

ANNUAL REPORT

Preparing **Kingdom Leaders** for
Transformative Ministry

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Redeeming the Time, Preparing for the Future

Sergey Rakhuba,
President



“*Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season.*”

—2 Timothy 4:2

Dear Friend,

When the Apostle Paul wrote these words, he was expressing the great vision that God had entrusted to him: to spread the gospel through the Next Generation. He was confident about passing his ministry on to Timothy, his spiritual son.

Paul knew that Timothy would face severe challenges—as Paul himself had. So he wrote this letter to encourage Timothy, urging him to “fan into flame the gift of God” and “be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 1:6, 2:1).

With an eye to the future, Paul also wrote, “The things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses **entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others**” (2 Timothy 2:2).

This biblical concept is very important to us at Mission Eurasia, as we work to **train** and **equip** reliable, qualified leaders to bring the gospel to people who desperately need it, despite any challenges they may face. I’m always amazed and gratified to see the passion and commitment of our **School Without Walls** students and **Next Generation leaders** for new, strategic outreach ministries. When I see their work in the ministry field, I’m confident that God’s work is in good hands.

But right now, the shadow of repression and persecution is descending on many parts of Eurasia. So our task is even more urgent. We know that the powers of darkness oppose what we’re doing and will use every means to stop it. But it can’t be stopped—because it is God’s work. He will prevail. And with your continued partnership, we will work together to see it through.

This annual report is a summary of the profound impact that your support has made possible. But the real story is in the people living in the post-Soviet countries of Eurasia whose lives have been changed by the gospel. These include young children and aged widows, students and professionals, Israelis and Mongolians. What they all have in common is their need for Jesus—and their joy in coming to know Him.

In this report, you’ll learn about Next Generation leaders who have been trained and equipped to make an impact on their communities and nations; young Christian professionals who are using their vocations as a platform for the gospel in the workplace; families who are learning to practice biblical principles for marriage and parenting; new churches that are being planted; and traditional churches that are becoming more involved in outreach ministry to the community.

This is the legacy of your generous giving. As you read, I hope you’ll join with me in praising God for His goodness and faithfulness. It has been my privilege to journey with you in this great calling of God. I’m truly grateful for your steadfast support.

Gratefully in Him,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Rakhuba'.

Sergey Rakhuba
President, Mission Eurasia

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Taking God's Message *Everywhere*

