

2025 ANNUAL REPORT



BRINGING GOD'S LIGHT TO
THE NATIONS OF EURASIA



A LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Mission Eurasia partner,

It's my privilege to share with you Mission Eurasia's Annual Report for FY2025 (October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025). As you read through this report, I hope you'll be encouraged to see the amazing ways that God has brought His light to the people of Eurasia and Israel through your generous and faithful support.

Despite the ongoing, brutal war in Ukraine and other crises facing the people of Eurasia in 2025, God is raising up a new generation of faithful, dedicated leaders through our **School Without Walls (SWW)** program, **Next Generation Professional Leadership Initiative (NGPLI)**, and other innovative leadership training programs. These leaders are, in turn, carrying His light into the darkest places of Eurasia and Israel, reaching the unreached through a variety of holistic ministries.

These include strategic **Children's Ministries** through which our young leaders connect hurting young lives with God's love in practical ways. Through the life-transforming **Gift of Hope** outreach, these leaders deliver the hope of the gospel along with the joy of Christmas to children and youth in brightly colored gift boxes filled with toys, sweets, and a personal copy of God's Word. During the summer, these children are invited to attend our **Summer of Hope Bible camps** where they can heal from trauma and grow in their faith. We're so grateful that, despite the ongoing war in Ukraine and other disruptions, God has caused both of these programs to flourish.

As I'm sure you are aware, the war in Ukraine has continued to bring unimaginable suffering and loss during the past year. But our young, trained leaders have bravely responded by delivering life-saving humanitarian assistance and spiritual care to the Ukrainian people, as well as other people in crisis, through the **Caring Hands** program. This report shows how your gifts are helping Ukrainians and others who need it most in both practical and spiritual ways.

While much has been done to reach the people of Eurasia with the gospel, there are still more than 300 unreached people groups in this region of the world. That's why Mission Eurasia continues to motivate and train young indigenous leaders through the **Unreached People Groups Initiative (UPGI)** to reach their own people for Christ.

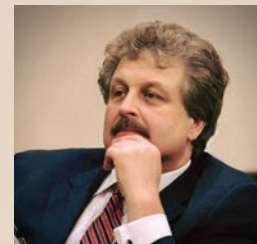
And through **Church-Planting** initiatives, young leaders are planting new churches which are growing and thriving in places where none existed before.

Through all of these ministry programs, our young leaders are shining God's light into the darkness by delivering copies of **Scripture and Christian literature** to young and old alike, often in partnership with local churches. Our dedicated teams have distributed thousands of pieces of Scripture across Eurasia in 2025 alone, and we rejoice that the Word of God is already bearing much fruit in their lives.

Finally, because Mission Eurasia serves in the post-Soviet region where the legacy of Soviet persecution endures and where Christians are increasingly under threat, the Church is in need of great support. With your help, our **Religious Freedom Initiative** is working, especially in the occupied territories of Ukraine, to raise awareness about persecution and mobilize global support for the Church. Here you'll learn about two Mission Eurasia reports that are making a difference: *Faith Under Russian Terror*, which details the persecution of Christians in Russian-occupied Ukraine, and *Faith in Chains*, which analyzes the persecution of Christians now in Belarus—a post-Soviet nation known as the “last dictatorship in Europe.”

In all these endeavors, we recognize that your steadfast support enables us to bring God's transforming light to the people of Eurasia. So, from my heart to yours—**thank you for your vital partnership in ministry!**

Most gratefully in Him,
Sergey Rakhuba, President





*"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*

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LEADERSHIP TRAINING

In Paul's second letter to Timothy, Paul gives his young protégé this solemn charge: "... What you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." - 2 Timothy 2:2

Leadership training remains Mission Eurasia's core ministry, empowering young leaders to partner with the national church in bringing the light of the gospel to this post-atheistic, post-Soviet region of the world. The need for leadership training is greater now than perhaps ever before as wars, political unrest, and persecution threaten the very fabric of Eurasian society. That's why Mission Eurasia remains committed to developing young leaders to transform their communities and nations for Christ. Here are the results of our key leadership training programs in 2024-2025.

