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**EURASIA**

2017 ANNUAL REPORT

# Our Labor Is Not in Vain!

*"Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." – 1 Corinthians 15:58*



Dear Friend,

It was just over 100 years ago that the Russian Revolution began, with high hopes of creating an ideal society. Instead, it left the land a spiritual wilderness, devoid of faith, values, or basic humanity. To this day, the people of the former Soviet Union are suffering from the impact of this spiritual calamity.

The continuing war in eastern Ukraine is part of this ongoing legacy. Though it's rarely reported in the news anymore, the brutal fighting there continues to inflict misery and disruption on thousands of people.

But that is only the most obvious tragedy in this unhappy region. Beneath the surface, teenage drug addiction, alcoholism, and suicide rates are out of control; HIV/AIDS rates are soaring; birth rates are falling to dangerous levels; more orphans are appearing each day.

Against this backdrop, people are desperate for answers and meaning. For some, radical Islam seems to offer an attractive alternative, and that dangerous ideology is growing.

But we, the Body of Christ, have the real answers people are seeking!

It's no surprise, then, that evangelical Christians in Russia and Central Asia continue to face spiritual opposition in the form of persecution and pressure from the state. That makes the work of Mission Eurasia all the more vital and urgent. And we're developing strategies that will equip believers to change society from the inside out.

**Strategic Solutions for Church Growth** is a three-year initiative that has identified the most effective ministry models in several crucial areas. The findings will be shared with churches throughout Eurasia to help foster growth. (You'll read more about this exciting initiative in this report.)

We're also training the **Next Generation of Christian Leaders** and equipping them to stand firm in advancing the gospel despite many challenges. These leaders are working through our **School Without Walls (SWW)** flagship leadership training program. Their work is impacting 13 countries of Eurasia and Israel—including difficult regions like Russia's North Caucasus and Central Asia where Islam is the predominant religion.

In this report you'll also learn about our **Next Generation Professional Leaders Initiative (NGPLI)**, which is equipping young Christian professionals to share the gospel in their workplaces—boldly and effectively.

It was **your** steadfast help that made these innovative ministry advances possible in 2017. And your continued support will sustain us through 2018 and beyond. So, let me take the opportunity to say, from the bottom of my heart, thank you!

Please continue to uphold our brave workers in your prayers. Ask God to bless and guide our efforts as we battle the forces of spiritual darkness. And please, keep providing as much support as you can.

It's a glorious work that God has called us to. And we're all in it together.

Thank you and God bless you always,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sergey Rakhuba'.

Sergey Rakhuba  
President

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"Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world."—Romans 10:18

