

# Ministry Report 2015

*Tell of His glory among the nations, His wonderful deeds among all the peoples (Psalm 96:3).*

As we look back on 2015—a year filled with many challenges—we rejoice with great thanksgiving. The Lord truly accomplished great things across Russia and her neighboring countries, and in



*Ministry to war refugees was a key component of SGA's ministry in 2015.*

Israel—the land of the Bible. While the conflict in Ukraine largely fell off the news media's attention, faithful SGA-sponsored missionary pastors continued to minister to thousands of refugees and preach the Gospel to them. Tensions between the West and Russia continued to be an issue of concern, but by God's grace, SGA ministries continued to serve and equip evangelical churches with the resources they need for effective ministry.

The following is a synopsis of our key ministry activities throughout the 2015 calendar year. May you be blessed and encouraged to read of how the Lord has used your faithful partnership to accomplish much for His glory!

## **Training and Equipping Faithful Christian Servants to Keep Building the Lord's Church**

*Establish Your Word to Your servant, as that which produces reverence for You (Psalm 119:38).*

During 2015, faithful SGA ministry partners gave sacrificially to help support our sponsored seminaries and Bible institutes in the



*Bible training remains SGA's top ministry.*

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Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), as well as Bible-training initiatives in Israel. A total of 345 students graduated and are now serving and ministering through their churches for the glory of Christ. Total enrollment was 1,184 students. Most of our Bible training and ministry programs had higher enrollments than in previous years. And our brothers and sisters in Ukraine are rejoicing that both Irpen Biblical Seminary and Odessa Theological Seminary reflected higher enrollments despite the ongoing turmoil and bloodshed in the eastern part of the country.

Some notable developments in the 2015 calendar year included the startup of a bachelor's degree program in the Russian language at the Bible college in Israel. An extension center began in the Russian city of Nizhny Novgorod under the auspices of Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. 15 students are enrolled. Two of Novosibirsk's professors and their board chairman completed their doctoral classes at Baptist Bible Seminary in Clark's Summit, Pennsylvania, and are working on their dissertations and comprehensive exams. An online certificate program began at Odessa Theological Seminary, which will further expand the impact of the seminary to those unable to travel to Odessa for classes. Other key training highlights:

\* A total of 69 Russian-speaking students in Israel received a certificate in Bible, with 20 studying at the Bible college.

Bible and ministry training continued through the SGA-sponsored *Antioch Initiative* in Voronezh, Russia, and in Azerbaijan and Georgia. In addition, 29 people from the U.S. and one teacher from Novosibirsk Seminary made 11 ministry trips. Eight classes were taught, two groups assisted in summer camp ministry, one ministered at a women's conference, and a team also helped with church construction in the Russian city of Voronezh.

In March 2015, SGA had the great privilege of inviting 50 Russian-speaking pastors and ministry

leaders from the CIS and Israel to participate in the Shepherds' Conference Inerrancy Summit. The goal was to send a clear statement reaffirming commitment to the infallibility, inerrancy, and authority of the Bible—the Word of God.

## Preaching the Life-Changing Gospel and Planting New Churches

*... as for our brethren, they are messengers of the churches, a glory to Christ (2 Corinthians 8:23).*

SGA partners continued their faithful prayers and support of sponsored missionary pastors across the CIS—335 in all. There are 136 in Russia, 106 in Ukraine, 44 in Belarus, 36 across Central Asia, 12 in the Caucasus region, and one in Israel working



SGA-sponsored missionary pastors labor across thousands of miles and among many ethnic groups.

with Russian-speaking congregations. Many are planting churches in towns and villages that had no prior Gospel witness.

In Ukraine, through SGA's Crisis Evangelism Fund, SGA partners continued to sustain ongoing ministry for the thousands of individuals and families impacted by the political violence in the eastern part of the country. Church leadership coordinated the distribution of food, clothing, shelter, and other aid through key regional churches and their pastors. Evangelistic Christian literature was included in all aid distributions, and many opportunities for sharing the Gospel with the refugee families were opened through this ministry. More than a ton of aid and evangelistic literature was distributed in 2015 by the churches through the Crisis Evangelism Fund. We rejoice at

the many reports we've been receiving from local pastors of unchurched, unsaved people hearing the gospel, repenting of their sins and believing in Christ, being baptized, and added to the church as a direct result of these ministries.

