



IN MEMORIAM

VIKTOR, ALBERT, RUVIM, VLADIMIR

These pastors gave their lives for their dedication to the fulfillment of the Great Commission of our Lord in East Ukraine.

GCM Ministries News Update

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Dear Friends,

After my latest visit to Odessa, East Ukraine I was convinced more than ever that the Lord would have us stand with the 100 churches of the city of Odessa in East Ukraine to conduct a sweeping city-wide evangelistic campaign. The campaign will touch the whole of Odessa province with the message of God's power to transform lives.

The Gospel, once received and believed, changes the way we think, behave and the way we treat others.

GCM was asked by the churches of Odessa to conduct this month-long evangelistic event. The intensity of the outreach will not have been seen by the churches of Odessa before.

The Lord willing, Odessa will be our 71st campaign city over the past 11 years. Forty campaigns were conducted in Russia and Central Asia. Similar campaigns were conducted in the Ukrainian cities of Kiev and Sevastopol, now annexed by Russia.

News from Ukraine and Russia continues to dominate the news and our prayers. Tragically, two slavic countries are now at war with each other. The shooting down of the Malaysian Airlines Boeing 777 killing almost 300 people, was a tragic peripheral casualty, "collateral damage."

One of the passengers was a Ukrainian pastor currently living in Australia.

Odessa, East Ukraine

Today Pastor Vladimir sent us a report from East Ukraine that the bodies of four young pastors had been found. Vladimir writes:

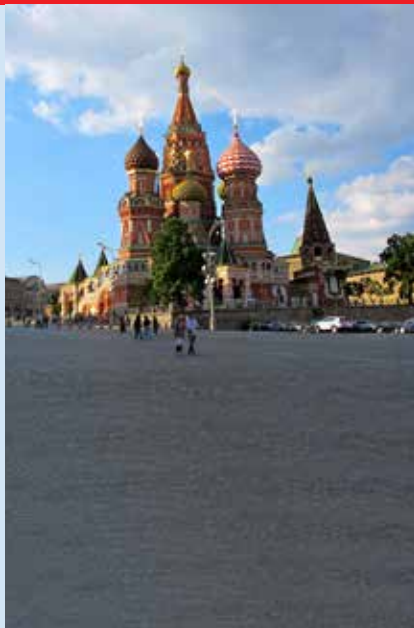
"Right now I received one more piece of terrible news.

Yesterday, upon orders of the Ukrainian authorities, a newly discovered grave was opened in which the bodies of the four pastors were found. They were killed by the terrorists in Slovyansk some time ago.

Nothing was disclosed as to what church they belonged to. Today, the brethren informed me that these are the bodies of Pentecostal church deacons who were kidnapped and killed by terrorists alleging that they had a link with the United States of America (some of their relatives actually had emigrated to the USA years ago) and they were supposedly American spies."

These young men had dedicated their lives to preaching the Gospel in East Ukraine. They did not count the cost. They gave all they had to give. They died for the sake of the Gospel. It is now our honor and privilege to bring a powerful evangelistic campaign to East Ukraine, one that they would undoubtedly have wanted to see and to have been a part of. Please pray with us as we continue intensive preparation of local transformation stories and media exposure across the city during the month of September.

Your prayers are appreciated. There are fresh reports by Ukrainian State Security that another uprising in several East Ukrainian cities is



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Photos clockwise, upper left: Red Square in Moscow. Sample outdoor campaign ads in Odessa, hundreds of which are to be posted in the city in September. Texts: "God destroyed the curse in my family; Repentance saved my life; God gave my life purpose." Bottom right: In the city of Ufa, a statue of Vladimir Lenin, the symbol of atheistic communist Russia with a young boy on a bicycle pondering its meaning. Is Russia resurrecting a system harsher than the atheistic Soviet Union?



in the works in September, one of which is Odessa.

To underscore that, on the morning of my departure from Odessa, a military installation was destroyed by an explosion on the outskirts of the city.

Urgency in Russia, Churches Request Help

While the war rages in East Ukraine churches in Russia face increasing restrictions and surveillance by the government.

The mainline media has been seized and declared off limits to the evangelical denominations of Russia. Social media has now been tethered with the threat of stiff penalties to "offenders" who do not follow government guidelines. Our friend Eduard Grabovenko, overseer and chairman of the Christians of the Evangelical Faith says Russia will close down. It is only a matter of time. Now is the time to seize the freedom our churches still have. We must do what we can, without delay, to evangelize Russia.

We have been asked if we could supply Russian churches with up to 5 million evangelistic booklets to be used as tools for one-on-one evangelism in Russia's cities.

Your gift is essential for this undertaking.

We are ready to print the first 400,000 copies in September. I ask you to prayerfully consider what you could do to help. One booklet costs 25 cents, including delivery. No gift is too small. We will also be printing the Four Gospels.

You may use the enclosed response card or visit our website for online donations. Thank you for partnering with us as we take the Gospel to our generation. Thank you for being there for Russia and Ukraine.

May the Lord bless you with health and provide you with new strength for each new day,

Hannu Haukka, President
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The Great Commission is Our Priority

Jesus' last words were: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." Mark 16:15. The Apostel Paul wrote: "How shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach unless they are sent?" Romans 10:14.