# The Next Generation: Young Leaders, Bold Faith



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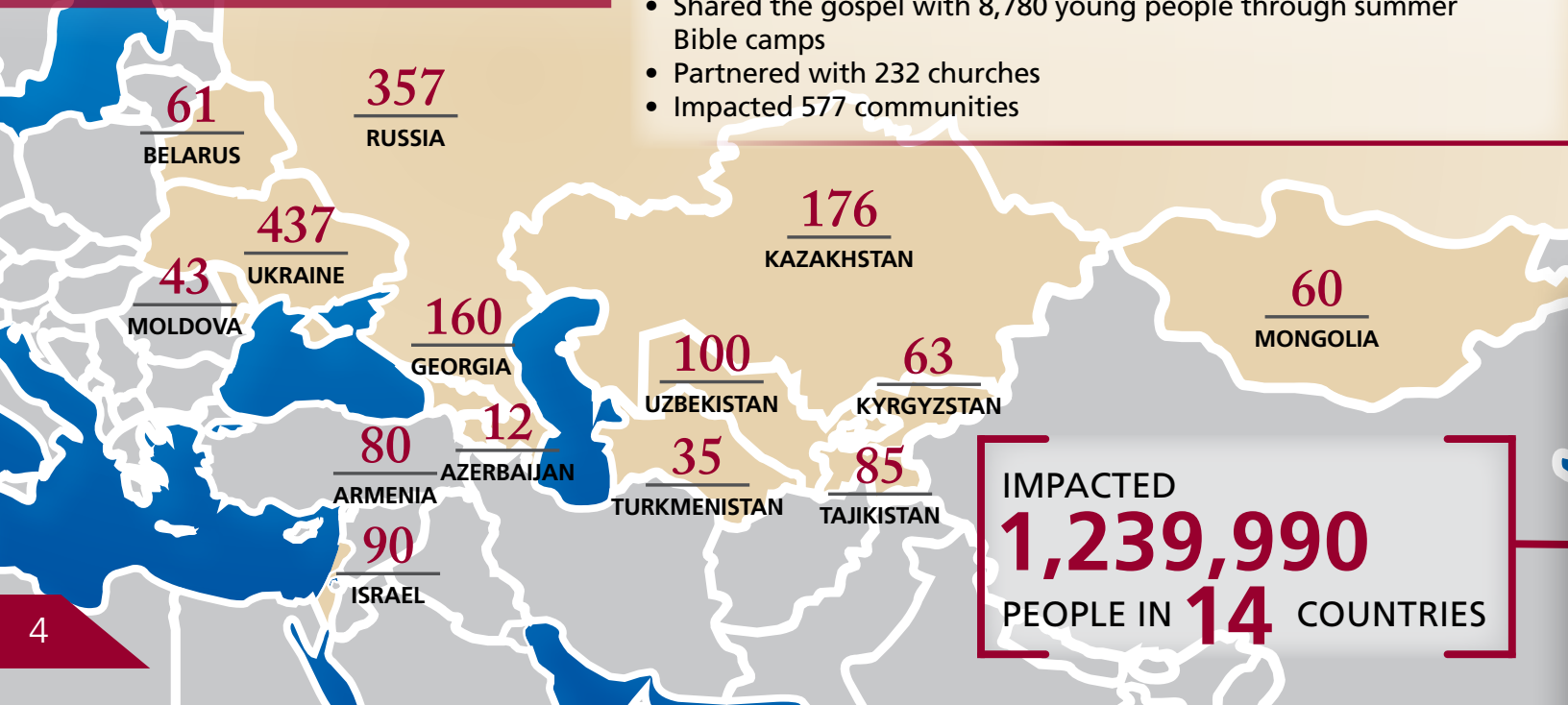
Total Graduates

1,759

Total Students

In 2017, SWW students shared God's love across Eurasia, from Israel to Mongolia and beyond. Here are some of the amazing things they accomplished through God's grace and your generous help:

- Distributed 676,000 copies of Scripture
- Helped 480,000 refugees through the "I Care" Refugee Assistance Program
- Presented Gifts of Hope to 75,210 children in need
- Shared the gospel with 8,780 young people through summer Bible camps
- Partnered with 232 churches
- Impacted 577 communities



IMPACTED  
**1,239,990**  
PEOPLE IN **14** COUNTRIES

# Bold. Fearless. Persistent. Filled with faith and love.

Those words describe the students of Schools Without Walls, who are sharing the gospel in some of the most dangerous places in the world. Along the way, they're confronting problems of every kind—war, disease, poverty, hunger, despair.

And still they persevere. They're standing firm in the faith.

SWW students have found many innovative ways to share God's love. They reach young people through Bible clubs, camps, and meetings. They bring compassionate care to desperate refugees who have so little hope. They broadcast God's love to large audiences using social media and videos. They work with local churches, schools, government agencies, and other organizations to multiply their impact.

The SWW students and graduates know their work is possible because of generous partners like you. And they deeply appreciate your faithful support.

These are tomorrow's leaders, the ones God will use to bring the gospel to the world. Please continue to stand firm with them through your prayers and financial help.

**Thank you!**



“He immediately placed a Bible into my hands.”

*“... Once, one of the pastors asked what we needed most. When I said we needed a Bible, I was amazed and overjoyed when he immediately placed a Bible into my hands. I just could not hold back my tears. Thank you for giving us hope through God's Word.”*

– Natalia, displaced by war in Ukraine

# Taking the Message to the Workplace

Young Christian professionals are changing their workplaces, their communities, their countries—and the world.

*“And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” – Colossians 3:17*

When the Soviet Union collapsed nearly three decades ago, Christians in Eurasia could finally enter professions that had been closed to them for decades. Now a new generation of believers is entering the fields of education, medicine, science, law, business, and technology.

These young Christian professionals urgently need to be equipped to represent Christ in their work environments and beyond. This is especially important now, as persecution is rearing its head again. No one knows how long the present window of opportunity will stay open.