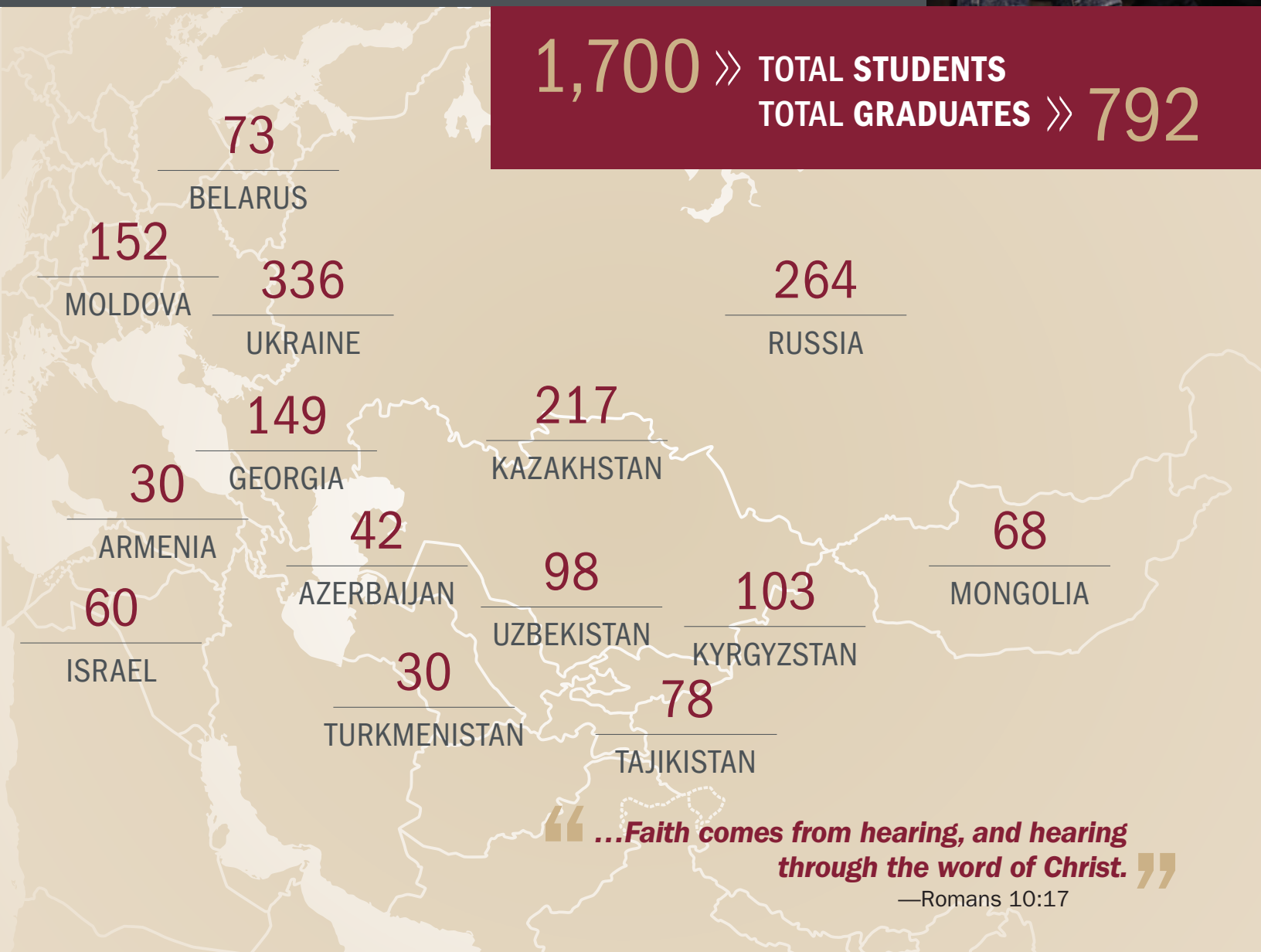
The young leaders of **School Without Walls** are changing lives through *youth ministry, family ministry, media ministry, outreach* to at-risk people groups, and many other initiatives. They deeply appreciate your prayers and partnership as they serve on the front lines of God's work.

Thank you!



From Israel to Arctic Siberia, SWW students are sharing the wonderful love of God.

1,700 » TOTAL STUDENTS
TOTAL GRADUATES » **792**



“...Faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”
—Romans 10:17

“ ***I love studying at School Without Walls (SWW), where I am learning more about God’s calling and the importance of serving those in need. It doesn’t matter if you are healthy or sick, poor or rich, modest or proud; God loves everyone. And SWW helps us grow spiritually so that we can serve others as effectively as possible. SWW is teaching me how to live the Christian life, and it is equipping me to continue pursuing growth and self-improvement.*** ”

—Rail,
Chaikovskiy, Russia



Sharing the Message of the Messiah in Israel

Immigrants and refugees are still flooding into Israel from Russian-speaking countries. SWW graduates are reaching them by planting new home churches, organizing children’s Bible camps, delivering copies of Scripture, and more. Recently, through one Bible class alone, 13 people received Jesus and were baptized in the Jordan River.

“ ***After completing my first SWW session, I realized that this is a school of life, and I learned how to love my neighbor regardless of the circumstances. I also learned about humility and the importance of serving others, and my character was transformed.*** ”

—Kristina,
SWW student in Israel



Making Christ Known in the Workplace

With effective training, young Christian professionals are sharing the gospel—in their own communities and beyond.

Committed young Christians are increasingly entering influential professional fields in Eurasia. This offers a wonderful platform for them to share their faith. But they urgently need training to make the most of their opportunities. That's what NGPLI provides. Regional conferences, forums, and seminars are giving them the tools they need to change the world.

With your help, **8,300** Next Generation leaders received NGPLI training in 2018.

These Christian professionals are representing Christ in the fields of:



Medicine: **2,400**
Education: **1,450**
Law: **1,050**
Business: **2,100**
Science and technology: **900**
University students: **400**

“ ... 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





Next Generation Professional Leaders Forum, Minsk, Belarus

IADCE—Teaching the Christian Worldview

As a charter member of **The International Alliance for the Development of Christian Education (IADCE)**, Mission Eurasia helps train educators to bring a Christian worldview into their schools and classrooms. At this early stage of the Christian school movement in the former Soviet Union, IADCE has focused on leadership training for existing Christian school directors and national teacher trainers in the four countries of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and Lithuania. Through them, hundreds of teachers and thousands of school children and their families have been impacted by the time-tested truths of the Christian faith.

