

# Ministry Report 2016

*Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name (1 Chronicles 29:13).*

Rejoice with us as you read what the Lord has accomplished through your prayers and support during 2016. Together, we can only praise our Lord and King Jesus Christ, for He has done it. But we want also to again thank you, our partners in ministry, for your part in making it all possible. There were several momentous developments, especially the surprise new Anti-Missionary Law, which was carefully designed to stop the progress of the Gospel. If enforced to the letter, it appears to have the capacity over time to eliminate the churches that Christ is building. One would think a student of history like Mr. Putin would have learned from the attempts of Mr. Stalin and Mr.



Khrushchev, that stopping Christ from building His church is not possible. For SGA, the new law is instead, God's encouragement to increase all that we do, as quickly as possible, and especially in the most unreached part—the Far East of Russia. *We must obey God rather than men (Acts 5:29).*

Armed conflict continued to flare up in eastern Ukraine, with evangelical churches on both sides



*The Ukraine conflict has shattered many lives.*

of the conflict stepping forward to help the tens of thousands of refugees. And the Bible-preaching churches we serve across 11 countries continued to press forward taking the Gospel to their people. The following is a summary of our key ministry

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progress throughout the 2016 calendar year. We pray that it will be a great encouragement to you.

## New Reach Russia Now Emphasis Launched

On July 20, Mr. Putin signed the new law that contains several anti-missionary provisions and imposes heavy fines for violation. To help Bible-preaching Russian churches keep advancing the Gospel in the face of these challenges, SGA president Bob Provost launched a new initiative called *Reach Russia Now* (RRN)—initially targeting



Russia's vast, unreached Far East. The plan calls for using missionary pilots and small airplanes to take the Gospel to hundreds of isolated villages, the deployment of many missionary pastors to plant churches, and the establishment of *Orphans Reborn* in 334 unreached orphanages, *Immanuel's Child* and other children's and youth ministries in the remote villages.

## Advancing Bible-Training and Equipping of God's Choice Servants

*We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ (Colossians 1:28).*

SGA partners continued their strong support of Bible and ministry training in the nations of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and in Israel. A total of 345 students graduated and are serving their churches for the sake of the Gospel. Total enrollment at calendar year-end 2016 stood at 1,206 for the academic year. This is the largest number of students at our seminaries and Bible institutes in the last 11 years.



Enrollment in SGA-sponsored Bible training is on the rise.

Notable developments included Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary in Russia beginning two new extension training centers in Voronezh and St. Petersburg. These are in addition to Nizhny-Novgorod, which began in 2015 and continues. Also in Russia—Bible training began in Yakutsk with initial enrollment of 40 students (15 ethnic Sakha and 25 ethnic Russians). Minsk Theological Seminary in Belarus had a second enrollment of students beginning classes in their extension training center in Estonia. For the training of laymen, a one-year certificate program began at Odessa Theological Seminary in Ukraine. In Kazakhstan, the first group of Kazakh nationals graduated from the Christian leadership program at Almaty Bible Institute.

Another key event took place in April 2016 with the second annual SGA-sponsored Inerrancy Retreat at Irpen Biblical Seminary. In attendance were the leaders of all the SGA-sponsored seminaries and Bible institutes.

*Antioch Initiative* sessions were held in Georgia, Azerbaijan, and Russia, with ten teachers from the U.S. and one teacher from the CIS. Nine other Antioch-related people helped out with summer camps and ESL camps in Tambov, Russia.

## Missionary Pastors

*Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done (Psalm 105:1).*



SGA partners continued their prayers and support for sponsored missionary pastors across Russia and her neighboring countries. At the end of 2016, there were a total of 336 missionary pastors across the following countries: 131 in Russia, 106 in Ukraine, 44 in Belarus, 13 in Kazakhstan, 5 in Turkmenistan, 8 in Tajikistan, 5 in the Republic of Georgia, 4 in Armenia, 5 in Azerbaijan, 12 in Uzbekistan, 1 in Israel working with Russian-speaking congregations, and 2 in another Middle Eastern country. Many are planting churches in towns and villages that had no prior Gospel witness.