School Without Walls (SWW)

The School Without Walls (SWW) program trains and equips young Christian leaders with the biblical foundation, ministry skills, and outreach tools needed to put their faith into practice in the ministry field. These leaders go where the needs are greatest, sharing the gospel, distributing Scripture, helping orphans and refugees, planting churches, distributing humanitarian assistance, and more.





	STUDENTS TRAINED	TRAINING CENTERS
 ARMENIA	155	5
 AZERBAIJAN	60	2
 BELARUS	65	3
 GEORGIA	75	4
 ISRAEL	26	2
 KAZAKHSTAN	50	3
 KYRGYZSTAN	80	4
 MOLDOVA	90	4
 MONGOLIA	100	10
 POLAND	70	4
 TAJIKISTAN	30	7
 TURKMENISTAN	25	2
 UKRAINE	350	12
 UZBEKISTAN	110	9

TOTAL GOSPEL IMPACT THROUGH SWW:

311,940 people

Impact

Thanks to your support in 2025, SWW trained 1,286 students and 435 graduates in 71 locations within 14 countries. These include **20 new locations** that were established in the following **nine countries**:

ARMENIA – Nshavan, Masis

AZERBAIJAN – Sumgait

BELARUS – Babruysk, Grodno

GEORGIA – Gori, Gurjaani

KYRGYZSTAN – Karakol, Bishkek

MOLDOVA – Cricova

MONGOLIA – Bayan-Ulgii, Ikhtamir, Ovorkhangai, Murun, Dornogovi

POLAND – Szczecin

TAJIKISTAN – Kulob, Sarband, Vakhsh, Sangtuda



RADION VELCEV

*Director, Next Generation
Professional Leaders Initiative (NGPLI)*

Next Generation Professional Leadership Initiative (NGPLI)

During the Soviet era, young Christians were not allowed to pursue higher education and enter influential professions because the Soviet atheistic government did not want believers to influence society at large. Today, the Next Generation Professional Leaders Initiative (NGPLI) is empowering young Christian professionals in Eurasia to impact their professions, cultures, governments, and society for Christ. Through NGPLI, participation in gospel-centered forums, conferences, and professional networks help them sharpen and implement their spiritual readiness skills.

Impact

In 2025, Mission Eurasia trained and equipped thousands of young Christian professional leaders through initiatives such as:

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS INITIATIVE (UPGI) – **1,730 leaders** were motivated, mobilized, and trained through NGPLI, SWW courses, roundtables, gatherings, and the Central Asia Prayer event for 600 people.

TOTAL IMPACT:

around 8,650 people

EMPOWER – **560 key leaders** were trained for summer Bible camp youth outreach ministries, representing over 40 ministry teams from Eurasia, including Moldova, Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Poland.

TOTAL IMPACT:

30,230 children & youth

RESTORATION MINISTRIES (ART OF RESTORATION) – **2,000 church and ministry leaders** in Ukraine, Moldova, and Poland and **10,000 additional church and ministry leaders** throughout Eurasia were motivated, encouraged, and empowered to continue their vital ministries, despite the ongoing war.

TOTAL IMPACT:

12,000 church & ministry leaders

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (IADCE) – **355 teachers**

representing 17 schools in 10 cities of Ukraine were trained through 25 professional development sessions.