“*Through IADCE, I have grown both professionally and spiritually. This program taught me how to fully integrate the Bible into my teaching.*”

—Tatiana Garkun,
Director, My Horizons Christian School, Khmelnytsky, Ukraine



God's Word is Reaching Those Who Need It

Mission Eurasia's Next Generation leaders are sharing the Scriptures with people throughout Eurasia. And it is changing lives.

Along with physical aid, we're bringing the people of Eurasia what they need most—the Word of God. Many of them have never had access to the Bible before. When they receive God's message, they're grateful and receptive. They learn about the God of love, who gave His Son to save them. And in response, many of them believe. Your support is truly having an eternal impact.

“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



**Total Scriptures printed and distributed in 2018:
941,400 copies**

“During the weekends, I sometimes visit my grandparents, who live not very far from us. My grandpa loves to read me stories, and I love listening to them. Now I'm going to ask him to read me the children's Bible that you gave me. Thank you for bringing it! Thank you also for inviting me to the children's group at church! I will definitely go.”

—Eldar, Avdeyevka,
Ukraine (who lost his
father in the war)

“ You have reignited enthusiasm for evangelism within our church ... Through this outreach, we saw firsthand the hunger people have for printed copies of God’s Word that they can hold in their own hands as they seek to know God’s truth. ”

—Sergey Sipko, pastor and church planter, Moscow

Victory in Christ: 2018 World Cup Outreach in Russia

Few events attract people from around the globe like the FIFA World Cup soccer competition. In 2018, this popular event was held in Russia—a perfect opportunity to reach people with the gospel.

Working with **400** evangelical churches in more than **50 cities** throughout Russia, Mission Eurasia distributed **600,000** copies of God’s Word during our World Cup Outreach. For an entire month, screening events, youth soccer tournaments, and soccer day camps took place—all with the purpose of sharing the Good News. Our Next Generation leaders and students from School Without Walls were able to put into practice the strategies they’ve been learning. As a result, even though Russia officially opposes open evangelism, hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children received God’s message.

Mission Eurasia’s leaders and partner churches are currently following up on this extraordinary outreach with more evangelistic camps, home Bible studies, and youth outreaches.

Exciting endeavors like this are possible thanks to your generous support.



Time May be Limited for Evangelism in Eurasia

Government restrictions make it difficult for Christians to share their faith. Mission Eurasia is making the most of the remaining opportunities.

These developments make it all the more important that we share the gospel while we can. As Jesus said,

“**We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work.**”

—John 9:4

In many Western countries, freedom of religion is taken for granted. But in many countries in Eurasia, it's largely a foreign concept.

In Russia, a new set of repressive laws, known as the “Yarovaya package,” has severely restricted religious activities other than those associated with the Russian Orthodox Church. “Missionary activity”—including even informal sharing of the gospel outside the walls of the church—is prohibited.

The Central Asian republics of Eurasia have seen similar levels of repression and persecution. Christian leaders are routinely fined, intimidated, and arrested. Churches have been forced to close. Believers in these areas face additional hostility from militant Islam, so the pressure on them is especially intense.

In light of these alarming trends, Mission Eurasia has been working to raise awareness about religious freedom issues through media and roundtables, and cultivating prayer through our global Christian networks.

Here are some of the specific ways we accomplished this in 2018:

- In partnership with the Institute for Religious Freedom, we published a report titled *Religious Freedom at Gunpoint* in English, Russian, and Ukrainian on religious freedom violations in the occupied territories of eastern Ukraine. This report was presented to ambassadors to many countries, including Samuel Brownback, US Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom.
- Using various international platforms, such as the Religious Liberty Partnership (RLP), the National Prayer Breakfast, and the Norwegian Helsinki Committee, we shared significant firsthand information from our local leaders about religious freedom violations in Central Asia.
- In partnership with the Russian Slavic Legal Center, we helped to organize a series of seminars to help 1,000 Russian pastors who have been affected by the Yarovaya Law, using a unique manual we published titled *Missionary Activity: How to Avoid Becoming a Victim of the Yarovaya Law*.
- We provided financial and humanitarian assistance to the families of 12 pastors in Central Asia who were fined or arrested for their missionary activity, as well as to the missionaries of three churches in the occupied territories of eastern Ukraine.

