

Ministry Report 2013

God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord (1 Corinthians 1:9).

God is faithful, indeed, and throughout 2013 He continued to build His church across the lands of Russia. He gloriously answered the prayers and blessed the support of SGA's faithful partners. He greatly blessed all the work by the faithful national evangelical churches that are served by SGA. At the same time, these proven and zealous believers continued to face enormous and growing challenges. Pressure from the national religions, in cooperation with the authorities, intensified in many regions.

Ongoing economic uncertainty impacted many of our faithful partners and further limited their levels of support. But we serve a faithful God who

provides, and who cannot be thwarted in building His church.

We trust that the following ministry report covering the 2013 calendar year will bless and encourage your heart.

Bible Training Equips Pastors and Changes Countries



SGA's Dr. Roman Dechtiarenko teaching eager pastoral students hungry for the Word of God.

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We praise the Lord that during 2013, many SGA partners were able to continue their generous support of SGA-sponsored seminaries and Bible institutes. All together in 2013, 263 students graduated from SGA-sponsored Bible-training schools, and the present total enrollment at all the schools is 977 students.

A significant milestone was reached by Irpen Biblical Seminary in Ukraine—a record enrollment of 367 students—the largest number in the school's 22-year history! We praise and thank the Lord for all these faithful men and women who are preparing for lifetimes of service to Him.

Other key developments at Irpen Biblical Seminary include 49 enrolled in the deaf translator program and 35 enrolled in a new one-year certificate program for pastoral students. In addition, SGA is preparing 26 zealous Russian-speaking Jewish believers. In Georgia, 15 students have begun a pastoral study program using SGA's *Antioch Initiative* curriculum.

People Are Being Saved and Churches Are Being Planted

SGA partners faithfully continued their support of determined missionary pastors. They are planting new churches in previously unreached communities. The Lord is blessing their persistent outreaches. But in some regions, there is growing pressure from governing authorities and national religions. Summer children's camps were raided, church worship services were taken over, and



Pray for SGA-sponsored missionary pastors and their new churches!

Bibles, literature, and other important helps were confiscated.

As they did during the Soviet period, the undaunted pastors and churches have adopted special ways to minister to their people and keep advancing the Gospel. A total of 361 missionary pastors spread over 11 countries are being sponsored by SGA partners. We continue to be humbled by the dedication of these tireless missionaries and evangelists—many of whom are planting multiple churches at one time.

Youth Are Serving Churches and Reaching Other Youth

The SGA-sponsored Youth IN Ministry emphasis continued to develop and expand in 2013. There are now 22 locations in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Central Asia.



Youth . . . very much a part of the CIS church life!

Youth IN Ministry trains and equips youth to serve in other ministries of their local churches. SGA partners help equip the youth with discipleship and evangelistic materials, travel assistance, training, and other helps for their developing outreach ministries. The church youth in Belarus have had a special impact on the smaller churches. They often help in construction projects as well as preach, conduct children's ministries, lead music, and carry out other ways of encouraging small congregations across the country.

SGA also continues to provide critical support

for the national UECB youth ministry leadership team in Moscow. These key leaders are responsible for vision-setting, training and the encouragement of regional youth coordinators, local youth leaders, and individual Christian youth involved in ministry. The highlight of the year was the national conference, where some 600 youth participated, along with another 500 who watched the conference online. National youth leaders also train and challenge hundreds of young people through regional conferences and strategic planning sessions.

They also offer a one-year youth training program, online resources and literature for the equipping and discipling of Russia's youth. Through these comprehensive training efforts, Bible-centered youth ministries are impacting many thousands of young people all over Russia.

Children, Their Families, and Orphans are Being Reached

SGA partners continued to help our Russian-speaking brothers and sisters reach children for Christ. A total of 273 SGA-sponsored missionary pastors and their churches reached 13,571 children and an additional 7,849 adults during *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches. We are rejoicing that 435 children and 154 adults repented and trusted in Christ for salvation!

Summer camp ministries took place in 10 countries—Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia, Georgia, and 5 other nations in Central Asia and



We are thankful to the Lord for each young soul who comes to Christ!

the Caucasus Region. There were 15,182 children who attended 308 camps. Of those children, 8,841 of them were from unbelieving families and 1,720 were orphans. Praise God, 2,971 responded to the Gospel, repented, and trusted in Christ, and 1,970 began attending Sunday school. In addition, 403 parents or caregivers began attending local evangelical churches after their children participated in camp ministry! We praise the Lord for His bountiful harvest!

Our Lord also continues to richly bless our *Orphans Reborn* ministry. A total of 9,166 orphan children were reached, a slight increase from last year. Of that number, almost 5,000 are now regularly attending *OR* Bible classes. Ministry is proceeding in 106 orphanages, with 76 churches involved. A total of 118 orphans who have reached adulthood and have graduated from their orphanage are attending Bible classes on a regular basis. There are 52 orphan “graduates” serving on the *Orphans Reborn* staff, reaching other orphans with Christ's love, as they had been reached!

North American Church Partners Are Training Church Leaders

Specialized training through the SGA-sponsored



Zealous Antioch churches are eager to reach their region with the Gospel!

Antioch Initiative in Russia continued. Direct ministry support continued through 13 North American *Antioch* Church Coalitions. There were 33 pastors and church leaders from the United States and Canada who traveled to Russia to

conduct 15 *Antioch* training courses.

Two *Antioch* locations in Russia held graduation ceremonies—17 students graduated in the Atlantic-Canada Coalition's Nizhny Novgorod program and 15 students graduated in the Texas Coalition's St. Petersburg program. The church in Voronezh asked the Western Michigan Coalition to launch a second *Antioch* training thrust with a new set of students. Their first group graduated in 2012. Canadian and American churches and their pastors have had a great impact. Many servants of Christ have been greatly strengthened and several national churches are now able to conduct their own training.

