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HELPING THE FORGOTTEN

Eric Mock, Vice President of Ministry Operations Slavic Gospel Association



Eric Mock is Vice President of Ministry Operations for Slavic Gospel Association (SGA). He spends one-third of every year traveling to Russia and several nations across the former Soviet Union, as well as Israel, to support SGA's extensive network of 6,350 evangelical church partners and hundreds of missionaries. Literally circling the globe at least three times each year, his travels take him to remote villages in the Arctic Circle and hot spots including the border of Afghanistan and war-torn cities in eastern Ukraine.

Mock joined SGA as a full-time missionary in 2002 – after an amazing engineering career centered on the U.S space program and both civilian and military aviation projects, including the B-2 Stealth bomber. His dream of being involved in the space program blasted off in 1995 when he helped develop flight systems on the International Space Station (ISS), requiring frequent trips to Moscow, Russia, where he developed a love for the Russian people. While loading the first U.S. ISS component onto the Space Shuttle at

Cape Canaveral, Florida, Mock was challenged by a co-worker about the integrity of his faith in God – igniting a soul-searching spiritual journey that eventually led Mock and his family from aerospace to SGA.

Today, with life-changing faith and the addition of a Master's degree in International Development and a Master of Divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mock's passion is to equip evangelical churches and pastors in Russia and the former Soviet Union to share the Gospel in word and action.

He's also pastor of River's Edge Bible Church in Pecatonica, Illinois, where he lives with his wife, Kristi. He has three married children and six grandchildren.

"I have a fire in my heart to see people trained in God's truth and to make disciples of the nations," says Mock. "In seeing the transformed lives of faithful believers around the world, and my own, I see that real faith in Jesus is life-changing... my life laid down for the One who laid His life down for me."

Mock says he has no regrets at leaving his high-flying career in the space industry to become a missionary to the Slavic peoples. "While I used to dream of exploring the heavens, I now serve the Creator of the heavens," he says.