“**We must obey God rather than men.**”

—Acts 5:29

Planting New Churches to Expand God's Kingdom in Eurasia

Mission Eurasia is training Next Generation church planters to establish the Body of Christ in new and unreached areas of the post-Soviet world.

Through our School Without Walls training program and partnerships, Mission Eurasia is helping to plant new churches and develop national disciple-making movements throughout Eurasia.

In 2018, these training efforts included two roundtables on church planting that were held in Moscow and Krasnoyarsk, Russia for more than **60** leaders.

In addition, Mission Eurasia developed new church-planting resources (training manual and workbook), which were presented to **70** SWW coordinators and instructors during training seminars on church planting. Using the principles in these resources, two new churches were planted in Irpen, Ukraine and Omsk, Russia.

Finally, in partnership with the Russian church-planting movement *My Father's House*, training is being provided for leaders who are planting seven new churches in Moscow and the Moscow region, as well as five other cities in Russia.

Altogether, in 2018, Mission Eurasia was privileged to help plant **73** new churches throughout Eurasia, including seven churches on the frontline in eastern Ukraine, which are each attended by around **360** people, reaching around **4,200** people every month.



“ I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ”
—Matthew 16:18

2018 MINISTRY AT-A-GLANCE

God is at work in Eurasia! And through your prayers and financial support, you share a vital part in His great purpose. Christians are being mobilized. Churches are reproducing. The gospel is spreading. And lives are being forever transformed.

Read about the wonderful impact your support is making. And rejoice with us!



SCHOOL WITHOUT WALLS

» **1,700** SWW students and **792 graduates** took God's message to people in **14 countries**.

“ SWW was the foundation for my spiritual growth and my decision to follow the Lord. This program gave me a passion for ministry and set a high standard for dedication and service to my community. ”

—David, SWW graduate, Israel



NEXT GENERATION PROFESSIONAL LEADERS INITIATIVE

» **8,300** young professionals received important training at **30 NGPLI events**.

“ Scripture clearly calls us to live out our faith every day, so we have no right to separate our Christian walk from our professions. Instead, we need to find ways to use our work to preach the gospel. And in order to bring transformation to society, each of us must have not only Christian values, but also professional experience and skills in the spheres in which we work. ”

—Oleg, Christian professional, Ukraine



SUMMER BIBLE CAMPS

» We hosted **157** Bible camps in **14 countries**, where **11,635 children** and youth heard the message of the gospel. And with your help, we distributed **33,000 Scripture resources**.

“ I've never had many friends before, but at camp I've made so many kind and loving Christian friends! I don't want camp to end, but today I realized that God will protect me no matter where I am, so I don't feel scared anymore. ”

—Sasha, seven years old, Berdyansk, Ukraine



“I CARE” MINISTRY TO REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PEOPLE

» Thanks to you, **1.5** million people received humanitarian aid in 2018. We delivered **1.6 million rice meals, 3,000 family food packs, 120,000 pounds of clothing** and other goods, and **100,000 pairs of eyeglasses**.

“ What really helped us stay afloat were the Christian young people who brought us food, especially when our children were sick. Thank you so much for this rice and for taking care of us! ”

—Oksana, Moldova



GIFT OF HOPE

» Your support enabled us to provide **79,170** children with Gifts of Hope in eight countries. We also distributed **113,400 copies of Scripture**, partnering with **6,167 workers** and **549 churches**.

“ I consider Gift of Hope to be a very useful tool for evangelism, especially when we are able to partner with missionaries, who continue to serve the children and families we impact through this ministry. ”

—Valerie, SWW Director, Krasnodar, Russia



SCRIPTURE PUBLISHING AND DISTRIBUTION

» **941,400** Scripture resources for children and adults were printed in partnership with several other organizations and distributed, including **Bibles, New Testaments, gospel booklets, and other evangelistic literature**.

“ I was so pleasantly surprised when I received a copy of *Hope* magazine, which was beautifully designed and written in a way that I could actually understand. Now, I read this magazine every day, and I love that it includes Bible verses that apply to situations I encounter in my everyday life. As a young girl, I am often tempted to go along with what my peers are doing, but reading God’s Word helps me stay faithful to Him. The Psalms included in *Hope* magazine also inspire me, and the way they are designed makes God’s Word come alive. ”

—Sveta, Svetliy, Ukraine

“I Care” Refugee Assistance Program— Helping Victims of War

The war in eastern Ukraine has devastated thousands of lives. Mission Eurasia is there in the midst of the suffering, offering food, clothing, housing—and the love of God.

