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A woman with dark hair, wearing a blue sleeveless top and a small pearl earring, is shown in profile, clapping her hands. She is looking down and to the left. The background is a blurred crowd of people, suggesting a large gathering or event.

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CUBA TENS OF THOUSANDS RECEIVE JESUS IN UNPRECEDENTED CAMPAIGN

RUSSIA CHURCHES PLEAD FOR BIBLES, EVANGELISM LITERATURE

INDIA REACHING THE WORLD'S LARGEST MISSION FIELD

To IRR-TV international,
In deep appreciation for your partnership

For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.

Heb. 6:10



Together with over 350 churches GCOMM conducted an historic evangelism campaign in Havana, Cuba. At this point in time 60,000 Cubans are in a church follow-up process. In many cases, there has been a dramatic increase in attendance and growth in churches across the city.

"CUBA FOR JESUS" HAS BECOME A REALITY!

"This is exactly what our city needs. Every city, town and village in Cuba needs this!" proclaimed AG Bishop Eliseo Acosta, a keynote speaker at the Thanksgiving Celebration, "When churches of all de-

The mood at the Thanksgiving Celebration in May in Cuba was jubilant. All 800 pastors from 35 denominations present joined to celebrate God's grace, His mighty works, and the victories of an unprecedented media campaign in Havana.

The timing could not have been better. After decades of Communism it was evident that Cubans were on a quest for the God they did not know.

The campaign launched in mid February and within days the 150,000 high quality campaign books and 400,000 campaign brochures began appearing in the streets of Havana triggering a response that few expected.

Within weeks an estimated 16,000 people had made decisions for Jesus. By the beginning of May the "Power to Transform" office had lost track of the response in the city's churches. 70,000 people had left their names and addresses for further contact with

nominations fill with newly saved people and we see a harvest like this, we greatly rejoice. "Cuba for Jesus" is no longer a mere slogan, mere words. "Cuba for Jesus" is a work being fulfilled today!"

campaign representatives. Over 100,000 residents of Havana had been reached one on one, special events in parks, boulevards, cafeterias, concerts, homes, hospitals, orphanages, and prisons. The churches had come alive and were reaching out to their city using the GCOMM supplied tools they had received.

The atmosphere at the celebration was thick with worship and praise. The music, the songs, testimonies, messages by confessional leaders, the reports of new believers, sometimes in droves rang from wall to wall in that packed, large size church building.

"To God be the glory for great things He hath done!" Those words summed up the whole celebration.

Hosting church Senior Pastor Moises Rodriguez rejoiced: "We succeeded in taking the core Gospel message to the people of our city. So many new faces have showed up in our services, whole groups of people.

ER para TRANSFORMAR La Habana, CUBA



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Many of those who made decisions for Christ are now enrolled in a discipleship program. We have even opened new cell groups in the homes of new believers!"

Many churches in Havana were overwhelmed by the numbers of people contacting them, requesting the book that contains stories of transformed lives.

One Evangelical church with 3,500 members had an increase in attendance of 2,500 people in the first two weeks. Many requested counseling. One Pentecostal church in a suburb of Havana known as a bastion of witchcraft saw 8,000 people ordering the book. Hundreds of new faces were seen in church each Sunday.

The 150,000 campaign books printed in Brazil disappeared quickly. Another 300,000 books were needed. Bigger churches had a wish list of 1,000 books more per week.

Smaller churches too, needed more books.

Using the campaign book, one Baptist Pastor of a small church decided to visit 80 people in his neighborhood. In just three days 60 of those visited, made decisions for Jesus! Each had been given the GCMC "Power to Transform" book.

"We had exhausted our supply. But when friends and neighbors of those who had committed their lives to Christ saw

the transformation stories, they asked for their own copy of the book. There were none to be had!" lamented the pastor.

A pastor from another church said, "We are drowning in people. We already have 90 people we are attending to. We can't handle anymore!"

There were challenges too. The 150,000 campaign books and 400,000 brochures were seized by Cuban customs. The books and brochures were key to the campaign since there was not much advertising in Cuba in the first place. Secondly, government controlled media was off limits to the churches.

But, by a miracle of God the books were quite suddenly released into the hands of waiting churches. Prayer had unlocked that door. The rest is history.

The "Power To Transform" campaign was held in Cuba even though few dared to believe that such a campaign would ever be possible. The outcome of the campaign was far more than what government officials had anticipated. All the stories of God's miracles in Cuba, that beg to be told, would not fit in this periodical. Many are the stories. To God be the glory for each one!

GCMC thanks each and every one for your prayers and your financial support in making "Mission Cuba" a reality!



Eric Mendez,
Musician, Songwriter

"I'm ready to serve these campaigns for the next 200 years!"

- I have to say that the greatest blessing that I received during this campaign is what happened in the life of my wife's niece. My wife and I are taking care of her niece. This girl has had a very difficult life. Her parents divorced from each other and she was left to grow up alone. Her mother left the country and her dad estranged her so she has lived with her grandparents all her life.

This led to a very unsettled and confusing childhood and in her teenage years she rebelled. She was so rebellious that the social workers that tried to help her were ready to give up on her. She is now 22 years of age and has her own little daughter.

A few months back I spoke with her stepmother, who is an atheist. During one of our conversations she said this girl would never change because she has such a rebellious heart.

I told the stepmother that I too had had a rebellious heart and did a lot of things that deeply hurt a lot of people. I did not understand this at the time but I do now.

My heart was so bad and I was blind to my own rebelliousness. I even believed that everyone else around me was bad, but not I.

I told the stepmother that I believe

that the girl can change if God gets hold of her heart. She told me that the girl would not even hear about Christ or about the Church. I told her that I would begin to pray for this girl, that God would do just that! And she would see it with her own eyes.

