

# WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL, JESUS IS TO ME

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We were available and the Lord wanted to use us, so we have had the opportunity to make a small contribution to His Kingdom. We conducted a special session on evangelism with *MEN* through small group ministries this past September. The Bible study groups of unbelievers/seekers are called “New Life” groups. From all over Russia 31 men attended. Wonderful, wonderful, Jesus is to me and our prayer is that He will be just as wonderful to Russians!

Both the Russian and Ukrainian churches have experienced a real slump after the 10 years of euphoria following the fall of Communism. The last 10 years have seen a great decline in membership – more people dying than being saved. Faith has plummeted to the point that pastors openly say God does not want to save souls in Russia at this time. Praise God, I sensed the beginning of a turnabout around September of last year -- a new interest, the beginning of a new opening. Now this year it seems on the verge of reality. For me this special evangelism session was a dream come true. It had been on my heart to do so even a year ago. Now the Lord’s enablement was upon us.

In statistical format our ministry this past academic year may be summed up as:



<b><u>FACT</u></b> <b>2011-2012</b>	<b>BCL</b> <b>Students</b>	<b>CBLT</b> <b>Students</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>* New Life</b> <b>Groups</b>	<b>Church</b> <b>Plants</b>
<b>Groups</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Students</b>	<b>1315</b>	<b>1550</b>	<b>2865</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

And now: THIS YEAR’S GOALS AND PLANS

<b><u>PLAN</u></b> <b>2012-2013</b>	<b>BCL</b> <b>Students</b>	<b>CBLT</b> <b>Students</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>* New Life</b> <b>Groups</b>	<b>Church</b> <b>Plants</b>
<b>Groups</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>253</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>28</b>

(\*unbelievers studying the Bible in small home groups)

This summer we also focused one of our training and accountability sessions on small group evangelism with *MEN* and had 25 attendees. We hope to bring this new spirit into the Baptist Churches in both Russia and Ukraine.

We are thrilled to hear of people daily praying for us. How our effectiveness depends on you. The gifting, power, and energy we experience are all released through prayer. Over these 20+ years of ministry I have probably slept about 1,000 times on trains and spent a similar amount on busses and planes. Last year I had nearly 30 ministry trips. 15 trips have already been planned for the coming year. I have also been invited to share what we are doing in Seoul, Korea, with 14 Asian leaders involved in similar ministries. It is just wonderful to realize how the Lord is making these things physically possible. What a privilege.

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Here follows a list of our 31 September attendees and the provinces in Russia they come from. Would you consider taking one name and praying for that person very regularly until the New Year? Russian men flare up very quickly with enthusiasm at lively meetings. Then at home they seem to quickly cool off and the trend has been that nothing happens. Would you pray please that an even deeper joy would fall upon them when they focus on working with unsaved *men*. We desire these men would experience an enthrallment directly from the Lord far above what they had at the training session. God needs to inspire these men with a deep holy joy to see men saved. Small group Bible studies are the most productive way to reach men here. And, statistics show that when men get saved 93% of their families also find their way to Jesus and into Heaven. When ladies experience salvation only about 19% of their families tend to follow their example to accept Jesus as Savior. When children open their hearts to Jesus only 3% of their families take it serious enough to also desire heavenly bliss. We really, really would like these men to get going with *MEN's* ministries.

On a personal note, we will be going to the States from Nov. 15-Jan 10 to do deputation. 80% of our time will be in Ohio. We hope to see many good friends and faithful supporters whom we have not been able to visit for several years.

May God thrill your soul, as you meditate on participating with Jesus in Russia. Our desire for you is: “May Jesus be WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL, to you.”



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#	Province	Name
1	Primoria	Yura
2	Irkutsk	Vladimir
3	Irkutsk	Marin
4	Irkutsk	Vitaly
5	Krasnoyarsk	Sergei
6	Krasnoyarsk	Victor
7	Novosibirsk	Valery
8	Novosibirsk	Constantine
9	Novosibirsk	Renat
10	Perm	Michael
11	Chelyabinsk	Alexander
12	Chelyabinsk	Yaroslav
13	Chelyabinsk	Yevgeny
14	Altai	Oleg
15	Altai	Dmitry
16	Komi	Sergei

#	Province	Name
17	Udmurtia	Stanislav
18	Udmurtia	Alexander
19	Bashkortostan	Nayll
20	Bashkortostan	Sergei
21	Arkhangelsk	Viktor
22	Kaliningrad	Dennis
23	Kaliningrad	Michael
24	Lipetsk	Rashid
25	Lipetsk	Rustam
26	Saratov	Nicolai
27	Saratov	Daniel
28	Saratov	Vladimir
29	Volgograd	Michael
30	Volgograd	Vladimir
31	Krasnodar	Alexei

Below is a map to help you locate the provinces these men come from. I suggest you use Colossians 1:9-11 as you pray for these men.



**Oblasts**

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|----------------------|-----------------|
| 1 - Astrakhan        | 13 - Penza      |
| 2 - Chelyabinsk      | 14 - Ryazan     |
| 3 - Ivanovo          | 15 - Samara     |
| 4 - Kaluga           | 16 - Sverdlovsk |
| 5 - Kemerovo         | 17 - Tambov     |
| 6 - Kostroma         | 18 - Tula       |
| 7 - Leningrad        | 19 - Uliyanovsk |
| 8 - Lipetsk          | 20 - Vladimir   |
| 9 - Moscow           | 21 - Volgograd  |
| 10 - Nizhny Novgorod | 22 - Voronezh   |
| 11 - Novgorod        | 23 - Yaroslavl  |
| 12 - Oryol           |                 |

**Republics**

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|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1 - Adygeya               | 13 - Tartstan |
| 2 - Basikortstan          | 14 - Udmurtia |
| 3 - Chechnya              |               |
| 4 - Chuvashia             |               |
| 5 - Ingushetia            |               |
| 6 - Kabardin-Balkaria     |               |
| 7 - Khakassia             |               |
| 8 - Kalmykia              |               |
| 9 - Karachay-Cherkessia   |               |
| 10 - Mari El              |               |
| 11 - Mordovia             |               |
| 12 - North Ossetia-Alania |               |

**Autonomous Okrugs**

**Krai**

- 1 - Stavropol

**Federal Cities**

- 1 - Moscow

**Jewish Autonom. Oblast**