In Ukraine, SGA's Crisis Evangelism Fund (CEF) continued to support the ministry of missionary pastors as they reached out to refugees displaced by the ongoing war between the government



Faithful missionary pastors are helping many needy families in the conflict zones.

and separatist forces in the east. With support provided through the Crisis Evangelism Fund, 132 Ukrainian pastors and believers from their churches visited nearly 300 needy families each month in the battered villages and cities in eastern Ukraine. During these visits, 1,300 food packages were provided. Where food is in desperate need, more than 15,000 food packages were distributed providing more than 400,000 meals.

As the year drew to a close, it became evident that this need is likely to continue as peace between the two sides remains unachievable.

## Children and Youth

*How precious is Your lovingkindness, O God! And the children of men take refuge in the shadow of Your wings (Psalm 36:7).*

Our faithful partners continued to give sacrificially in support of SGA-sponsored ministries to children and youth. *Immanuel's Child* Christmas outreaches were held in 11 countries—Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Armenia, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, and through Russian-speaking congregations in Israel. A total of 17,273 children were reached with the Gospel, a slight increase from last year. At least 12,270 of these kids were from unbelieving families. In addition, 8,668 adults were reached, and 492 began attending church. A total of 121 adults repented and trusted in Christ for salvation, while 1,079 children began attending Sunday school and 461 children repented and trusted in the Lord.

SGA partners also continued to generously support effective summer camp ministry in the



Children eagerly read God's Word and children's literature provided by SGA.

same 11 countries, with 17,103 children reached. A total of 11,181 children were from unsaved families, and of that number 1,681 were orphan children, plus 1,558 homeless or social orphans (children from needy or dysfunctional families, and those removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect). The churches reported that 2,561 children repented and trusted in Christ, with 1,837 beginning to attend Sunday school. As a result of camp ministry, there were 437 adults who began

attending churches, and 1,837 children starting Sunday school.

The Lord continued His gracious work through the SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry



which took place at 101 orphanages in five countries—Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Armenia, and Kazakhstan. There were 6,921 orphan children participating, with 4,079 attending regular Bible classes. Of that number, 273 orphans began attending church, and 260 “graduates” are also active in the ministry. And, *Orphans Reborn* continued to minister to orphans who have graduated from their orphanage upon reaching adulthood, with 182 continuing to attend church services regularly, and 82 graduates are participating as members of the of *Orphans Reborn* teams. There are 48 OR team church-worker-members supported in their ministries by SGA, and assisted by 282 volunteers from their churches.

### Bibles and Literature

*For the sake of Your Word, and according to Your own heart, You have done all this greatness to let Your servant know (2 Samuel 7:21).*

The provision of Russian-language Bibles, children’s Bibles, evangelistic literature, and Christian books remained a key ministry priority. 30,000 Russian standard Bibles were printed and sent to SGA’s Regional Ministry Centers in Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus for distribution. We purchased 15,000 children’s Bibles for *Immanuel’s Child* and other children’s outreaches. In addition, we assisted Word Ministries of Russia in

producing six tracts from *Answers in Genesis*—a total of 30,000 tracts. Titles included: *Is There Really a God*, *Why is There Death and Suffering*, *What Really Happened to the Dinosaurs*, *Was There Really a Noah’s Ark and Flood*, *Big Problems with the Big Bang*, and *Creation vs. Evolution: Irrefutable Proof*. Copies were given to pastors, seminarians, and youth in Russia, Belarus, and Ukraine.

Several other literature projects were also in process including the translation, editing, and layout of six small pocket guides to equip believers to defend their faith, with printing and distribution planned for 2017. We are half-way through editing Dr. John MacArthur’s commentary on Romans for posting on the SGA Media website. SGA acquired rights to translate and print two children’s books by Delphine Bates for early readers entitled *Help Me Remember the Days of Creation*, and *Help Me Remember the Ten Commandments*. We also acquired the rights to translate and print the new theology book edited by Dr. MacArthur and Dr. Richard Mayhue called *Biblical Doctrine*.

Altogether we distributed more than 35,000 Bibles and other books and literature throughout the CIS nations, as well as granted the rights to a ministry partner in Israel to translate and print in Hebrew the story of SGA founder Peter Deyneka—*Peter Dynamite: Twice-Born Russian*. Also, in Israel we distributed 6,000 copies of the excellent *God in Eclipse* by John Metzger. Finally, we uploaded five new books and 47 Russian-language podcasts to the SGA media website. On average, we recorded 5,700 visitors each month to the website (1,785 unique visitors).