Bibles, Evangelistic Literature, and Excellent Study Aids for Pastors

The provision of Russian-language Bibles and high quality Christian literature remained a key



Russian-language Christian literature has been a key component of SGA's ministry since our founding.

priority for SGA during 2013. Included were Dr. D.A. Carson's *The Cross and Christian Ministry*; Dr. John MacArthur's *1 Peter Commentary*, and *The Heart of the King* by Israeli authors which emphasizes the fulfillment of 66 Old Testament Messianic prophecies and includes a plan of salvation, which begins with the temple sacrifices. Also translated into Russian was Dr. Bill Schlegel's engaging, colorful *Satellite Bible Atlas*, an historical geography of the Bible with key Scripture references relating to the 85 full-page color maps with satellite-enhanced imagery.

Production also has been completed on a unique children's book called *Can a Creature Be Your Teacher?*—written, illustrated and first printed by the Bible Society of Israel. A third book project underway engages the vitally important subject of apologetics, or defense of the Christian faith. *Biblical Apologetics* was written by Dr. Cliff McManis, teaching-pastor and elder at Grace Bible Fellowship of Silicon Valley, and professor of Apologetics at Cornerstone Seminary in Vallejo, CA. It is written both for seminary-level students and for lay people looking for practical answers for effectively defending their faith in Christ.

Compassion Ministries Open Doors for the Gospel

SGA's wonderful partnership with Children's Hunger Fund (CHF) continued to provide for the distribution of food parcels to needy families. The parcels contain staples such as flour, rice, cooking oil, pasta, and other nutritional items.

SGA partners help fund the distribution through local missionary pastors. We have been working to expand the ministry of compassion including other humanitarian aid to other CIS countries, including Central Asia and the Caucasus Region. This aid helps open the door for evangelism, and the children in the assisted families often begin attending summer camp and Sunday school. Parents or caregivers in these families have also been drawn toward the Lord by the love and compassion shown to them.



Even a simple gift of food can open doors for the Gospel.

In Belarus, 21 missionary pastors are assisting 180 families, who are receiving food parcels twice a month. In Ukraine, 15 missionary pastors are helping 165 families, who also receive the parcels twice a month. Milk goats were given to two families in Belarus and also to 13 families in the Central Asian republics. This was a new project of sustainable compassion ministry initiated this year. As a result, many children are now attending Sunday school and entire families are coming to faith in Christ Jesus.

Vital Church Construction Progress

SGA partners contributed toward 11 church construction or renovation projects in the CIS. These projects took place in the nations of

Belarus, Russia, Ukraine, and Georgia. Evangelical churches have been the targets of propaganda calling them sects, and even dangerous cults. Not having a building for worship intensifies this false notion. These projects are a tremendous encouragement to our brothers and sisters in these regions, and will enhance the effectiveness of their ministries.



In the CIS, evangelical churches are viewed with even more suspicion unless they have their own building.

A Word From Our President

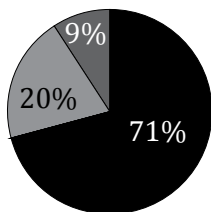
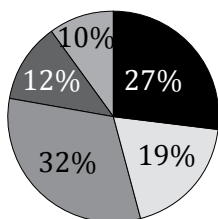
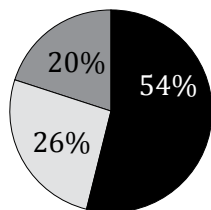
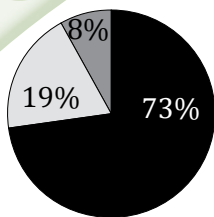
The SGA Team is eternally indebted to our Heavenly Father and to all of our faithful ministry partners. Since our founding by a fervent young Russian immigrant evangelist and prayer warrior, Peter Deyneka, on January 6, 1934, the key to 80 years of fruitful ministry has been "Much Prayer." Peter embraced God's promise to the Prophet Jeremiah in chapter 33 and verse 3, *Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.*

Our Lord has blessed your prayers and your support for 80 years. For 48 of those years, Gospel radio bombarded the closed Soviet Union with God's Word. Heaven will reveal how many millions have been reached for Christ. At the same time, today fewer than one in every 100 citizens in the lands of Russia has been won to Christ. Please help us keep preaching the Gospel until He comes to gather us in the air.



Bob Provost
President

2013 Ministry Report



Financial Position as of 6/30/13

Assets

• Current Assets	\$2,921,707	73%
• Land, Buildings & Equipment	764,241	19%
• Other	319,397	8%

Total	\$4,005,345	100%
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Liabilities and Net Assets

• Unrestricted Net Assets	\$2,177,999	54%
• Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	1,027,884	26%
• Liabilities	799,462	20%

Total	\$4,005,345	100%
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Activities for Year Ended 6/30/13

Expenses

Ministry & Supporting Activities

• Equipping	\$1,783,691	27%
• Training	1,261,378	19%
• Evangelism-Church Planting	2,087,629	32%
• Advancement	767,115	12%
• Administration	659,654	10%

Total	\$6,559,467	100%
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Ministry Activities	\$5,132,698
Supporting Activities	1,426,769

Total expenses	\$6,559,467
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Revenue

Partner Support

• Individual Support	\$4,770,848	71%
• Donated Materials & Services	3,154	0%
• Churches	1,372,320	20%
• Foundation Grants	594,000	9%

Total	\$6,740,322	100%
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Partner Support	\$6,740,322
Other	24,665

Total Revenue	\$6,764,987
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