

Евангелие

2009-2010 Missions Report

We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange – I speak as to my children – open wide your hearts also.

2 Corinthians 6:11-13 (NLT)



Eurasian Missions

*Supporting and Uniting
the Brotherhood of Believers*

Paul's plea for reconciliation with the Christians in Corinth was prompted by their loss of confidence in his leadership and authority. What he feared however, was not the loss of their respect but the loss of his relationship with them due to the withdrawal of their openness and affection.

Today we stand on the threshold of another season of sacrificial giving in support of Eurasian missions. Last year my wife, my youngest daughter and I experienced the tremendous blessing of being able to visit the church in St. Petersburg, Russia. We made the trip with the intention of encouraging the disciples there. Thankfully this was accomplished; however we received far more encouragement than we gave. Upon our arrival we were immediately deeply welcomed into the hearts of the disciples. Our brothers and sisters in Russia have truly "opened wide their hearts" to us in America. Their gratitude for our continued support was both obviously genuine and deeply felt. They are very much aware that without our sacrifice they would never have received the gospel.

The leadership there has done a wonderful job of maximizing our generous giving to facilitate the support of an entire family of churches spread across thousands of kilometers and multiple time zones. The stories they related of the faithfulness of the disciples in the many smaller, outlying churches were both convicting and inspiring. They are constantly making great sacrifices to stay faithful under conditions that are far more challenging than we will ever face.

Every dollar that we give is vital to the ongoing work there. Brothers and sisters, we are all aware that 2010 is likely to hold financial challenges for us all. With these challenges will come the temptation to hold back in our giving and in our hearts. Just as Paul pleaded for the Corinthians to open wide their hearts towards him, our brothers and sisters in Russia have done the same towards us and would call for us to keep ours open towards them as well. Let us make every effort to ensure that this year's giving is one that truly reflects our "open hearts"!

*John Love, Elder
Houston Church of Christ*

2010 Support Plan

Generally speaking, below is how a donated dollar will provide support:

Ministry/Programs (96¢ total)

Siberia & the Far East	15¢
Saint Petersburg & Western Russia	20¢
Ukraine & Moldova	48¢
Moscow Campus Ministry	8¢
Ministry Travel to Eurasia	5¢

Legal, Financial, & Administrative the remaining 4¢

All efforts are made to comply with Federal, State, and International laws. This requires an annual audit, legal assistance, insurance, printing, accounting and administrative support.

This year, we are committed to supporting 30 churches in an area that spans 12 time zones and about 7 million square miles. 96% of our donations is direct support. Providing ministry leadership, travel to help connect Eurasian churches and bring qualified Elders, Evangelists and Teachers to Eurasian churches in need of spiritual support are just a few of the Society's program goals. The size and scope of our combined efforts can be daunting, but we are renewed by our faith in God and the knowledge that what we are doing internationally is the same as we are doing locally, sharing our faith one person at a time.

Audited financial statements and other great news available at www.eurasianmissions.org

The Eurasian Missions Society is dedicated to spreading the Gospel in Eurasia. This mission society was established in the fall of 2003 and was quickly blessed through the generous support and participation of its member churches. A board of directors was elected to provide fiscal oversight and is responsible for the well-being of the organization. The spiritual leadership of the mission society's member churches are invaluable and are a primary reason for the success of our mission to spread the Gospel in Eurasia.

The Eurasian Missions Society has been granted 501(c)3 nonprofit status. Contributions are tax deductible within limitations of the Code.

The Spassk-Dalny Church, a Far Eastern church, send love and thanks for supporting their ministry.

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