TOTAL IMPACT:

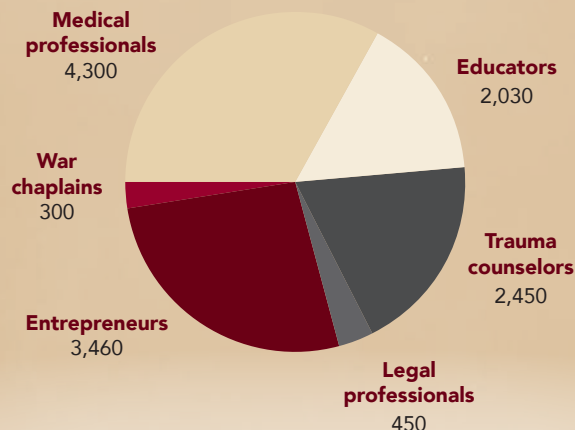
**8,611 pupils taught
by teacher participants**

In addition, in 2025, young Christian professionals took part in **120 NGPLI events** involving **13,200 participants** from **60 professional communities** (31 of which were new). They worked with more than **600 church leaders** across **14 countries** in Eurasia and Israel.

Next Generation professional leaders are making a difference wherever they go—reaching people for Christ.

TOTAL IMPACT:

12,990 young professionals trained



TOTAL GOSPEL IMPACT THROUGH NGPLI:

396,000 people

SCRIPTURE & CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Throughout the post-Soviet region of Eurasia, people are hungry for the living Word of God. That's why it is vitally important for Mission Eurasia to deliver copies of Scripture and Christian literature to people in their own native languages so they can experience God's transforming power in their lives.



*"For the word of God is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing
to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and
of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and
intentions of the heart." – Hebrews 4:12*

Impact

Over the past year, with your help, we distributed more than **620,000 Scripture resources**, including those printed by Mission Eurasia and others we received as humanitarian aid.

We also distributed **119,000** other pieces of Christian literature, including training manuals, resources for pastors and trauma counselors, and children's resources.





RUSSIA

130,000

Scripture resources
printed & distributed



UKRAINE

415,000

Scripture resources printed

OTHER LOCATIONS

25,000

other Scripture resources printed

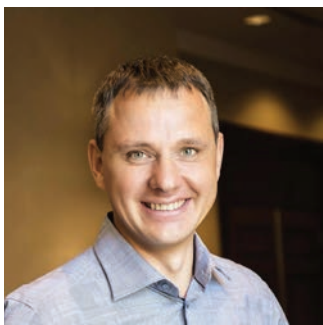
CENTRAL ASIA

50,000

New Testaments
printed & distributed

TOTAL GOSPEL IMPACT:

over 2,400,000 people



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HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Caring Hands Program

Jesus met people's physical as well as spiritual needs wherever He went. As His disciples, we're called to do the same. While the war in Ukraine has continued to rage, our young leaders have provided spiritual and life-saving practical assistance through our **Caring Hands** program primarily to those Ukrainians who were displaced or who are refugees in other countries, as well as others in great need. In Israel, our **Bridges of Hope initiative** worked to encourage reconciliation between the Jewish and Arab people while providing food and other forms of humanitarian relief to thousands of people in great need.

*"Let us not love in word or talk but in deed
and in truth." – 1 John 3:18*



Impact

Your generosity allowed us to impact hundreds of thousands of Ukrainians, Israelis, and others in the following ways through our **Caring Hands** program in 2025. We distributed:

- 38,490 food packages**, reaching approximately **154,000 Ukrainian people**.
- 9,105 hygiene kits**, reaching around **27,300 Ukrainians**.
- 5,000 food packages** through Bridges of Hope, reaching over **12,500 Israeli people**.

Impact

In addition, we:

Provided **1,500 wood-burning stoves** benefiting more than **8,000 Ukrainian people**.

Helped over **1,700 Ukrainian war refugees** evacuate from Ukraine.

Helped **835 Ukrainian refugees** receive housing assistance.

We were also able to serve:

448,000 Ukrainian people through our **Bread of Life bakeries**.

82,000 Ukrainians through our **mobile kitchens**.

10,500 Ukrainian people at our **mobile medical clinics**.

TOTAL GOSPEL IMPACT:

more than 744,835 people

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Jesus welcomed children, even when His disciples tried to send them away. And He told the adults listening to Him that they must become like children to enter the Kingdom of God!