### **Reaching Children, Youth, and Families with the Love of Christ**

*... in the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, and His children will have refuge (Proverbs 14:26).*

SGA partners continued to sacrificially support SGA-sponsored ministries to children and youth



*The Lord's blessing was obvious in 2015 Christmas outreaches!*

throughout the 2015 calendar year. *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches were held in 10 CIS countries—Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan and Tajikistan. Also, three congregations in Israel took part in this year's *Immanuel's Child*!

17,216 children were reached with the Gospel, a significant increase from last year. At least 12,101 of these children are from unbelieving families. In addition, 8,826 adults and caregivers were reached. At least 444 children repented and trusted in the Lord Jesus for salvation, along with 146 adults! We are also thankful that 826 children started attending Sunday school, and 419 adults have begun attending church. *You too, I urge you, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me (Philippians 2:18).*

SGA partners also enabled us to support summer camp ministries in 11 countries. A total of 13,614 children attended, with 8,257 children being from unchurched homes. More than 1,600 orphan children were able to participate, as well as 907 refugee children from Ukraine. The churches report that 1,914 children repented and trusted in Christ for salvation, and 1,493 began attending Sunday school as a result of their experience at camp. More than that, 419 adults began attending church after their children attended a camp outreach!

God graciously continued His work in the hearts of young boys and girls through the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* (OR) ministry. OR teams from 67 churches worked in 104 orphanages, reaching more than 8,100 children. There are 5,176 orphans now attending the Bible classes regularly. 524 orphan children and youth began attending church. We especially rejoice in the 59 orphans who have “graduated” upon reaching adulthood, and are now actively serving in the OR ministry themselves. Another part of OR ministry is reaching out to “social orphans,” who are not true orphans, but rather children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. OR also reached 780 social orphans in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and three nations in Central Asia.

### **Youth Ministry**

*Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe (I Timothy 4:12).*



*Age is no barrier to effective service for Christ and discipleship.*



Youth in the churches in the lands of Russia continue to be both the present and future of the churches, exhibiting a passion for Christ for reaching their own communities. In 2015, the Russian Youth Ministry team in Moscow remained focused on training and equipping youth ministry leaders from all corners of this vast nation, and conducted the annual national Youth Conference in Moscow, *Generation for Christ*, where more than 1,200 youth leaders participated. Through Youth Ministry, we served churches in 19 locations in five countries—Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Uzbekistan, and Israel. All are actively training more than 400 youth to serve and boldly stand for their faith. The focus is to train youth to serve in their local churches as the arms and legs of their church in reaching their communities. Through this ministry, we are serving churches who are training young disciples who will make more disciples.

### **Bibles, Evangelistic Christian Literature, and Bible Study Helps**

*Establish my footsteps in Your Word... (Psalm 119:133).*

Provision of Russian-language Bibles, evangelistic literature, children's Bibles and Christian books, and pastoral study resources continued as a high priority in 2015. Overall, nearly 40,000 Bibles and other Christian literature was distributed over



Children eagerly devour colorful, biblically sound, well-written Christian books.

the calendar year. SGA partners helped us print and distribute 5,000 copies of *Biblical Apologetics* by Dr. Cliff McManis for use at SGA-sponsored seminaries in the CIS. We printed 10,000 copies

of the Gospel of Luke for distribution in Ukraine as part of Crisis Evangelism efforts. SGA reprinted 15,000 copies of Dr. John MacArthur's *Faith to Grow On Children's Bible* for distribution in children's ministries. In addition, SGA also printed 6,500 Russian-language copies of *My Father's House*, a new book by SGA missionary Ruth Deyneka Erdel—the eldest daughter of SGA founder Peter Deyneka. We also printed 5,000 copies in English. Ruth's book is focused on spiritual growth for women, and we anticipate that it will be a tremendous blessing.

Other literature works in process during 2015, included translation work on *God in Eclipse: God Has Not Always Been Silent* by John Metzger—an apologetics title written for Jewish believers and unbelievers. It has been finished and is ready for printing. Translation has begun on six small pocket guides to equip believers to defend their faith. Topics include Noah's Ark, dinosaurs, defense of a young earth, astronomy, the human body, and creation. Translation has begun on Dr. D.A. Carson's book, *Basics for Believers: An Exposition of Philipians*.

SGA also stepped up work in the area of online Russian-language resources available through our SGA Media website. We have acquired the rights to post the electronic version of Dr. MacArthur's *Commentary on Romans*, and uploaded 41 podcasts of the late SGA missionary Constantine Lewshenia's *Bible Doctrines* lectures, plus apologetics resources. The SGA Media website had 5,700 visitors each month.