Even as the world media has moved on to other stories, the war in Ukraine continues to wreak misery and devastation. More than **3 million** people have been forced to flee their homes. They often leave with no belongings, and must find a way to survive in unfamiliar places. They wander, homeless and hungry, without clothing, without medical care—and without hope.

In addition to the horrors of war, people in this region face the typical problems of a society without Christ. Drug addiction, alcoholism, and suicide are common. Single mothers struggle to raise their children without fathers. The “I Care” program is reaching the precious people of this hurting region with practical help. With your support, the light of the gospel is shining in the darkness.

“*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*”
—Psalm 46:1

Here's what your support made possible in 2018:

- 1.5 million people have received humanitarian aid
- 1,590 received counseling
- 240 pastors received special training

And here's some of what your generous help enabled us to distribute:

- 120,000 pounds of clothing and other goods
- 1.6 million rice meals
- 3,000 family food packs
- 100,000 pairs of eyeglasses
- 3,850 wheelchairs



“**God bless the kind people who work for Free Wheelchair Mission! You are bringing irreplaceable gifts to those in need. I'm so grateful for this wheelchair. Thank you for all you are doing for the disabled in our country.**”

—Aleksandra, 94 years old, Volnovakha, Ukraine



Food for the Starving. Nothing is more distressing for a mother than to see her children suffering. As war and hardship devastate eastern Ukraine, many children are going hungry. Through our partnership with Feed My Starving Children, we are providing nutritious Manna Pack rice meals for hungry children and families throughout this ravaged region.



Church Planting. Even in the war zone, God is establishing His church! During 2018, Mission Eurasia helped to plant seven new churches near the frontline in eastern Ukraine. These new churches are flourishing! They are attended by around 360 people and are reaching around 4,200 people with the gospel each month.



Bread for the Body and Soul. Offering far more than just nutritious baked goods, the Bread of Life Bakeries are providing jobs for the unemployed and the message of Jesus Christ—the true Bread of Life—for the spiritually hungry. In 2018, **around 250,000** loaves of bread were distributed, along with scriptural resources, impacting the lives of 55,000 hungry souls.



Mobility for the Disabled. Many people in eastern Ukraine and Moldova are immobile because of disease, injury, or simply old age, and the cost of a wheelchair is beyond their means. Some are trapped in the war zone; others are displaced and living in unfamiliar cities. Since 2014, Mission Eurasia has been partnering with Free Wheelchair Mission to bring mobility back to hundreds of grateful women, children, and men. In 2018 alone, we provided 3,850 wheelchairs for those in need.

Shining the Light Where Darkness Once Ruled

Millions haven't yet heard the gospel. With your help, we're reaching them.

Jesus said, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15). But there are still **6,671 people groups** that have yet to hear the Good News. That's **3.12 billion** human beings—or, **42.3 percent** of the world's population.

93,525,000 of those people live in the former Soviet Union and Israel. Now you can see why we're passionate about going to the unreached people of Eurasia—a vast territory that includes *Russia, Mongolia, and Azerbaijan*.

**We're reaching
them through a variety
of outreaches:**



- Sharing the Scriptures in native languages
- Church planting
- Children's ministries
- Training leaders and missionaries
- Meeting felt needs with vital social services



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I became a believer about 11 years ago, and I went to a recent School Without Walls (SWW) conference in Ulaangom, because I wanted to grow spiritually and spend time with other Christians. At the conference, I learned how important it is to share the gospel with my peers. Now I want to share what I learned with my church and get more involved in youth outreach. I'm currently teaching Sunday school and studying to be a doctor. My dream is to open an orphanage in Mongolia so I can teach children about Jesus and care for their medical needs. ”

—Erdenetogtog, 18 years old

“ **How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed?
And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?
And how are they to hear without someone preaching?** ”

—Romans 10:14

RUSSIA. As a country that straddles two continents, Russia comprises a huge expanse of territory. So it's no surprise that there are many unreached people within her borders. In 2018, Mission Eurasia's young leaders actively served unreached people groups, particularly in two remote, challenging regions: Russia's Far North and the volatile North Caucasus.

