaf Ministry, Children and Teen Ministry, Biblical Counseling and Evangelism. A total of 234 completed their programs, graduated, and can now concentrate upon their ministries. A total of 824 students enrolled during 2010-2011 school year and are diligently preparing for a lifetime of ministry. In addition, the new, SGA-sponsored International Bible Institute of Ukraine (IBIU) began its second term of classes in 2010. The goal of IBIU is to train missionaries to

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plant churches in the Muslim-dominated republics of Central Asia and in other nations where North American missionaries cannot go.

A landmark event in 2010 was the 10th anniversary of the SGA-sponsored Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary, located in Russia's Siberia region. SGA partners have been the primary supporters of this strategic school since its inception. To date, 353 faithful students have completed their training and are serving the Lord's church as pastors, missionaries, teachers, youth leaders and worship leaders. The seminary received state accreditation in 2007 — a notable achievement for a Russian evangelical Bible school. Additionally notable was the participation of governmental officials in the 10th anniversary celebration. Novosibirsk regional governor V.A. Tolokonsky congratulated seminary president Pastor Eduard Genrikh and the students on their achievements . . . *During the years of its work, the seminary has achieved major success, and has become well-known and appreciated in Siberia. It has become not only the center of spiritual education, but also a cultural, educational and methodological center . . . The high achievements of the seminary are the result of scrupulous work — of its teachers and trustees. On this special day, I would like to express sincere appreciation and deep gratitude for your zealous educational work, for your commitment to theological education, and the training of a new generation on the basis of the best spiritual and pedagogical traditions.*

Overall, nearly 4,000 men and women have graduated from all SGA-sponsored Bible training schools as of May 2010. We praise and thank the Lord for all that He has accomplished in preparing future generations for lifetimes of fruitful ministry.

The Faithfulness of SGA-Sponsored Church Planting Missionaries

SGA continued to develop and adjust our mission's support of faithful church-planting missionaries across the CIS as ministry conditions continued to change in 2010. SGA partners helped increase the number of sponsored church planters to 382 in nine nations — Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan and Albania. The ongoing prayers and generous support of SGA partners is a wonderful encouragement to these faithful men and their families, and we are thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to serve them for the sake of the Gospel.

Such encouragement is especially needed in the Muslim-dominated "stan" countries of Central

Asia, where evangelical churches continue to face increasing oppression and opposition to their ministries. In some of these countries, pastors faced arrest along with frequent raids during their worship services. Economic conditions for the church planters remained very difficult in 2010, exacerbated in Russia by a severe drought and wildfires that destroyed a significant part of the crop harvest.

Russian Youth in Ministry

For You are my hope; O Lord GOD, You are my confidence from my youth (Psalm 71:5).



The youth conference in Ukraine, which drew in almost 125 young men!

SGA partners continued to expand their support of youth ministry across Russian speaking countries during 2010. Far more than simply reaching young people with the Gospel through church youth groups, these zealous, dedicated young men and women are youth IN ministry — volunteering and ministering in youth choirs, Sunday schools, visitation and church-planting activities. Young men are also joyfully preaching in the church when given the opportunity. There are 25,000 youth being reached in Russia alone, with as many as 70% of them active in ministry in their local churches.

SGA supported developing youth discipleship and outreach ministries in the Russian cities of Ryazan and Krasnoyarsk, in addition to Minsk, Belarus, and Kiev, Ukraine. The young people participated in church outreaches and children's ministries including camps in various locations. Support for the youth included transportation, MacArthur Study Bibles for discipleship, evangelistic tracts in the Russian language, and ministry supplies. SGA/Canada partners also helped sponsor a key UECB national youth conference in Moscow in 2010. And for the purposes of equipping and encouragement of local church youth ministries, SGA continues to support nine national and regional youth leaders who serve to energize local youth leaders in their efforts to make disciples of the youth and see them active in ministry.

Progress in Children's Ministry and Outreach

SGA partners continued their heartfelt and generous support of children's ministries during 2010. In the *Immanuel's Child* Christmas ministry, a total of 271 churches in nine countries participated — Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia, and four Central Asian nations. There were 13,672 children reached, with 10,451 coming from unbelieving families.

Nearly 400 children and 140 adults repented and trusted in Christ as their Savior, and about 800 children began attending Sunday school as a result of *Immanuel's Child*. Special Christmas programs were held at many orphanages participating in *Orphans Reborn*. Nearly 2,000 orphan children received gifts and heard a clear presentation of the Gospel during these outreaches.



Many unbelievers hear the Gospel through *Immanuel's Child*.

The SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry continued its effective outreach at 135 orphanages and children's homes in 2010, with nearly 12,000 children in five nations participating. It is especially thrilling to see orphans who have come to faith in Christ get involved in ministry themselves, and this was the case with 107 older orphans who are now active in ministry.

Summer camp ministry also continued to expand across the CIS during 2010, with reports continuing to come in at press time. Evangelical churches conducted 258 camps reaching more than 13,000 children. Of that number, 7,256 children came out of non-believing families, nearly 1,800 were orphans and 400 were homeless kids. A total of 2,097 children repented and trusted in Christ for salvation and more than 1,200 children began attending Sunday school after participating in the summer camp ministry.