### **SGA-Sponsored Compassion Ministry**

*... The Lord is full of compassion and is merciful (James 5:11).*

In addition to efforts in Ukraine through the Crisis Evangelism Fund, SGA-sponsored missionary pastors continued to work with Children's Hunger Fund to distribute food to needy families in Belarus, Ukraine, and in Central Asia. In Ukraine, 17 missionary pastors distributed food aid and



Christian evangelistic literature to 195 needy families. Thirty missionary pastors in Belarus visited 192 families on a monthly basis with aid, and six missionary pastors in Central Asia visited and ministered to 24 families. Additionally, in SGA's own Compassion Ministry outreaches, 35 needy families were helped with food aid in Central Asia. SGA partners also enabled the churches to reach out to needy widows in 2015, with 175 receiving aid in Russia, Belarus, the Caucasus, and Central Asia.



Dr. Robert W. Provost  
SGA President

### ***A Word From Our President***

God the Father guided His beloved Son concerning His incarnation on the earth with these words . . . *It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also make You a light of the nations so that My salvation may reach to the end of the earth* (Isaiah 49:6). Then the risen Christ said to His disciples . . . *Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you* (John 20:21).

SGA founder Peter Deyneka understood the heart of God and had a burden for the Jewish people. He traveled to Israel to evangelize the Russian-Jewish people. As for me, however, with so many lost Russian Gentile souls all over the world, I hadn't given much thought to the people of Israel. Then in 2010, we sent a Jewish graduate of Irpen Biblical Seminary in Kiev, Ukraine, to Israel to teach believing Russian Jews. In a few weeks, he had five congregation-based Bible schools. And indigenous Bible college professors asked him to train believing Russian-Jews to become pastors. Now we have 51 students at the Bible college and 40 believing Russian Jews in Bible schools.

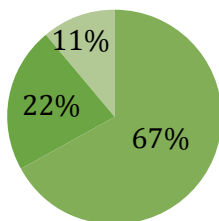
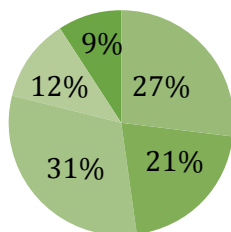
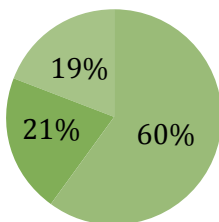
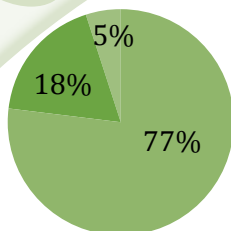
A Hebrew publishing company is working on a Hebrew version of *Peter Dynamite*, the biography of Peter Deyneka, to inspire young Israeli believers. In *end of the earth* Far East Russia, SGA was asked to develop aviation-based church planting and training for the forgotten thousands in remote little villages who have never heard.

As a faithful SGA partner, you are participating importantly in God's plan to bless all the families of the earth—the Jews and the Gentiles, including Muslims. You are helping reach those still lost in five Slavic countries, five Muslim countries, and in Israel.

We thank and praise God for you—and there is so much more to do.

*Bob Provost*

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## Financial Position as of 6/30/15

### Assets

• Current Assets	\$2,806,187	77%
• Land, Buildings & Equipment	661,071	18%
• Other	188,254	5%

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,655,512</b>	<b>100%</b>
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### Liabilities and Net Assets

• Unrestricted Net Assets	\$2,202,791	60%
• Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	762,098	21%
• Liabilities	690,623	19%

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,655,512</b>	<b>100%</b>
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## Activities for Year Ended 6/30/15

### Expenses

#### Ministry & Supporting Activities

• Equipping	\$1,825,723	27%
• Training	1,391,453	21%
• Evangelism-Church Planting	2,087,724	31%
• Advancement	801,320	12%
• Administration	598,576	9%

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,704,796</b>	<b>100%</b>
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Ministry Activities	\$5,304,900
Supporting Activities	1,399,896

<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$6,704,796</b>
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### Revenue

#### Partner Support

• Individual Support	\$4,532,883	67%
• Donated Materials & Services	1,340	0%
• Churches	1,490,004	22%
• Foundation Grants	754,631	11%

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,778,858</b>	<b>100%</b>
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Partner Support	\$6,778,858
Other	-32,092

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,746,766</b>
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