Seeing this challenge, Mission Eurasia launched the Next Generation Professional Leaders Initiative (NGPLI) to equip these young Christian professionals to share their faith effectively with their colleagues, clients, and communities. As respected leaders, they have a unique platform from which to represent Christ. And now they’re receiving the tools and training they need through conferences, forums, and seminars throughout the region.

**With your help, 10,200 Next Generation leaders received NGPLI training in 2016-2017.**

These Christian professionals are representing Christ in the fields of:

- Medicine: 3,000
- Education: 2,040
- Law: 1,590
- Business: 2,550
- Science and technology: 1,020

Because of their training—and your partnership—the gospel message is now reaching the most important and influential areas of society throughout Eurasia.



## Teaching the Christian Worldview—The IADCE

“Our goal is to raise a new generation of Christians who think biblically.” That’s how one teacher explains the mission of the International Alliance for the Development of Christian Education (IADCE), which is changing the way young people are taught in Eurasia. Ukraine-based missionaries Raymond and Cindy Le Clair and the IADCE are promoting education with a Christian worldview across the region. Their network now includes nearly 2,000 educators, which they supply with a professional curriculum, online articles, and videos emphasizing the Christian message. Last fall, a Christian educators’ conference drew more than 300 teachers from Belarus, Lithuania, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine. And the gospel continues to do its effective work where it was once banned.

**Thank you for investing in these Christian educators and professionals and supporting them with your prayers!**



## Sharing Christ in a Professional Setting—Dr. Timur

“We are ready to sacrifice to help our country grow toward Christ.”



That’s how Dr. Timur (name changed for his safety) declares his commitment to ministry. When patients come to his clinic in Central Asia they receive medical treatment—and the love of Jesus. “People choose to come to our clinic because they appreciate the way we treat them,” Dr. Timur says, “and they enjoy praying with the doctors.”

Ministering so openly in a country that’s hostile to Christianity is risky. But Dr. Timur is not intimidated. He has even started a Bible study for people unfamiliar with the gospel—many of whom are fellow professionals. This is the heart of The Next Generation Professional Leaders Initiative. And it’s succeeding—through the generous donations of people like you.

# Bringing God's Word to a Desperate World

The message of the Bible is changing lives throughout Eurasia. Thanks to your faithful support and our ministry partners, SWW students and graduates are bringing the Scriptures to people who desperately need them.

*"... man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." – Deuteronomy 8:3*

What do an Israeli soldier, a student in Ukraine, and a Mongolian yak herder have in common?

They all need the Word of God! And with your prayers and financial help, Mission Eurasia is sharing the Scriptures with people in these countries and many more, in their own languages. Their circumstances may differ, but their need for Jesus is the same. So we're providing New Testaments, the gospels, and other scriptural resources to bring them the message of God's salvation.

The hunger for God's Word is great throughout Eurasia. People are weary of war, persecution, poverty, and despair. They crave the hope that only Jesus can bring. Through your generous partnership, the light of Christ is dawning in their hearts.

**God bless you for your continued support!**

Total Scriptures printed and distributed: **676,000**





## A Light in the Darkness: Bringing God's Word to Refugees of War

The ongoing strife in Ukraine has created a massive humanitarian disaster. But the gospel light shines brightest in the darkness as Mission Eurasia ministry teams are bringing the saving message of the Scriptures to the despairing people of Ukraine.

Here are some of the Scripture items we distributed in Ukraine during 2016-2017, with your help:



Bibles in Russian: 28,000  
Bibles in Ukrainian: 4,700  
Light Magazine in Russian and Ukrainian: 100,000  
New Testaments in Russian: 16,800  
New Testaments in Ukrainian: 7,570  
The Jesus Storybook Bible: 4,000  
English-Russian New Testaments: 2,200  
Bright Hope Children's Bible Storybook: 18,750  
Gospels of John: 26,930

### Maria's Story

Maria is shy, but when she learned that Mission Eurasia was distributing New Testaments, she knew it was time to speak up.

*Could she possibly have an entire Bible?*

Aleksey, her pastor, is also a SWW coordinator. Giving away the Scriptures is part of his ministry. So he happily obliged. When she received her Bible, Maria hugged it to her chest, saying, "This is one of the best gifts I've ever received!"

