



Slavic Gospel Association

**Annual
Ministry Report**

2018-2019

SHARING THE GOSPEL ♦ EQUIPPING THE CHURCH ♦ HELPING THE FORGOTTEN



Let's Praise God for Reaching More Lives in a Fruitful Year!

Dear Partners in the Gospel,

As you read SGA's annual ministry report, I trust you'll join me in celebrating what God has done through your support and prayers during the 2019 fiscal year.

Yes, we had challenges, but also amazing ministry growth. God transformed lives, families and communities to the glory of Christ. And in these accomplishments, He used you.

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The life-changing Gospel continues to be proclaimed across Russia and her neighboring countries, God continues to build His church, and doors for ministry continue to open in ways that could only have been done through the sovereign hand of God using willing believers like you.

I pray you will be blessed and encouraged. The Apostle Paul sums it all up far better than I ever could. *Because of the proof given by this ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to your confession of the Gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your contribution to them and to all* (2 Corinthians 9:13). Thank you again, and as always, please remember to pray for the Gospel's advance!

For our Savior,



Michael Johnson,
President





Planting Strong Churches, Winning More Souls



SGA partners continued to support **349 missionary pastors** over the last fiscal year. These faithful men and their families are central to the advance of the Gospel in many unreached towns and villages across the former Soviet Union. SGA-sponsored missionary pastors are serving in the above nations.

In addition, SGA-equipped pastors have been sent by the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptists to **other nations where there are Russian-speaking populations**. Many are evangelizing and planting new congregations in towns and villages where there has been little to no Gospel witness.



Training a Generation of Pastors and Leaders

Bible training remains the highest priority of SGA's ministries. Doctrinally sound leaders are vital to fulfill the Lord's Great Commission . . . *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you* (Matthew 28:19-20).

Our main focus is training pastors to lead the many new churches being planted across Russia and her neighboring countries. In addition, SGA partners in

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these nations helped train Christian education workers, children's and youth ministers, and worship leaders. In FY 2019, SGA partners continued support of **Irpen Biblical Seminary** in Ukraine, **Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological**

Seminary in Russia, **Minsk Theological Seminary** in Belarus, and **Almaty Bible Institute** in Kazakhstan.

These schools graduated 263 leaders during the Fall 2018-Spring 2019 academic year. Total enrollment for all the SGA-sponsored schools stood at 1,096. Irpen Biblical Seminary and Almaty Bible Institute both recorded their **highest enrollments ever!** Other highlights of the fiscal year include the addition of a graduate biblical counseling program at Irpen, and 40 new students at **extension centers** under the auspices of Novosibirsk Biblical-Theological Seminary. The graduates are **entering all fields of ministry leadership** including pastors, children's workers, youth leaders, Christian education, and church planter/missionaries.

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Orphans Reborn Grows, Impacts Thousands for Eternity

The SGA-sponsored *Orphans Reborn* ministry took place in 141 orphanages across the lands of Russia in FY2019—an increase of more than 9 percent—reaching a total of 8,451 children. Out of this number, more than 4,500 children are attending Bible classes.

The majority of the orphans in orphanages have been removed from their homes due to abuse or neglect. Yet too many remain in such homes. Therefore, *Orphans Reborn* ministry also assisted churches in reaching out to over 3,060 social orphans – children in deep poverty, hardship, and risk that are not in government-run orphanages.

Orphans Reborn reaches children year-round through evangelism and ongoing discipleship. Through this ministry, the Lord rescues orphans from crime, drug addiction, prostitution, gangs, and even early death. Churches also disciple the young people after they reach age 18 and leave the orphanage. *Orphans Reborn* is active in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Armenia.



141

Orphanages

8,451

Orphans Reached

3,060

Social Orphans Reached

4,500

Children Attending Bible Classes



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Immanuel's Child Reaches More Kids and Families

SGA's faithful partners continued to make a huge difference in the lives of many children through the *Immanuel's Child Christmas ministry*. A total of 30,114 children were reached compared with 26,000 last year—an increase of 15 percent. At least 20,349 children were from unbelieving families, with 1,036 repenting and trusting in Christ as their Savior. In addition, 1,592 started attending Sunday school. Adults and caregivers were also impacted, with 268 repenting and more than 700 attending church.

Through *Immanuel's Child*, SGA partners helped churches distribute:

- ◆ A children's Bible and Christian literature
- ◆ A special Christmas gift
- ◆ A signed Star of Bethlehem ornament that says "God Loves You!" in Russian
- ◆ Follow-up ministry and discipleship by believers

Immanuel's Child helps open doors for the churches to reach out in other ways to the children and their families, ensuring that there is a **year-round Gospel witness**.





SGA Partners Provide Bibles and Christian Literature

SGA partners provided more than 48,000 Russian-language Bibles and Christian literature in FY 2019.

48,000

Bibles and Christian literature distributed in FY 2019

This outreach included 30,000 copies of mini-books on six topics to provide sound Biblical counsel and to help those suffering in their churches, and a book by SGA's president emeritus, Robert Provost. These books were delivered to Russia, Ukraine, and Kazakhstan, and will soon be available in all the countries we serve.

As God's Word is provided and more men, women, and children read it, we trust in God's sure promise that . . . *through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope* (Romans 15:4).

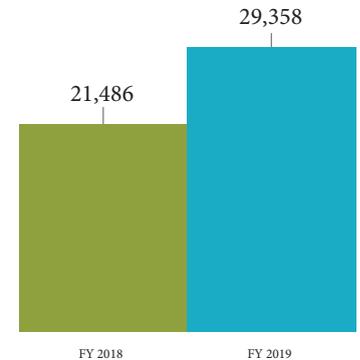




Bible Camps Reach Even More Children

In FY 2019, a total of **29,358 children** attended summer camp ministries in **10 countries**. There were **510 camps** sponsored by SGA partners—a 50 percent increase over last year. More than **18,000 children** were from **unbelieving homes**, and more than **2,800** were **orphans**. More than **3,400 children** repented and trusted in Christ, and over **5,300** expressed the desire to attend church.

Children who attended camp received Russian-language children's Bibles and Christian literature. SGA partners also helped provide food, transportation, and other materials needed for the week-long sessions. We praise and thank the Lord for His gracious provision in this wonderfully fruitful outreach!



Increased giving to summer camp programs allowed SGA to increase the number of children served by 37%.





Compassion Ministries Open Hearts to Christ

SGA-sponsored Compassion Ministry changed lives in eight countries across the former Soviet Union in FY 2019—Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. Teams sent out by evangelical churches reached a total of 4,826 people on a monthly basis, including 1,374 families. A total of 2,839 food parcels were distributed monthly to needy individuals and families.

This includes food and other humanitarian aid given to individuals and families in eastern Ukraine, where armed conflict between the government and separatist militants continues. In partnership with Children's Hunger Fund, 860 food parcels were also distributed monthly to 1,712 people and 406 families. In total, SGA's faithful partners helped provide more than 2.1 million meals for the hungry. **As always, these outreaches are conducted through local evangelical churches, helping them to demonstrate God's love in action as they share the life-changing Gospel with these desperately needy people.**



4,826

People Reached
Each Month

2,839

Food Parcels
Distributed Each Month

2.1

Million Meals
Provided This Year



Вот так выглядит
Бог

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Любит
Тебя!

I Love

Taking Stewardship Seriously

We are thankful for every dollar received and prayerful about every dollar spent. We thank every supporter as a valued partner in a wonderful work entrusted to us by a victorious Savior.

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