

# 2018 World Soccer Cup Outreach In Russia: Partnership Proposal



*“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 55:11).*

## THE NEED

Once again, it seems as though an Iron Curtain is lowering over the nation of Russia. New restrictions are limiting freedom—politically, economically, and spiritually—depriving millions of people of the opportunity to hear the gospel. In 2016, Russia passed the harsh new Yarovaya law, limiting mission work ... *outside the walls of a registered national church*. Yet despite these new restrictive measures, Russia needs the gospel now more than ever before.

### Just consider these alarming statistics:

- **Russia has one of the fastest growing rates of HIV/AIDS in the world.**
- **Russia has the world’s highest rate of addiction to injectable drugs.**
- **Russia has the third highest teenage suicide rate in the world.**
- **Domestic violence kills at least 12,000 women every year and is 37 times worse than in the US.**

Because the Word of God has the power to change lives, Mission Eurasia is committed to providing copies of Bibles, New Testaments, Gospel booklets and other forms of Scripture to every age and segment of Russian society who so desperately need the hope of the gospel.

## THE OPPORTUNITY

The 2018 World Soccer Cup will be taking place in Russia this summer, and God has given us the incredible opportunity to partner with national evangelical churches in Russia to reach 600,000 Russian people with the Word of God during this time.

From June 14 through July 15, hundreds of thousands of people will pour in from around the country to eleven cities where World Cup soccer matches will take place. Our young, trained national School Without Walls leaders and graduates will be there—at churches in each host city—where projectors will transmit live games onto big screens, and tables will be filled with copies of the Word of God in the Russian language.



# FIFA WORLD CUP RUSSIA 2018 HOST CITIES



**At each church—the only places in Russia where it is allowed—our young leaders will strike up Kingdom conversations and will give specially designed copies of the Word of God to men and women who do not know Jesus as their personal Savior.**

In another 50 Russian cities, fan zones will be established at local churches for the same purpose—to share the gospel message and copies of the Word of God during this month-long soccer competition.

To help us seize this incredible opportunity, we are planning to print and place a total of 600,000 pieces of Scripture in Russian, including **100,000 New Testaments**, which will be distributed at churches in various locations during the 2018 World Soccer Cup. Each New Testament will have an electronic QR code, which contains the plan of salvation and other important discipleship materials.

We are deeply grateful that one of our major ministry partners has already pledged a matching gift of \$75,000

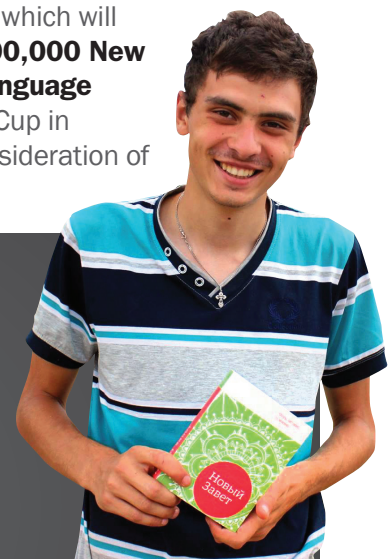
to provide 50,000 New Testaments—half of the New Testaments needed—for this evangelistic outreach. However, **we still need to raise another \$75,000 to meet the match and begin printing all 100,000 New Testaments in Russian before the beginning of the 2018 World Soccer Cup.**

## IMPACT

In addition to directly impacting 600,000 families with the Word of God, this outreach event will help churches in Russia form 1,800 home Bible study groups and reach an estimated 15,000 children through church day camps which will be organized after the games. **Overall, we estimate that we will help reach 3 million people through this 2018 World Soccer Cup outreach in Russia.**

## REQUEST

Mission Eurasia would like to request your prayerful consideration of a gift toward helping us achieve our matching goal of \$75,000, which will enable us to print and place **100,000 New Testaments in the Russian language** during the 2018 World Soccer Cup in Russia. Thank you for your consideration of this request.



  
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