If you knew Maria's past, you'd understand her emotional response. She and her family once had a comfortable life in eastern Ukraine. But when the fighting started, they were forced to leave their home and join the flood of refugees. They landed in the Azov Sea city of Berdyansk, where Aleksey pastors Heart of Christ Church.

Maria didn't just find a safe refuge. She also found the saving grace of Christ. At Aleksey's church, the other believers welcomed her into God's family. And Maria's life began anew.

This is how the Word of God is bringing hope in the midst of catastrophe. And because of you, School Without Walls is reaching scores of desperate people like Maria. Thank you for making it possible.



# Against the Forces of Darkness, the Gospel Prevails

Persecution of Christians is on the rise. With your help, Mission Eurasia is working to bring freedom and reconciliation to strife-torn lands.

*"In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." – John 16:33*

Persecution has long been a fact of life for Christians in Eurasia. It can take a variety of forms, from the brutal violence in Central Asia to the anti-missionary laws in Russia. The goal is always the same: to prevent the spread of God's good news. But as Paul wrote in 2 Timothy, "The word of God is not bound!"

In May 2017, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association hosted the World Summit in the Defense of Persecuted Christians in Washington, DC. Mission Eurasia was there, representing the persecuted areas where we work, including Central Asia, the North Caucasus region in Russia, and eastern Ukraine.

All Christians in these hostile lands are at risk, especially the leaders of churches and ministries and their families. Your continued prayers and support are vital in upholding these brave believers.

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## Bringing God's Healing in the Midst of Conflict

The fighting in Ukraine has inflamed the hostility of many people who view Russian Orthodoxy as the only acceptable faith. As a result, Protestants have been abducted, tortured, and even murdered. Mission Eurasia is there to help—both the victims and their persecutors.

When Christians suffer, other believers should be the first to come to their aid. So, Mission Eurasia is training and equipping Christians to bring healing and restoration to the victims of violence and persecution.

Sadly, there are sincere Christians on both sides of the Ukrainian conflict. But God is bringing peace where there was once distrust and hostility. Through "I Care" and the **Religious Freedom Reconciliation Initiative**, Mission Eurasia has brought Russian and Ukrainian pastors together, hosting 14 special reconciliation seminars. With your support, 400 pastors have begun the healing process in their regions.



Jesus teaches us to forgive our enemies and pray for them. Mission Eurasia is working to bring reconciliation and peace to Ukraine.

Mission Eurasia is training Christians to help their persecuted fellow believers.



Mission Eurasia's young leaders are undaunted by the increasing hostility they face. The brave students and graduates of School Without Walls and our other Next Generation leaders are facing persecution head-on—by sharing the love and forgiveness of Christ.

Your continued prayers and support will enable them to keep glorifying God in the midst of conflict.



# 2017 MINISTRY

Through your faithful partnership, God's Word is reaching unreached hearts in countries across Eurasia. Dedicated young Christians are bearing witness to Christ's message of love and salvation. And their efforts are bearing fruit. The wonderful results of your giving are clear in these dispatches from the front lines. Read and be blessed!



## SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS

**1,759**

**SWW students and 969 graduates impacted 1,239,990 people in 14 countries.**

"I asked the Lord to show me how I could serve Him, and then I found SWW. From that day on, God has taught me so much. I've learned a lot about my shortcomings, but God has also granted me the strength to change ... SWW has changed my life!" – Isabella, SWW student

## NGPLI

**10,200**

**young professionals received vital training at 39 NGPLI events.**

"The forum in Bishkek touched me deeply, and I was freed from the guilt I used to feel because I didn't think I could serve God through my job. It also helped me understand that work is an opportunity for ministry, and along with working hard, I also need to stand by my values, even if it's detrimental to me professionally." – Alla, math teacher and NGPLI participant



## SCRIPTURE DISTRIBUTION

**676,000**

**Scripture resources for children and adults were printed and distributed—including Bibles, New Testaments, gospel booklets, and other literature.**

"When I said we needed a Bible, I was amazed and overjoyed when [the pastor] immediately placed a Bible into my hands. I just could not hold back my tears. Thank you for giving us hope through God's Word." – Natalia, displaced by war in Ukraine



# AT-A-GLANCE

## "I CARE" MINISTRY TO REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PEOPLE

Through your support, we delivered 2.4 million rice meals, 2,200 wheelchairs, and 108,950 scriptural resources to refugees in 2017. In addition, we sponsored reconciliation seminars for 400 pastors and ministry leaders and helped restore shelter for 1,233 people in need through Homes for the Homeless.

