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Missionary Pastor Sponsorship and Support

Missionary pastors rejoice when new believers are baptized and give their public testimony. Strangers are a tremendous encouragement. Now. And the prayers and support of SGA partners during the Soviet days, and their trust is in Him now. SGA is deeply indebted to all the SGA-supported missionary pastors while he was at a Moscow hospital with his cancer-stricken, terminally ill wife. All the church’s Bibles and Christian literature was confiscated. In Azerbaijan, authorities raided the church of an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor who was burned to the ground. As of this writing, the cause was still under investigation by authorities. In Anzerotan, authorities raided the church of an SGA-sponsored missionary pastor while he was at a Moscow hospital with his cancer-stricken, terminally ill wife. All the church’s Bibles and Christian literature was confiscated.

During 2012, SGA partners continued to joyfully participate in helping our Russian-speaking brothers and sisters reach children for Christ and equip youth for ministry today through providing resources, training and other related ministry. Construction projects are one of many ways young people serve their churches. One of SGA’s newest and exciting ministry emphases in Youth In Ministry, which involves the training and equipping of youth who are actually attending church services, as well as hundreds of children and adults repeating and teaching in Christ for salvation! This vividly underscores why the Christmas season is the most important time of the year for evangelism across the CIS.

Summer camp ministries took place in 10 nations—Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and several other Central Asian and Caucasian Region nations. There were 16,159 children attending the camps, with more than 9,000 from unbelieving families. More than 3,200 children responded to the Gospel, and trusted in Christ, and more than 2,100 began attending Sunday school for the first time. In addition, 420 adults or caregivers began attending local evangelical churches after their children participated in camp ministry. There were a total of 317 camps made possible by SGA partners, and 378 participating churches and missionary partners. We are thankful to the Lord for the way He is blessing the SGA-sponsored Orphan’s Ark outreach in the CIS. The total number of children being reached is almost 9,000 children (9,025). Of that number, almost 5,000 children are regularly attending church services. The prayers and support of SGA partners are a tremendous encouragement. Beloved, you are acting faithfullyin whatever you accomplish for the brethren; and especially as you are strategizers (2 John 5). Missionary pastors rejoice when new believers are baptized and give their public testimony. Men and women have participated, and all their respective churches for the outstanding work that they have done. Several hundred Russian-speaking Ministry is ongoing in 112 ministries.

We have also been expanding our outreach to Russian-speaking families through our websites. During 2012, sgamedia.org posted 49 new programs, and eight new cookbooks were posted on sgamedia.org.

New Opportunities to Serve the Lord in Israel!

2012 was a landmark year for SGA in that God continued to develop new opportunities to serve believers and Bible students in the land of the Bible and the Lord—in the early days of our mission, SGA helped reach out to Russian-speaking Jewish people who fled the Soviet Union. Extensive ministry to Jewish people was conducted in Rome and in Chicago, where our mission was founded. For two years we have sponsored a dinner for Jewish Bible students, into a congregation-based Russian-language Bible training initiative in three locations within Israel. To assist, adjacent professors have been coming from SGA-sponsored seminaries in Ukraine, Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan. Altogether, 88 men and women have participated, and all of them have completed all program requirements and received certificates from trips. Biblical Seminary in Kiev, Ukraine.

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SGA partners continue to prayerfully stand with their faith and brothers and sisters remain steadfast. The Lord brought them through the fiery trial of communist oppression during the Soviet days, and their trust is in Him now. And the prayers and support of SGA partners are a tremendous encouragement. Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are estranged (2 John 5).

Youth In Ministry

During 2012, SGA partners continued to joyfully participate in helping our Russian-speaking brothers and sisters reach children for Christ in every opportunity the Lord provided.

Thanks to the generous support of our partners, approximately 240 churches across the CIS were able to reach more than 15,000 children and an estimated 9,100 adults during Immersion's Christ/ Christmas ministries. We also anticipate about 900 children will be attending Bible school as a result. These outreaches result in hundreds of adults newly attending weekly church services, as well as hundreds of children and adults repenting and trusting in Christ for salvation! This vividly underscores why the Christmas season is the most important time of the year for evangelism across the CIS.

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We are thankful to the Lord for the way He is blessing the SGA-sponsored Orphan Centers outreach in the CIS. The total number of children being reached is almost 9,000 children (9,263). Of that number, almost 5,000 children are regularly attending our orphan centers, with 76 evangelical churches involved. It is a special blessing that 52 believing orphan parents are纳米自己 reaching other orphan children through Orphan Homes Ministries.

Antioch Initiative

The SGA-sponsored Antioch Initiative in Russia continued to reflect a significant amount of interest among the coalition-sponsored pastors and teachers. The Antioch Coalition has now expanded to Ukraine with eight locations, Belarus and Kazakhstan. A total of 47 students graduated from these three locations, with others scheduled to finish in spring 2013. In addition, the Antioch church in Irkutsk resumed training with the first classes on Homiletics and Hermeneutics taking place in October.

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Missionary Pastors Sponsorship and Support

SGA partners continued to prayerfully stand with faithful missionary pastors throughout 2012, with many encountering increasing pressure from local and national governments—especially in the Central Asia and Caucasus Region. A total of 349 missionary pastors are being sponsored by SGA partners in 12 countries, some of which we cannot name for security reasons. The pastors are able to engage in a wide variety of outreach activities including worship services, home Bible study groups, ministry at orphanages, schools, hospitals, prisons, worship services, as well as hundreds of children and adults repenting and trusting in Christ for salvation! This vividly underscores why the Christmas season is the most important time of the year for evangelism across the CIS.

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Bibles and Literature

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Advancing Bible Training

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