

Nizhny Novgorod, Russia



GCM Ministries mega city campaign in Russia's third largest city Nizhny Novgorod in May, 2007 surpassed all expectations. It was the saturation of a major city of 2 million people with the Gospel for a 30-day period.

The following is response from some of the 36 pastors of churches in Nizhny Novgorod. The mega city campaign has changed the spiritual landscape and left unforgettable memories in the carrying out of the Great Commission of Christ in one of Russia's largest cities.

"A highly educated person called the call center from the Mishevskoje Ozeron region. This person was very well read in philosophy and had a strong understanding of politics. However, he was an alcoholic. He was looking for deliverance but was stuck. He said he was at a dead end.

He talked with me and the other pastors for hours on end. When we brought him the campaign book and members of congregations started to visit him his life changed. Praise the Lord!

All the congregations that participated in the mission told us more and more people started attending their congregations."

Pastor Igor Voronin, Supervisor, Call-Center

"I saw an address from which I can order your books. I am retired and I have three adult children. My husband died 12 years ago so I have basically raised my children by myself.

My middle son uses drugs and has already been in prison three times. His family is broken.

My eldest son is an alcoholic and his family is on the verge of breaking. We are trying to salvage what we can.

I believe that if you would send us some literature it could help us. I ask you to pray for my sons so that they could be healed. I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your important work, God bless you!"

Tamara Ivanov

"This was a monumental project. It was thrilling to see posters and billboards of Christians, who lives were changed by faith in Jesus. This is the first time this has ever happened in the history of our city! Their faces beamed joy and the slogans professed their faith. People on the street recognized them. I have never seen a comparable evangelistic campaign in Nizhny.

As a result of the campaign people started to give their lives to Christ. On an average at least ten outsiders, non-believers make decisions at every service in our church alone.

Pastor Pavel Rydish

"There have been many noteworthy events in the past 15 years in our church but this has to be one of the most significant. We have 450 addresses. Unfortunately we ran out of campaign printed material. Many of those on the list have already started attending Bible Study in small groups.

I personally gave a book to a Shamanist. After a lengthy discussion he started attending church as well. He said he intends to make Church his home. Two academics have appeared at our Bible studies as well as a mountain climber.

The campaign has revived our church and mobilized it. It should be conducted in all cities of Russia like a giant wave that sweeps the country. I suggest it be done simultaneously from coast to coast, so that it would become the talk of our time on state television! That it would shake the nation! People would understand and see that there is power in the Gospel, in faith in Christ to overcome all evil. Thank you for what you have done for us."

Yuri Vlaso, Senior Pastor

"We had hoped for something like this, something that would move everyone in our city. Now it has happened. The blessing of God has descended on our church. We have received a lot of response.

One of the people who requested the campaign book was a lieutenant colonel in the police force, responsible for training the military and police officers. At the end of our meeting he exclaimed, "I came here because I believe God led me this way. This is where I will come from now on!" We came in to contact with several people from the military. Another military person, a colonel came to our church and has since said that this will be his spiritual home. Thank you for making this possible. This is fantastic."

Pastor Aleksandr Kotshenko