Antioch Initiative Update

We are deeply grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to make it possible for groups of North American churches to work together to assist in the development of strategic *Antioch* churches in key locations in Russia. As of November 30, 2010, there were 17 *Antioch* Coalitions led by North American pastors helping develop *Antioch* training/sending center churches in Arkhangelsk, Belgorod, Chita, Irkutsk, Ivanovo, Kabardino-Balkaria, Nizhny-Novgorod, Orel, Rostov, Ryazan, St. Petersburg, Stavropol, Tambov, Tomsk, Ufa, Volgograd, and Voronezh. The coalitions are made up of key supporting churches, whose pastors and teams participated in supporting *Antioch* ministries in the regions.

Participating North American churches	91
Training courses completed in 2010	34
Missionaries currently supported by coalitions	57
Non-training ministry teams sent in 2010	8
North American church visits to Russia in 2010	35

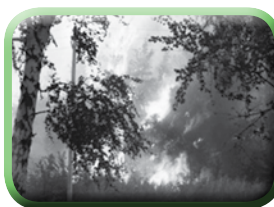
New Availabilities in Russian-Language Bibles and Christian Literature

We are thankful to the Lord for what was accomplished during 2010 in the provision of Russian-language Christian literature across the CIS. SGA partners helped provide 30,000 *Faith to Grow On* Bibles for children, and the responses we have been getting are tremendous! We also translated and printed 33,000 Russian-language *Days of Praise* devotionals on a quarterly basis by arrangement with the Institute for Creation Research (ICR). SGA also printed 10,000 additional copies of the *MacArthur Study Bible*, and newly printed 10,000 copies of Pastor Mark Dever's *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism*. In partnership with SGA/Canada, 15,000 copies of Mrs. G's *Jesus the Baby* were printed. David C. Cook ministries also donated thousands of copies of several titles including *The Life of Christ* in the Ukrainian language, *Six Busy Days*, and *A Child's Book of Prayer*. All in all, some 117,500 books were provided during 2010 across the lands of Russia.

Church Construction

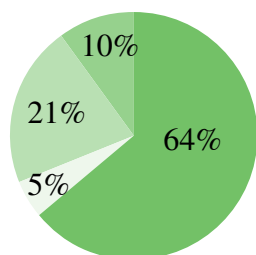
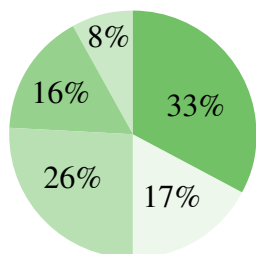
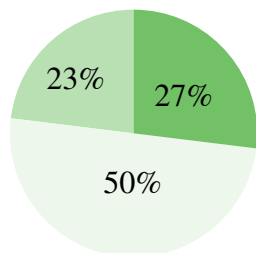
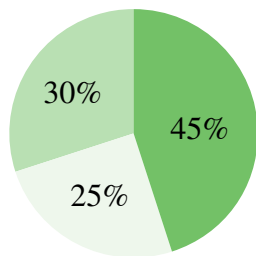
In 2010, SGA partners continued to make possible a number of construction and renovation projects for Houses of Prayer (church buildings) in Russia, Ukraine and Tajikistan. In Russia, the projects included church construction in Ufa, Melnikovo, Budyenovsk, Shelkovo, Ivanovo, Irkutsk, Orel, and in the region of Kabardino-Balkaria. We also provided believers in the Volgograd region with funds toward reconstruction of their church, which burned down during the 2009 Christmas season. In Ukraine, we assisted with House of Prayer construction in the Kiev region, and repairs to a church building in Kompanieka. In Turkmenistan, we were blessed to help the church in Ashgabat with a new roof and renovations to their basement. We also assisted in Kalabatin with construction of a Sunday school room for the church there, which has a ministry to local Roma families.

In addition to helping with church construction, money was also raised to assist with the rebuilding of homes destroyed by wildfires in the Voronezh region of Russia. In all, there were 120 homes destroyed, with seven of them belonging to members of local churches. The funds provided by SGA partners were used to purchase needed furniture, and also clothing and food for afflicted families.



Thousands of buildings were destroyed in the blazes.

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Statement of Financial Position as of 6/30/10

Assets

• Current Assets	\$1,530,538	45%
• Land, Buildings & Equipment	847,805	25%
• Other	1,018,454	30%

Total	\$3,396,797	100%
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Liabilities and Net Assets

• Unrestricted Net Assets	\$913,821	27%
• Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	1,701,551	50%
• Liabilities	781,425	23%

Total	\$3,396,797	100%
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Statement of Activities for Year Ended 6/30/10

Expenses

Ministry & Supporting Activities

• Equipping	\$2,755,584	33%
• Training	1,427,556	17%
• Evangelism-Church Planting	2,141,701	26%
• Advancement	1,328,610	16%
• Administration	626,639	8%

Total	\$8,280,090	100%
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Ministry Activities	\$6,324,841
Supporting Activities	1,955,249

Total Expenses	\$8,280,090
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Revenue

Partner Support

• Individual Support	\$5,504,378	64%
• Donated Materials & Services	413,393	5%
• Churches	1,772,739	21%
• Foundation Grants	868,133	10%

Total	\$8,558,643	100%
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Partner Support	\$8,558,643
Other	33,596

Total Revenue	\$8,592,239
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