

SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS

ANNUAL REPORT

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Training Young Leaders
to Impact Eurasia for Christ



MISSION
EURASIA

GOD IS USING SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS TO SPREAD HIS GOSPEL IN EURASIA

"For a wide door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many adversaries."

– I Corinthians 16:9



Dear Friend,

Praise God for the amazing work He continues to do in our midst!

The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 opened a wonderful door of opportunity for the gospel, and Mission Eurasia has been taking full advantage of it with the support of faithful gospel partners like you. Through our flagship training program, **School Without Walls (SWW)**, we've been training the Next Generation of young leaders who are ministering to diverse people groups from Arctic Siberia to Central Asia. The results are truly a cause for rejoicing, as you'll see in this report.

But as Paul wrote in his letter to the Corinthians, there are adversaries too. Eurasia is still wracked with the devastating impact of war in Ukraine. Poverty, homelessness, addiction, and despair are rampant.

Meanwhile, the threat of religious persecution is always present in this strife-torn region. Doors that are open now could close tomorrow. That's why it is so urgent that we act boldly while we can. And your support in this important mission is so valuable! With your continued help, we'll keep pressing in to the darkened areas that need the light of God's love. We'll keep providing biblical training, Scriptures, relief aid, and God's love to those who desperately need it.

Thank you for joining with us in this great work that God is doing. I hope you'll be touched and inspired as you read what your support makes possible. And please, continue to pray for us and all the courageous young leaders throughout Eurasia who are laboring in Jesus' name.

Gratefully,

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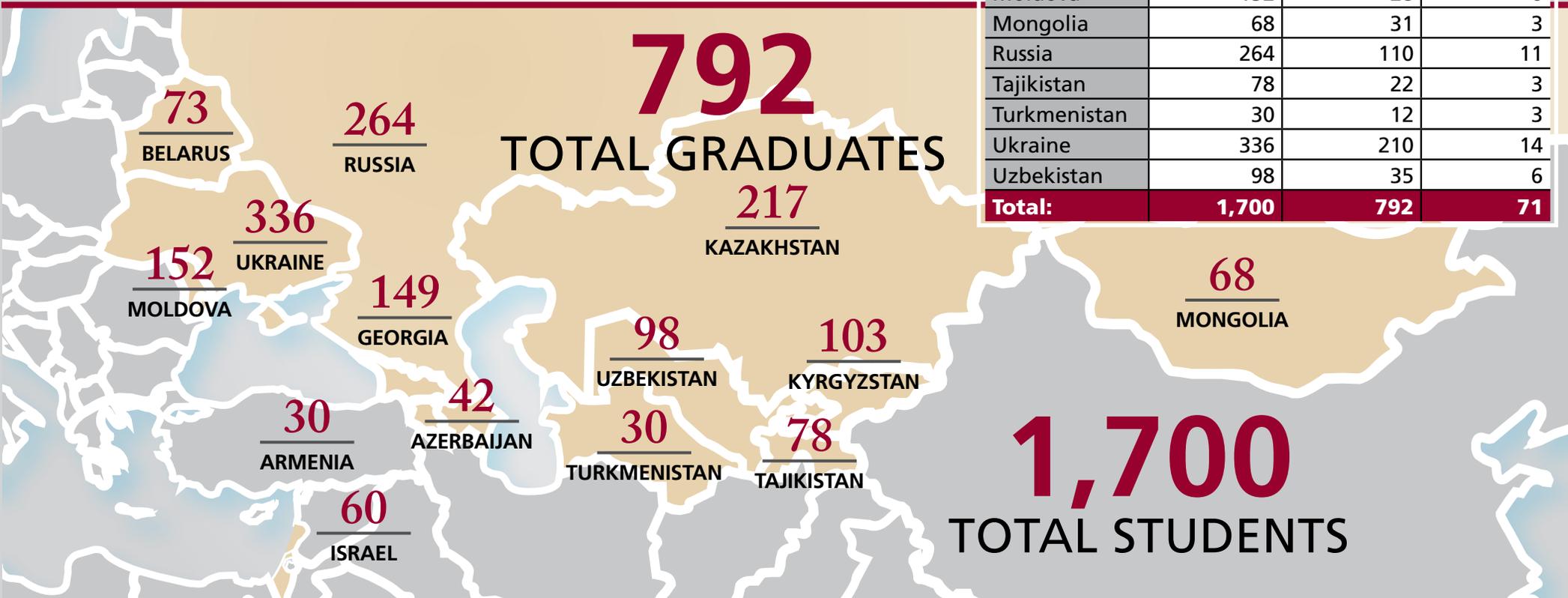
"I loved the SWW training! Now, I have the opportunity to learn about being a leader among other young people like me. God's Word changed me, and I repented of my sins. Now I want to live in a new way, and I believe that SWW will help me achieve my goals. This program transforms lives!" – **Alexander, SWW student, Ukraine**

TRAINING YOUNG LEADERS TO IMPACT SOCIETY FOR CHRIST

God is using young Christians throughout Eurasia to change their world! And Mission Eurasia is equipping them to be effective through our **School Without Walls** program. With your support, these dynamic believers are reaching beyond the church walls to share the Good News with desperate, hurting people everywhere.

SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS AT-A-GLANCE

Country	Students	Graduates	Locations
Armenia	30	0	1
Azerbaijan	42	5	3
Belarus	73	28	4
Georgia	149	45	5
Israel	60	35	1
Kazakhstan	217	142	8
Kyrgyzstan	103	89	3
Moldova	152	28	6
Mongolia	68	31	3
Russia	264	110	11
Tajikistan	78	22	3
Turkmenistan	30	12	3
Ukraine	336	210	14
Uzbekistan	98	35	6
Total:	1,700	792	71



SWW LEADERS ARE IMPACTING EURASIA THROUGH THESE STRATEGIC MINISTRIES:

Family Ministry:

- Bible camps for children (under 12)
- Bible camps for teenagers (12-17)
- Ministry to children (under 12)
- Ministry to teenagers (12-17)
- Ministry to street children
- Ministry to orphans and social orphans
- Ministry to families (mentoring and counseling)
- Ministry in orphanages
- Ministry to women who have had or plan to have an abortion
- Ministry to single mothers

Youth Ministry:

- Bible camps for young people
- Sports ministry
- Christian youth meetings and clubs
- Extreme sports camps for young people

Social Ministry to At-Risk Groups:

- Ministry to homeless people
- Ministry to refugees and victims of war
- Ministry to victims of natural disasters
- Ministry to people with addictions
- Ministry to people with disabilities
- Ministry to people with HIV and their children
- Ministry to elderly people
- Gift of Hope outreach
- Prison ministry (men, women, and juveniles)
- Environmental projects

Evangelism and Missions:

- Personal evangelism
- Short-term missions (missionaries)
- Scripture/Christian literature distribution
- Children's evangelistic literature distribution
- Church planting
- Chaplain ministry (army, police, medical institutions)

Education and Spiritual Formation:

- Home church groups
- Spiritual development and counseling
- Mentoring/leadership
- Teaching in educational institutions
- Healthy lifestyle presentations in schools
- Training seminars

Other:

- Ministry through mass media (audio and video broadcasting on the internet, websites, blogs, etc.)
- Christian media ministry, journalism, articles
- Ministry through drama
- Music ministry
- Ministry through the arts (painting, dancing, etc.)
- Administration
- Organization and operations management
- Prayer ministry
- Ministry to Holocaust victims
- Repatriation



Measuring the Impact of SWW

Mission Eurasia recognizes the importance of measuring the impact of the SWW non-formal leadership training program. That's why in 2017-2018, we have continued to carry out a formal evaluation of SWW using Clarity Research, a third-party research firm. Results of the evaluation are encouraging and show improved metrics in a number of impact categories, including leadership, discipleship, evangelism, and community outreach, particularly among SWW graduates. To receive a copy of the complete report, School Without Walls Program Impact, please contact Mission Eurasia at: info@missioneurasia.org or call: (630) 462-1739.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

4 – Colossians 3:17

"I am grateful for School Without Walls, through which I have grown spiritually. Through the training, discussions, and case studies we go through in SWW, my thinking, approaches, and habits have changed and enabled me to help and serve others more effectively ... I am grateful for each day of life that God gives me and the opportunity that comes with it to serve Him!" – **Olya, SWW student, Belarus**

NGPLI: CHRISTIAN PROFESSIONAL LEADERS TRANSFORMING SOCIETY

Not long ago, Christians in Eurasia were excluded from influential professional roles. But right now, the doors have opened and young Christian leaders are moving into positions of influence. Our **Next Generation Professional Leaders Initiative (NGPLI)** is training and equipping them to share their faith with colleagues, clients, students, and patients. With your support, they're changing their nations for Christ!



NGPLI OUTREACH AT-A-GLANCE

Young Professionals Who Received NGPLI Training	8,300
Partnering Churches	495
Training Events	52
Conferences	14
Forums	5
Roundtables	5

PROFESSIONAL AREAS REPRESENTED

Medical/Healthcare	2,400
Education	1,450
Law	1,050
Business	2,100
Science and Technology	900
University Students	400
Total:	8,300



"... Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

– Matthew 5:16

"While using our gifts, we must ask God to lead us and obey His call for our lives. We should also incorporate our gifts and passions into our professions, because work is meant to be used for ministry ... God does everything perfectly, so we must also do our work as best we can and use it to honor Him. No matter what your job is, you should use it to glorify God."