Since children are so near to God's heart—and represent the future of Eurasia—we place great emphasis on our children's ministries. For children living in Ukraine, war, loss, and despair have brought great suffering to their lives. For children in other countries of Eurasia, poverty, hopelessness, and dysfunction are their daily reality. That's why our young leaders are committed to serving them through strategic children's outreach programs, including our **Gift of Hope** Christmas program and **Summer of Hope Bible camps**. Here's what your generous gifts made possible in 2025:

Gift of Hope

Every year at Christmastime, our young national leaders partner with local churches to hold Christmas outreach events and hand-deliver thousands of festive Gift of Hope boxes to vulnerable and hurting children across Eurasia. These Gifts of Hope are filled with items every child loves: toys, sweets, mittens or hats and, most importantly of all, a children's Bible or other piece of Christian literature in his or her own language. Through Gift of Hope, these children and their parents often learn about Jesus for the first time.

For the **traumatized children of Ukraine**, where war has been raging for more than four years, Gift of Hope has helped transform thousands of young lives, replacing despair with hope, and sorrow with joy.

Impact

This past year we were able to bless **105,690 children in eight countries** of Eurasia, including **72,000 children in Ukraine**, with Gifts of Hope.

We also reached **266,350** others with the love of Christ through the Gift of Hope program.



Summer of Hope Bible Camps

This past year, many children in Eurasia and Israel have experienced the trauma of war, homelessness, poverty, and family dysfunction. In Ukraine, thousands of children have lost loved ones and all hope for the future. Mission Eurasia responded to this crisis by training young leaders through our EMPOWER camp training program, as well as trauma counselors, to help suffering Ukrainian children heal from the trauma of war. As a result, hundreds of **Summer of Hope Bible camps** took place in 13 countries of Eurasia and Israel. At camp, children and youth enjoyed a safe refuge and experienced Christian love, nutritious food, fun activities, and, most importantly, the hope of the gospel.

*"See that you do not despise
one of these little ones.
For I tell you that in
heaven their angels
always see the face of my
Father who is in heaven."
— Matthew 18:10*

		GIFTS OF HOPE DISTRIBUTED	CHILDREN REACHED AT CAMP
	ARMENIA	2,000	1,780
	AZERBAIJAN	2,000	290
	BELARUS		170
	GEORGIA		570
	ISRAEL		310
	KAZAKHSTAN		830
	KYRGYZSTAN	2,000	410
	MOLDOVA	15,000	3,360
	MONGOLIA	1,690	510
	POLAND	8,000	2,100
	TAJIKISTAN		290
	TURKMENISTAN		140
	UKRAINE	72,000	19,100
	UZBEKISTAN	3,000	370

Impact

Last year, **30,230** children attended Summer of Hope Bible camps, which took place in 347 locations across Eurasia. Best of all, **2,592** children made commitments to follow Christ, including **2,118 Ukrainian children**.

TOTAL GOSPEL IMPACT:

more than 402,270 people



DON PARSONS

Director of Unreached People
Groups Initiative



SERGEY BABARAIKE

Field Coordinator for
Unreached People Groups

UNREACHED PEOPLE GROUPS INITIATIVE (UPGI)

There are still more than 300 people groups in Eurasia and beyond that have never heard the saving message of Christ. Through UPGI, Mission Eurasia motivates the Next Generation of indigenous people through training and equipping them with a biblical foundation and ministry skills needed to reach their own people for Christ.

"And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come." – Matthew 24:14



Impact

In 2025, Mission Eurasia trained 1,730 indigenous leaders to reach unreached people groups in Israel, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Mongolia, and Azerbaijan through Scripture distribution, Gift of Hope children's Christmas outreaches, and Summer of Hope Bible camps.

These unreached groups include the Kazakh, Dungan, Kyrgyz, Uyghur, Uzbek, Tajik, Azeri, Lezgin, Roma, Turkmen, Mongol, Buryat, Gagauz, and Svani peoples.