### Compassion/CHF

*Answer me, O Lord, for Your lovingkindness is good; according to the greatness of Your compassion, turn to Me (Psalm 69:16).*

SGA carries out Compassion Ministry in Belarus, Ukraine, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.



A gift of food and other compassionate aid can open Gospel doors.

This ministry has opened many doors for the Gospel, as faithful pastors and their churches build loving relationships and share the Good News. This has become one of the most effective and valuable means to connect with those impoverished, and we have seen great fruit. 69 pastors and church volunteers visited 447 families on a regular basis—twice to four times each month. This translates to over 1,000 visits each month where bags of packs of food are distributed. This means that more than 12,000 food packages were distributed last year, providing nearly 350,000 meals with Gospel sharing.



Dr. Robert W. Provost  
SGA President

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

We who are privileged to serve on the little SGA Team have committed our way to the Lord, we have trusted Him, and whatever might have been accomplished, it is He who has done it all.

Our Lord provides access to the countries where He wants us to make disciples. He provides the opportunities and leads us there. He provides the partners who know the languages, and who are comfortable serving in the various cultures.

Our Lord raises up the faithful partners who pray for us and our ministries, and who invest their resources in them. Through your partnership, you invest your resources to enable His disciples to make more disciples and thus advance His Kingdom.

One of the greatest and most intelligent men who ever lived was a British mathematician named Sir Isaac Newton. He discovered the law of gravity, invented calculus, and was a great writer. But most important, he was a faithful man of God who loved God's Word. He wrote:

*And when you are convinced, be not ashamed to profess the truth. For otherwise you may become a stumbling block to others, and inherit the lot of those Rulers of the Jews who believed in Christ, but yet were afraid to confess him lest they should be put out of the Synagogue.*

*... Wherefore, when you are convinced, be not ashamed of the truth, but profess it openly and endeavor to convince your brother also that you may inherit at the resurrection the promise made in Daniel 12:3, that **'they who turn many to righteousness shall shine as the stars for ever and ever.'***

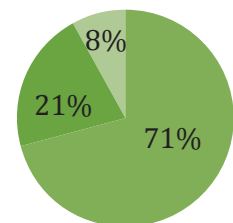
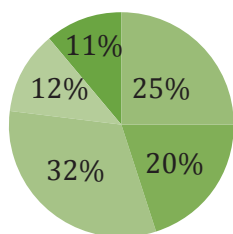
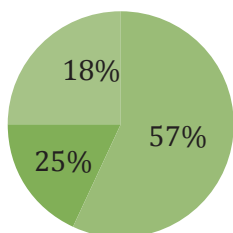
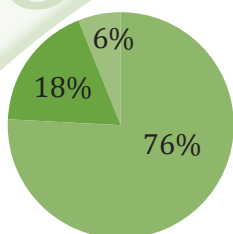
*And rejoice if you are counted worthy to suffer in your reputation or any other way for the sake of the Gospel, for then, 'great is thy reward.'*

By helping and praying for countless servants of Christ in the SGA-related nations, you have had a vital part in *the turning of many to righteousness*. And may you be among those who inherit the promise at the resurrection and you *shall shine as the stars for ever and ever*.

*Bob Provost*



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## Financial Position as of 6/30/16

### Assets

• Current Assets	\$2,562,563	76%
• Land, Buildings & Equipment	604,799	18%
• Other	206,393	6%

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,373,755</b>	<b>100%</b>
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### Liabilities and Net Assets

• Unrestricted Net Assets	\$1,933,617	57%
• Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	606,935	18%
• Liabilities	833,203	25%

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,373,755</b>	<b>100%</b>
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## Activities for Year Ended 6/30/16

### Expenses

#### Ministry & Supporting Activities

• Equipping	\$1,728,390	25%
• Training	1,349,508	20%
• Evangelism-Church Planting	2,190,283	32%
• Advancement	847,370	12%
• Administration	723,783	11%

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,839,334</b>	<b>100%</b>
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Ministry Activities	\$5,268,181
Supporting Activities	1,571,153

<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>\$6,839,334</b>
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### Revenue

#### Partner Support

• Individual Support	\$4,542,859	71%
• Donated Materials & Services	7,964	0%
• Churches	1,315,509	21%
• Foundation Grants	535,074	8%

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,401,406</b>	<b>100%</b>
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Partner Support	\$6,401,406
Other	13,591

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$6,414,997</b>
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