"God can only help us in hopeless situations when we admit that we need Him. So, we're never really alone, and we can have peace that will never leave us." – Yaroslav, 11 years old



## GIFT OF HOPE 75,210

children in seven countries received Gifts of Hope through your compassionate giving. "Alexey gave us Gift of Hope boxes and our own copy of 101 Favorite Bible Stories. I believe that Jesus gives real hope and meaning to my life. Now, Alexey and I read Bible stories together almost every day!" – Tigran, 12 years old

## SUMMER BIBLE CAMPS

**8,780** young people attended our 113 summer Bible camps in 14 countries. They received an estimated 40,730 copies of Scripture—including 6,360 that were given to their parents during closing ceremonies.

"Thank you for the love, faith, and care I received at camp! The camp completely changed me and my attitude toward life. I learned so much about God and the Christian way of life." – Inzhi, 16 years old



  
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# “I Care” Refugee Assistance Program—Bringing Hope to Lives Devastated by War

With your help, Mission Eurasia is ministering to the victims of war in Ukraine, providing food, clothing, housing, and—most importantly—the hope of the gospel.

*“... but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more.” – Romans 5:20*



In March 2014, Russia annexed the Crimean region of Ukraine and later began an assault on the eastern region of the country. Since then, war, persecution, and deprivation have been constant realities. Through your generous support, Mission Eurasia is there in the midst of the conflict, helping the victims, healing the wounds, and working for reconciliation.

Since the fighting began, an estimated **10,000** people have been killed, half of them civilians. Another **25,000** have been injured.

But that’s just the beginning. **Three million** people have been forced to flee for their lives to neighboring regions. Of those, **1.6 million** are internally displaced—including **215,000** children. Meanwhile, hundreds of thousands remain trapped in the war zone, often without food, water, heat, electricity, or medical care.

In all, an estimated **3.8 million** people urgently need help, including **one million children**. The government is unable to meet such a huge need, so the help of churches and supporters like you is **absolutely essential** to end the suffering.

Here’s how “I Care” is helping, thanks to your support:



## RELIEF AID.

Generous help from you and other partners has enabled us to reach 480,000 needy people with vital humanitarian aid. Together with local churches and SWW networks we’ve distributed:

- 2.4 million** individual hot meals
- 30,685** pounds of clothing
- 2,200** wheelchairs

## SCRIPTURAL RESOURCES.

We know the only true hope is in Jesus Christ, so we're bringing the Word of God to as many distressed people as we can. We've distributed 108,950 copies of Scripture to refugees, children, and soldiers, including:

**28,000** Bibles in Russian  
**4,700** Bibles in Ukrainian  
**16,800** New Testaments in Russian  
**7,570** New Testaments in Ukrainian



## HOUSING.

Thousands of homes have been damaged or destroyed by the war. Through your help and our partnership with Good News Church in Slavyansk, our Homes for the Homeless program has helped restore shelter for **1,233** people in need.

## BREAD OF LIFE BAKERIES.

Since 2016, three Bread of Life bakeries have opened in eastern Ukraine, bringing nutritious food, jobs, and hope to this devastated region. During the past year, a total of **360,000 loaves of bread** have been distributed to people in need, along with scriptural resources and a gospel witness. Altogether, **81,000 refugees** and hurting local residents have been helped both spiritually and physically through Bread of Life bakeries, contributing to the growth of the local church in the region.



## RECONCILIATION SEMINARS.

Our duty as Christians is to love one another. But through the tragedy of war, believers in Ukraine have often found themselves opposing other believers. To bring healing to God's people, Mission Eurasia has sponsored **reconciliation seminars for 400 Russian and Ukrainian pastors** this past year. These leaders are now equipped with the tools and resources to promote reconciliation among their churches.

# Giving Young People the Best Possible Start

There is no more important work than the ministry to children. Your gifts have enabled us to equip thousands of young leaders to reach many precious young lives with the love of Christ. Thank you for caring!

*Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 19:14*

Children should be able to play, enjoy life, and grow up in peace. But for many kids in Eurasia, childhood is filled war, neglect, hunger, and abuse. God has a special love for these young ones, so Mission Eurasia places a strategic emphasis on children's ministries. Thanks to you, we've been able to reach them through a variety of specially designed ministry initiatives.

Here are some of the powerful ministries your gifts make possible:

## Gift of Hope

Imagine being a child who's experienced only horror and need in life. Then imagine receiving a brightly wrapped gift box filled with toys, sweets, school supplies, mittens, and a colorful storybook Bible.

Every child can appreciate a gift like that! This is what our Gift of Hope outreach brings to the needy children of Eurasia. It's a great way to reach them—and their parents—with God's love and the hope of the gospel.

In 2017, through your partnership, we delivered **Gifts of Hope to 75,210 children in seven countries** of Eurasia including:

**Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, and Mongolia.**

## A Home for Every Orphan (HFE0)

Orphans are the most heartbreaking victims of poverty, disaster, and war. No child should have to grow up without a mother or father. A Home for Every Orphan (HFE0), coordinated by our co-founder Anita Deyneka, is our way of bringing family and love back into the lives of parentless children. Because of you, HFE0 was able to help reunite or strengthen **1,787 children and families overall** in 2017, helping **38,989 children and families overall** in eight countries. And **2.3 million** people heard about the urgent need for more widespread adoption. That's a big step toward changing entire cultures as well as precious individual lives. Mission Eurasia has also been training Next Generation leaders and working with churches to develop a new ministry initiative called **Family as Mission**. Like HFE0, this new program encourages the adoption of orphans by Christian families, but it also emphasizes one's family as the primary mission field. Plans are underway to develop a Family as Mission course that will be included in our School Without Walls curriculum for next year.





Here are the heart-warming testimonies of some of the children and families you've helped to bless:

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*“When I first heard that Christians wanted to hold a Christmas event for our children, I didn't believe it. We live far away from major cities, and the roads around here are very dangerous. But then you came, led an excellent program, and distributed gifts, books, and DVDs to our children. I couldn't help but cry when I saw how happy they all were. So many of them were abandoned by their parents, but like you said, they are never alone, because Jesus loves them!” – Anzor*

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*“The book you gave me brought tears to my eyes. If I read the other books you gave me, then I believe that my life will continue to be changed. I am already starting to understand that Almighty God has a plan for my life!” – Iman*

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*“My life completely changed when I met you and encountered Jesus Christ ... I firmly believe that I am on the right path, because Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. Now, I want to serve women who have experienced persecution in their homes, and I am continuing to pray that my family would come to know Christ.” – Karina*

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## Summer Bible Camps

Your support has helped to sponsor our summer Bible camps, where children and young people not only learn about Jesus, but experience His love personally. Many of them arrive with no knowledge of Christ, often coming from remote, unreached areas. A number of these children have been abandoned, neglected, or abused, and some are orphans. But through special times of sharing, healing, study, and fellowship, they come to know the Savior who loves them and died for them.

During last year's Summer of Hope, your gifts enabled us to equip young leaders to host **113 Bible camps** in **14 countries**, where **8,780 young people** learned about God's love and salvation. You helped us provide them with **40,730 copies of Scripture**, including children's Bibles, Bible storybooks, and other scriptural resources. Thank you so much!

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*“This camp and my Bible taught me about Jesus for the first time. I often go to bed cold and hungry, since we have no money to buy food or coal to heat our stove. But now I have hope because I believe in God, and I know He lives in my heart. He is the Lord Almighty and I trust He is working in my life, and He will never leave me to suffer on my own.” – Yevgenia, 16 years old*

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# Bringing Christ to Those Who Haven't Heard

With your help, God's messengers are taking the gospel where it has never reached before.

*"Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." – Mark 16:15*

Of the 16,510 people groups in the world, 40.4 percent have never heard the gospel. And 372 of those groups live in Eurasia and Israel.

That's more than 93 million souls in our area of ministry who need to hear the message of salvation for the first time. At Mission Eurasia, we see the challenge. And we're moving forward to meet it.