– Irina, Christian businesswoman and NGPLI participant

PLANTING NEW CHURCHES TO SERVE COMMUNITIES IN NEED

War and instability have caused massive population shifts in Eurasia. Whole new communities have sprung up—most of them plagued with poverty, homelessness, and despair. They desperately need a strong Christian witness in their midst. That's why SWW has put a strong emphasis on church planting. We train pastors to lead these new churches, equipping them with Bibles and other strategic resources to disciple their congregations and reach the lost. In the last year, with your help, we were privileged to establish **58 new churches** throughout Eurasia.

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NEW CHURCHES PLANTED:

Ukraine	26
Israel	26
Turkmenistan	1
Uzbekistan	1
Kazakhstan	1
Georgia	1
Belarus	1
Azerbaijan	1
Total:	58

“For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.”

– 1 Corinthians 3:9



Alexei’s Story

Not long ago, Alexei was living a sinful lifestyle that left him feeling empty and lost. Then he went to a School Without Walls meeting, where he repented of his sins and dedicated his life to Christ. Alexei realized God had called him to encourage other young people, so he began pursuing a youth ministry degree at Odessa Theological Seminary. Now he’s using his SWW training to plant a new church in the frontline village of Andreyevka, Ukraine.

BUILDING HEALTHY, CHRIST-CENTERED FAMILIES

Christian families are the building blocks of God's work. That's why the forces of darkness try so hard to destroy them. SWW is reclaiming the territory with its **Family as Mission** initiative.

During the Soviet era, the government separated children from their families to indoctrinate them. Now, the children of Eurasia are facing more insidious threats. Drug and alcohol addiction are rampant. HIV/AIDS is claiming thousands of young lives. And tragically, more and more troubled youths are seeking escape through suicide.

Under the leadership of SWW Ukraine director Konstantin Teteryatnikov and his wife Katya, the Family as Mission initiative is empowering, supporting, training, and mobilizing Christian families to shape society.



The initiative focuses on four areas:

- Building strong, Christ-centered marriages
- Providing Christian parents with biblical training and parenting skills
- Encouraging Christian families to adopt and become foster parents
- Mobilizing churches to adopt family-focused ministries

Konstantin and Katya have adopted and fostered ten children themselves, so they're well-prepared to help others in the same effort. "The biblical command to care for orphans is only possible through strong families," Konstantin says. "And when we build and support godly families, we are revitalizing both family and ministry in society." Through your help, **Family as Mission** is replacing despair with hope.

Katya was visiting orphanages and children's homes in Crimea with a puppet ministry team. That's when the Lord touched her heart and gave her the desire to adopt. But her husband Konstantin didn't share her vision right away. "She told me about her dream to adopt an orphan," he says, "but at first I wasn't ready for this serious commitment." That soon changed, and "In 2014, we adopted three orphans at once. Today, we have 12 children living in nine rooms!" Konstantin credits Katya's commitment for inspiring his own. "My wife's passion for caring for children has always amazed me, and she continues to humbly serve as best she can."

"God settles the solitary in a home ..."

– Psalm 68:6

RELEASING THE POWER OF GOD'S WORD

Under communist rule, Eurasia was steeped in atheistic teaching for decades. Even now, many people are completely unfamiliar with God's Word. That's why SWW is committed to the urgent task of bringing the Scriptures to this spiritually famished region. **In 2017-18**, our SWW students and graduates distributed a total of **941,400** copies of scriptural resources through a variety of strategic outreaches including summer Bible camps, the Gift of Hope Christmas outreach, the I Care Refugee Assistance Program, and the 2018 World Soccer Cup.

Sharing the Good News at the World Cup

In 2018, SWW partnered with over **400 evangelical churches** and international organizations to reach the thousands of attendees at the World Cup in Moscow. Through your support, we helped distribute more than a half million copies of God's Word there. SWW students and other Next Generation leaders put into practice the evangelistic strategies they'd been learning in the SWW program. And they're following up on their World Cup activities with evangelistic camps,

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it."

– Isaiah 55:10-11

home Bible studies, and youth outreaches.

Pavel Tokarchuk, Mission Eurasia's director in Russia, shared, "Many Christians in Russia have found a new courage and boldness for sharing their faith because of the World Cup Outreach."

600,000 Russian-language Scriptures and scriptural resources distributed at the 2018 World Cup Outreach



Sharing the Gospel in Red Square

Open evangelism is still illegal in Russia. But during the World Cup, 25 SWW students managed to make four gospel presentations in the center of Moscow's Red Square—within sight of the Kremlin. These brave believers were able to talk with about 200 people and distribute 500 copies of the Gospel of John. They prayed with 80 people and reported that 14 accepted Christ that very day.