In Russia's Far North, Mission Eurasia launched a three-year nomadic School Without Walls (SWW) leadership training program for six native people groups who are primarily reindeer herders and who practice traditional pagan beliefs: the Nenets, Khanty, Mansi, Selkupy, Komi, and Saami peoples. During two training sessions, 25 students learned how to share the gospel effectively within their own cultures.

Mission Eurasia was also actively involved in translating the New Testament and several books of the Bible into an audio format, and recording a children's film in the Nenets language. Our SWW students also delivered food, gasoline, firewood, Gifts of Hope, and Christian literature to those in need in several native villages as well as among reindeer herders living in the tundra.

In the volatile North Caucasus region of Russia, Mission Eurasia trained and equipped 180 SWW students, along with church leaders and missionaries, to share the gospel in new, strategic ways with unreached peoples, including the Digor, Lezgin, Kalmyk, Udi, and Chechen. One of the most effective ways they brought the gospel to these people was by orally sharing Bible stories, since many of these groups practice the oral tradition of storytelling. In addition, SWW students shared the gospel with more than 600 Muslim children from the Chechen, Ossetian, and Digor people groups during summer Bible camps in Chechnya, North Ossetia, and South Ossetia.

AZERBAIJAN. The Udi people of Azerbaijan are a relatively small ethnic group in this Muslim-dominant country. Mission Eurasia's young leaders are reaching children and youth through Bible classes, summer Bible camps, and our Gift of Hope Christmas outreach. During the 2018 Christmas season, SWW students led a Christmas event and distributed Gifts of Hope to 200 children in the city of Nij, where most of the Udi people live.

MONGOLIA. For ten years, Mission Eurasia has been working in the remote land of Mongolia, where shamanism, Buddhism, and paganism are the predominant belief systems. Our Next Generation leaders in northern Mongolia have organized Bible camps and Gift of Hope Christmas outreaches, which are called *Christmas in Every Yurt*. Mission Eurasia teams work alongside local leaders to share Christ with those who don't know Him. In the last year, they've shared the gospel with **1,500 children** at summer Bible camps and held a training conference for about **60 SWW students**. They even led a short-term mission trip to Siberia, where at least one young girl was led to Christ!

Bringing God's Love and Truth to the Young

Children are precious to God. Imparting the gospel to them is one of the most important things we do.

The children of Eurasia don't always understand the turmoil that's happening around them. But, like all children, they understand love. When God's love is presented in a pure, sincere way, it goes straight to their hearts. That's why Mission Eurasia places such a strong emphasis on training young leaders to reach children with the love of God through our children's ministries.

Here are some of the outreaches to children that your support is helping:



GIFT OF HOPE

A brightly wrapped gift can bring joy to the saddest of hearts. Through our annual Gift of Hope Christmas outreach, children who have known only hardship receive something wonderful—a gift box filled with toys, school supplies, mittens, sweets, and a Bible storybook.

In 2018, your support enabled us to bring Gifts of Hope to **79,170 children** in **eight countries**, including Ukraine, Russia, Moldova, Belarus, Georgia, Mongolia, Kyrgyzstan, and Azerbaijan.

Working with **549 churches** and **6,167 volunteers**, we provided **113,400 copies of Scripture**. Along with the children, you enabled us to reach an estimated **89,065** parents, family members, caregivers, and orphanage workers.



SUMMER BIBLE CAMPS

The Bible camps that your support makes possible are so important for the young people who attend. Some of them are orphans. Some come from war zones. Many are impoverished. All are hungry for the love of God. At Bible camp they learn about Jesus—often for the first time. And they experience His love and guidance in a practical way. In the 2018 Summer of Hope, we hosted **157 Bible camps** in **14 countries**. In all, **11,635 young people** learned about God's love and salvation. And we distributed 33,000 copies of Scripture, including children's Bibles, Bible storybooks, and other resources.

Mission Eurasia uses specialized **Empower training seminars** and conferences to prepare SWW students and other young leaders throughout Eurasia to organize and lead Bible camps in their own nations. In 2018, we held Empower training events for **650 young leaders** in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, and Georgia, who, in turn, led **168 Bible camps**, impacting an additional **16,000 children and youth** for Christ. And it's all because of your generous help. Thank you so much!

“*Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me.*” —Matthew 18:3-5



PLAYGROUND OUTREACH

Children need food, water, shelter, and love. But they also need to *play*. Playgrounds provide a safe, healthy environment for children to interact with others and get much-needed exercise.