ISRAEL


AZERBAIJAN


TURKMENISTAN


KAZAKHSTAN


UZBEKISTAN


TAJIKISTAN


KYRGYZSTAN


MONGOLIA

POTENTIAL GOSPEL IMPACT:

over 72,000 people

CHURCH PLANTING & CHURCH GROWTH

While Eurasia is plagued by upheaval and instability, God's church continues to grow and thrive. Leaders who are trained through our School Without Walls (SWW), Next Generation Professional Leaders Initiative (NGPLI), Unreached People Groups Initiative (UPGI), and other vital programs evangelize the unreached and establish new churches. In this way, they expand God's Kingdom in this dark part of the world.



"And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all." – Ephesians 1:22-23



Impact

In 2025 Mission Eurasia's leaders established **27 new churches** in eight countries. In war-ravaged Ukraine alone, **15 new churches** were planted in the last year.



POLAND
1
church



UKRAINE
15
churches



AZERBAIJAN
1
church



UZBEKISTAN
3
churches



MONGOLIA
3
churches



ARMENIA
2
new home
groups



ISRAEL
1
congregation



TAJIKISTAN
1
new church
plant

ESTIMATED GOSPEL IMPACT:

over 900 people



MYKHAILO BRYTSYN
Director of Religious Freedom Initiative

RELIGIOUS FREEDOM INITIATIVE

As Christians are increasingly under threat throughout the post-Soviet countries of Eurasia, Mission Eurasia is committed to defending them and their right to practice their faith. Through our Religious Freedom Initiative, we are working to raise awareness of religious freedom violations, particularly in the occupied regions of Ukraine, and mobilize global support for Christian leaders and churches under persecution. Our efforts are drawing interest from leaders at the highest levels around the world, including in the United States, Ukraine, and Europe.



*"Remember those who are
in prison, as though in prison
with them, and those who are
mistreated, since you also are
in the body." — Hebrews 13:3*

Impact

Over the past year, **1,390** government and public officials were introduced to Mission Eurasia's work in this area. During this time, we led or participated in:

12 TRAINING & MOBILIZATION EVENTS

742 participants

40

**RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
ADVOCACY EVENTS**

**PRAYER BREAKFASTS &
ONLINE PRAYER INITIATIVES**

400 participants

36 interviews

ON VARIOUS MEDIA PLATFORMS

20 training broadcasts

FOR TRANS WORLD RADIO

3 documentaries

**ON RELIGIOUS FREEDOM & ADVOCACY
FOR UKRAINIAN CHRISTIANS**

Also, with your generous help, we sent **50 Books for Students** packages—including more than 500 books—to students of the *Frontline Academy*, a training program for church leaders in frontline regions of the war.