"You have reignited enthusiasm for evangelism within our church ... We thank Mission Eurasia and all of your partners and supporters for the culturally relevant, much-needed Scripture resources you provided for us to distribute during this outreach." – Sergei Sipko, pastor and church planter in Moscow

TRANSFORMING YOUNG LIVES WITH THE HOPE OF JESUS

Gift of Hope

Your support is helping to change the lives of Eurasia's children, replacing despair with hope.

For many of these precious young people, hunger and hardship are all they've ever known. Imagine their joy at receiving a Gift of Hope—with toys, treats, warm mittens or socks—and a children's storybook Bible to tell them about God's love.

Because of you, we were able to distribute **79,170 Gifts of Hope** and **113,400 copies of Scripture** to neglected, hurting children in Ukraine, Russia, Moldova, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, and Azerbaijan.

A Continuing Legacy

Years ago, Alexander was a young child living in an orphanage in Minsk, Belarus. Some SWW workers visited him there and shared the story of God's saving love. He received it eagerly. To help his development as a young believer, they also gave Alexander an illustrated children's Bible.

Then last Christmas, SWW workers returned to the orphanage after several years. They were surprised to find Alexander—now fourteen—telling those Bible stories by heart to the younger children there. It was a joyous reunion—and a confirmation that SWW's legacy of hope is being passed on.

A Summer of Hope for the Children of Eurasia

In 2018, thousands of children experienced a blessed respite from the trauma of war, upheaval, and poverty at Mission

Eurasia's summer Bible camps, led by our SWW students and other Next Generation leaders. Many of these children were orphans, homeless, refugees, or children with special needs. At camp they learned about Jesus and the Good News of salvation and experienced God's love through the ministry of our dedicated young leaders. And they received their very own copies of God's Word to guide them through the rest of their lives.

In all, **11,635 children** attended 157 summer Bible camps in **14 countries**, receiving **33,000 Bibles** and other items of Christian literature. It truly was a Summer of Hope! Thank you for helping these precious, needy children.



"But 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

"During the Bible lessons, I learned that God loves His children, and I believe that He will be with me when I'm scared. When I go home today, I'm going to ask my mother to pray with me, and I'll show her the beautiful magazine you gave me that talks about Jesus. I know He will never leave us."

– **Sasha, six years old, Andreyevka, Ukraine**

HELPING WAR VICTIMS IN EASTERN UKRAINE

The people of eastern Ukraine have been traumatized by war since 2014. But the horror doesn't end when the bombing stops. People are left injured, sick, hungry, and desperate. Many have lost loved ones, and many homes have been destroyed.

SWW leaders and church partners are there in the midst of the tragedy of war, providing much-needed aid through the **I Care Refugee Assistance Program**.

With your generous support we've distributed:

120,000 pounds of clothing and other goods

1.6 million rice meals

3,850 wheelchairs

3,000 family food packs



"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God."

– Isaiah 40:1

That's not all:

4,838,000 people have been impacted through our humanitarian aid

1,590 refugees received counseling

240 pastors received special training

And, we've received **100,000** pairs of eyeglasses, which we're distributing to needy people right now!



Giving the Bread of Life

The **Bread of Life Bakeries** operate on the frontlines of war-torn eastern Ukraine, providing life-saving food along with the hope of the gospel. In the past year, the bakeries served about **55,000** hungry people with more than **23,000** free loaves of bread and bread products. Another **225,500** loaves were sold at a special reduced price. In addition, more than **5,000** Scripture pieces were given to people hungry for God's Word.

Stas is only in his twenties. But he's already served with SWW in the war zone of eastern Ukraine, distributing aid and leading children's Bible camps. Here's what he saw:

"During my first trip to Avdeyevka, everything seemed gray and dead, but despite the destruction, the people of this city seemed more alive to me than those who were not living in the midst of devastation. I believe that God is working in the hearts of these people, and I can serve as an instrument in His hands. After seeing so many people who have lost all of their material possessions, you realize that everything is temporary. The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away, so we need to set our priorities correctly. Now, I understand that the salvation of people's souls is the only thing that really matters."

IMPACTING EURASIA FOR CHRIST

God is using **School Without Walls** to do great things in Eurasia.

And your support makes it all possible!

Thank you!

ESTIMATED SWW GOSPEL IMPACT IN 2017-2018

People impacted	3,000,000
Churches involved/impacted	722
Communities involved/impacted	585
Scriptural resources distributed by SWW students/grads	941,400
Bible studies/home groups started	130
Refugees and others impacted by I Care Refugee Assistance Program	1,500,000
Children/youth reached through Gift of Hope outreach	79,170
Children in need, orphans, and youth reached through summer Bible camps	11,635



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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