Here are some of the ways we're reaching the unreached:

- ▶ Distributing Bibles and Christian literature in native languages
- ▶ Planting churches
- ▶ Ministering to children
- ▶ Training missionaries and leaders
- ▶ Providing social services that meet crucial needs



## Bringing the Message to Mongolia

Last year, 65 Mongolian Christians joined 46 of their counterparts from Russia and Siberia to share the gospel in this largely unreached country. All of them are young leaders, SWW students, or graduates. Their journeys took them to camps in four cities and three smaller villages.

Here are some of their impressions, in their own words:

*“People don't need lectures ... They need to be loved.”*

*“People don't need lectures; people don't need right answers to hard questions, they need to see sincerity and an authentic relationship. They need to be loved, and that's what every person on the earth needs ... We invest in children because kids are always open; also because the child is in the beginning of his life and you can help him or her to avoid some of the mistakes adults make. Most importantly, if you help these kids to follow Jesus from childhood, you impact his or her entire life and future, and each child can then influence those around him.”*

**– Pastor Pavel Barsukov, SWW coordinator for Mongolia**

*“We are in the remote western part of Mongolia, and it is still one of the most unreached countries in the world. Mission Eurasia serves in this vast territory in order to bring a new future for the country. That's why we are investing in the young generation of Mongolian people and also in leaders, through [the] Schools Without Walls initiative ... training nationals how to lead so that they will serve their own people effectively. What is unique about this camp is that the national leaders are organizing and running the camp, and so we and the teams from Siberia are here just to help local leaders.”*

**– Michael Cherenkov**

*“Mongolia captured my heart! I love Mongolian kids, and I have a big desire to serve them ... This place is so far from civilization, and there's a nice part of keeping the culture and traditions and a different kind of atmosphere that you don't have in some Western countries. There's a fruitful soil here to share the gospel with local people.”*

**– Natasha, English teacher in Krasnoyarsk school**

The young Mongolians impacted by our outreach had some inspiring impressions to share as well. Here are some of them:

*“When God changed my life, my life became brighter. When I face any challenges in my life or turmoil, God is always with me and helps me to overcome these difficulties. If this camp wasn't here, I would be disobedient and a bad girl and I would be open to any sin and temptation ... I would like to tell the kids that there is a good God, and whenever you are with Him you are not alone.”*

**– Khongorzul, 16**

*“It is good to be with Mongolian brothers and sisters; also, it was very good to see [that the] Russian team came and they were always hugging each other, and this touched my heart ... I decided I must go to the church because they love each other so much.”*

**– Buyanaa, 22**



# Chairman's Letter

*"... but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." – Romans 5:20*



Dear Friends,

I am always deeply moved by reading Mission Eurasia's annual report. It reminds me once again that, as we go about our daily lives, our brothers and sisters throughout Eurasia are facing challenges to their faith that we generally don't experience in our Western context. And as I read what God is accomplishing through Mission Eurasia for His glory, it brings a deep sense of gratitude for the incredible privilege we all have of lending our support and encouragement.

Please take the time to read through this illuminating annual report—and, as you do, please pray specifically for the people you meet on these pages and for the projects you learn about. I trust that God will move your heart, as He has moved mine, by the commitment and resolve of these young Next Generation leaders, who are courageously proclaiming Christ's love to the communities and countries in which they live.

As chairman of the board of directors of Mission Eurasia, I am also privileged to report to you that all of the members of the board are deeply and wholeheartedly committed to this ministry. We have always been well-served by our board members through the years and are grateful for their investment in building a solid foundation for this ministry. Over the past couple of years, we have proactively recruited strategic new board members, each of whom brings his or her own significant expertise, life experience, and wisdom to the table. We take our calling very seriously and view ourselves as servants in God's Kingdom work. I ask for your prayers for our board of directors even as you pray for the outstanding Mission Eurasia staff God has brought together.

Friends, thank you for standing with Mission Eurasia through your prayers and support today and in the days ahead. Our ministry would not be possible without your Kingdom partnership.

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." 1 Corinthians 15:58.

God's best to you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wayne Shepherd". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Chairman, Mission Eurasia Board of Directors



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## OUR MISSION

To train, equip, and mobilize Christian leadership throughout Eurasia, who will engage in indigenous evangelism, church-planting, holistic ministries, and church growth by developing creative and strategic ministries and by facilitating partnerships between nationals and Western Christians.



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