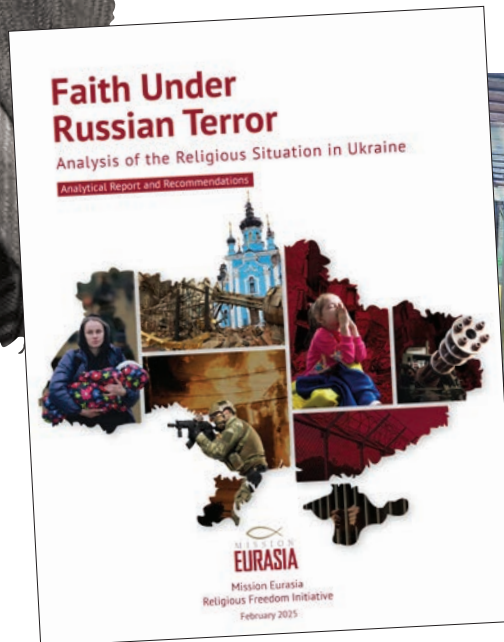


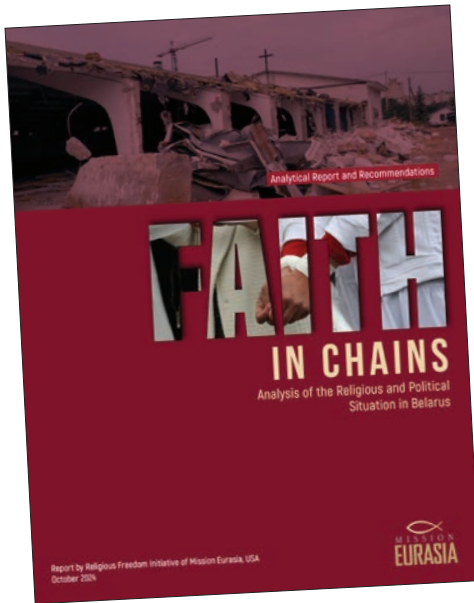
FAITH UNDER RUSSIAN TERROR

The world is aware of Russia's devastating war on Ukraine. But a less-known part of that aggression is Russia's persecution of Christians inside Ukraine, particularly in its occupied territories.

Here churches have been closed. Pastors have been threatened, imprisoned, killed, or forced into exile. Sadly, elements of the Russian Orthodox Church have worked with the Russian authorities in these campaigns, targeting evangelicals and Ukrainian Orthodox Christians for persecution.

In February 2025, Mission Eurasia issued its comprehensive report, *Faith Under Russian Terror*, which has now been shared with churches and political leaders around the world.





Persecution in Belarus

Since the Soviet era, the country of **Belarus** has been largely under the control of Russia, and that relationship continues to this day. Following mass protests in 2020, the regime in Belarus has resorted to extreme repressive policies to maintain its control. Christians have been especially harmed by these developments. People or groups that assemble without obtaining permits are subject to imprisonment. Dissidents who have left the country can now be convicted of crimes in absentia, and the government has even imposed the death penalty for a number of offenses.

Mission Eurasia has brought global attention to this crisis through its report, *Faith in Chains*, which was released in October 2024.



A LETTER FROM OUR BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dear Friends of Mission Eurasia,

When I was growing up in the 1950s and 1960s, a big part of every Sunday was attending Sunday School, where we listened to Bible stories. In those days, technology was nothing like it is today. The lessons often included a visual aid called a flannelgraph—paper figures cut out and placed on flannel. I know some of you reading this will remember it!

One story, complete with cutout characters, was from Exodus 17. Joshua was fighting the Amalekites while Moses stood on a hill overlooking the battle, holding up his staff. As long as Moses held the staff high in his outstretched arms, the Israelites prevailed. But when his arms grew tired, Aaron and Hur stood beside him and held up his arms. Because of their support, Amalek was ultimately defeated.

I think of that story often today because it represents how I view those of you who faithfully support Mission Eurasia. Our staff and volunteers are human, and at times they grow weary. But they know you are there, upholding them through your prayers and generous gifts, enabling the battle for souls to continue.

When you make it possible for millions of copies of Scripture and other Christian literature to be printed and distributed freely, you stand with us in bringing God's light to the nations of Eurasia. When you support summer Bible camps and School Without Walls conferences, you are placing caring arms around those who are learning about Christ. You are equipping the Next Generation of Christian leaders to carry the gospel into their own cultures and countries.

And very tangibly, when you provide a hot meal, a wood stove for warmth, or medical assistance to the beleaguered people of Ukraine, you are lifting up their weary bodies and souls with the comfort of Christ.

Bible stories—like the account of Aaron and Hur holding up Moses' arms until victory was won—are still being lived out every day when we choose to lend a hand and become involved.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" - Galatians 6:9

Thank you again for your steadfast support!

God's best to you,

Wayne Shepherd
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THANK YOU! At Mission Eurasia we never forget that our work is possible because of **your faithful prayers and generous giving**. Because of your steadfast commitment, our Next Generation Christian leaders are bringing the light of Christ to millions living in the nations of Eurasia. As a result of your partnership and God's blessings, we estimate that:

OUR TOTAL GOSPEL IMPACT IN 2024-2025 IS
more than 4.3 million people

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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