Playgrounds can also be a fertile mission field. When a Mission Eurasia team opened a children's playground in Peski, Ukraine, more than 250 people came for the dedication. Together with volunteers from nearby New Life Church, the Mission Eurasia team led the children in games and distributed Scriptures. Many of those who attended this event signed their children up for Christian summer camp and Sunday school classes.

In 2018, Mission Eurasia helped to build five playgrounds for children—three in Ukraine and two in Moldova, which impact an estimated 11,000 children and 18,000 family members in those countries.



HOME FOR EVERY ORPHAN (HFE0)

Eurasia has been ravaged by war, poverty, spiritual darkness, and social disruption. As a result, thousands of children have been orphaned or abandoned. Some end up in orphanages—which are often understaffed, underequipped, and overcrowded. And others live on the streets, vulnerable to the worst abuses imaginable.

A Home for Every Orphan (HFE0), begun by Anita Deyneka, Mission Eurasia's co-founder and director emeritus, is dedicated to placing parentless children in Russia, Ukraine, and other countries into loving Christian families. Now, Anita also serves with two partner organizations, A Family for Every Orphan (AFFEO) and World Without Orphans (WWO).

In 2018, your support helped to reunite or strengthen **1,830 families**, reaching **30,634 children** and families in ten countries. Moreover, **3,093 families** received material support and **119 children** were legally registered for adoption.

You also helped to widen the influence of this important mission, training **2,261 social workers**, distributing **68,123 family-based care resources**, providing counseling and support for **9,190 parents**, and reaching **1.2 million people** with the message of adoption.

With your faithful partnership, HFE0 will keep helping to rescue precious children, giving them the loving homes they deserve.

The Most Important Mission Field is in the Home

The forces of darkness are attacking families as never before, through divorce, infidelity, abuse, alcoholism, and drug addiction. The **Family as Mission** initiative gives families the spiritual and practical tools they need to fight back.

The program is thriving under the leadership of SWW Ukraine director Konstantin Teteryatnikov and his wife, Katya. As a newly married couple, Konstantin and Katya adopted three orphans. That began a lifelong commitment to children's ministry, which led naturally to the family ministry they now head.

Family as Mission focuses on four areas:

- 1 Building strong, Christ-centered marriages
- 2 Offering training in biblical principles and parenting skills
- 3 Encouraging adoption and foster parenting
- 4 Mobilizing churches to initiate family-focused ministries

In recognition of his outstanding work through Family as Mission, Konstantin Teteryatnikov received the 2018 Deyneka Award, which was established to honor our founders, Peter and Anita Deyneka, and contribute to programs that increase the impact of the gospel and the growth of the national church in Eurasia.

As Konstantin says, “A family without a mission will disintegrate, and a mission without a family will not materialize. The Lord can bring harmony to both family and ministry by bringing them together.”



Wayne Shepherd,
Board Chairman



Dear Friends of Mission Eurasia,

The older I get, the more I think about the need for helping a new generation of Christian leaders step into ministry and advance the Kingdom of God in their contexts. A great example for us is the relationship the Apostle Paul had with young Timothy. Acts 16 introduces us to Timothy, whom Paul chooses to take with him on his second missionary journey. At this beginning stage of their relationship, Paul is a ***“spiritual father”*** to Timothy and refers to him as ***“my true son in the faith”*** (1 Timothy 1:2). But as they spend time together, it’s obvious that Paul poured himself into Timothy and later refers to him as ***“my fellow worker”*** in chapter 16 of Romans.

At Mission Eurasia, we have as a key goal the training and equipping of the Next Generation of Christian leaders for gospel ministry in the countries where God has placed them. There are many young “Timothys” in every country who are ready and willing to serve God and need encouragement, training, and resources to move forward. Whether it is through our prayers, our financial support, or even our direct mentoring of these young lives, we have the exciting privilege of being used by God to assist these fellow workers in fulfilling God’s call. We can help them accomplish the same mandate that Paul gave Timothy: ***“Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season”*** (2 Timothy 4:2).

On behalf of the Mission Eurasia Board of Directors, let me take this opportunity to thank you for standing with us in this crucial mission. God has blessed this organization with a gifted group of godly leaders who want nothing more than to bring Him glory through their service. I urge you to pray for them and encourage them even as they pray for and support the Next Generation in Eurasia and Israel.

We appreciate you!

God’s best to you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wayne Shepherd', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Wayne Shepherd
Christian Radio Host
Chairman, Mission Eurasia Board of Directors

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