Two weeks ago I was awakened by a phone call. It was my wife's niece!

She told me how she gotten a copy of the campaign book and had given her life to Jesus! She told me how she had smashed all the idols that she had in her house. This has been an unbelievable event in my life and I truly believe that this is God's gift to me, to our whole family.

First of all, I feel this whole campaign has been a gift to all of us. It's been a wonderful experience to be part of this campaign. And it has been wonderful to see how God has rewarded my faith. It has touched me so deeply. I hope I can sing to you after all my tears of joy here on stage.

God is wonderful! Thank you for asking me to join in this celebration event tonight...Let me say this; I am available to serve in all these campaigns for the next 200 years!



My Home Cell Group Saw Explosive Growth!

Maria Sanchez' transformation story was in the campaign book. What happened in her cell group caught her by surprise. Cell groups throughout Havana experienced similar growth. Some excerpts from Maria's experience:

- It sounded incredible. We had no experience with this kind of an evangelistic effort. In fact, it seemed to us that this kind of campaign could not be possible.

- Many people came to me after seeing my story in the book. It was incredible what God did. In my home I am a cell group leader. So suddenly, so many people turned up at my house. I said, "Oh Lord, what do I do now?" There was no room for all those outside my door! There was an avalanche of people coming as a result of this campaign. We had to multiply.

I believe that God used these circumstances to show His power through the transformation stories.

- People were healed from cancer.

I was assigned to work in the hospitals and we could see the hand of the Lord moving. The sick and their families gave their lives to Jesus. So did the workers and nurses, they too gave their lives to Christ.

- We worked alongside the volunteers from different churches and no one even asked which church you were from. We just knew that the whole body of Christ was working together for the same cause.

We all have grown in our lives due to this campaign.

- Today people continue to be reached for Christ with those testimonies in this book. I believe this campaign has left me with much faith that Cuba will be reached for Jesus.

Bishop Eliseo Acosta:



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Missions President, Moises De Prada



This Campaign Has Rocked Our City!

I have seen many campaigns but nothing can compare with this! We sensed that something big was happening in our city. It touched every suburb. Many people showed up at our churches. This campaign has rocked our city! We are deeply indebted to our Canadian & American friends for this blessed campaign. May the Lord reward you for your partnership in the Gospel.



Senior Pastor Moises Rodriguez:

New Believers Too Began Hosting Home Cell Groups!

We succeeded in taking the core Gospel message to the people of our city. So many new faces have showed up in our services, whole groups of people. Many have made decisions for Christ and now they are enrolled in discipleship. We have even founded new cell groups in the homes of new believers! This evangelistic campaign has had profound effect in our city of Havana! We ran out of the "Power to Transform" books. We could use 10,000 more each month!



(Left) Arnold Enns, Chairman of COICOM, association of South and Central American Christians in media, translating for Hannu Haukka conversing with Cuba's Western Baptist Union President Dariel Quintos.

1,000 People Receive Jesus As Lord

Baptist Union President Dariel Quintos spoke to Hannu Haukka prior to the Havana campaign Thanksgiving Celebration. Some excerpts:

Western Baptist Union President Dariel Quintos had a discussion with Hannu Haukka just prior to the celebration ceremony. Here are some excerpts.

- During the campaign we held several evangelistic events. In a single event this past weekend we saw how 1,000 people accept Jesus as Lord. Cubans are searching

for God.

- We want to thank everyone who came and helped make this Cuba Campaign a reality.

Baptist Union Missions Director and Senior Pastor, Hochi adds:

- When we heard from Hannu what God has done in other countries through these same campaigns we were ready to launch that same day.

- We were impressed with the sample copy of the campaign book used in Paraguay and interest at first. We were excited and wanted to be involved as a denomination.

- Even before the campaign books were released from Cuban customs, at special sporting events we had already collected 1,000 names of people wanting the book on transformation.

The campaign book is a very effective evangelistic tool in the hands of our volunteers in this campaign.

We quickly depleted our supply of the books. We would need at least 100 thousand more.

Thanksgiving Celebration in Havana

Thousands of Cubans Responded to the



Churches in Havana took to the streets to share the Gospel with thousands of people one on one. 16,000 decisions were reported in just 4 weeks. GCMC provided the key campaign tools—150,000 books and 400,000 brochures.



GCMC supplied 150,000 "Power To Transform" campaign books for outreach involving 350 churches. Demand outstripped supply. Now 300,000 more books have been requested. The book consisting of stories of dramatically changed lives was the primary tool used in leading thousands to Jesus.

Campaign By Receiving Jesus as Lord



Churches had a hard time coping with the numbers of people wanting to know more about the campaign message. Home cell groups and church services were filled to overflow as people sought change in their lives.



Even Cuban authorities were surprised at the unexpected impact of the campaign in Havana. Denominational leaders were questioned by the government regarding the campaign initiator and organizer and campaign financing.



The import of 150,000 campaign books printed in Brazil was a miracle. It was not immediately clear how the shipment had been given the green light and cleared for delivery to the churches of Havana.

Daily Gospel Programs on Sixteen Satellites

Text: Hani, Director of Television Programming, GCMM Russian Department



The Middle East is home to 1.5 billion Muslims deprived the freedom of hearing the Gospel message. GCMM continues to proclaim the Gospel message on sixteen satellites daily. Response from viewers tells of multitudes searching for a God that loves them. John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that He gave his only son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life."

Satellite television along with social media in the Islamic world is reaping an unprecedented harvest. Up to 200,000 responses are received from over 30 countries each month. Here are some excerpts:

Yasin from Morocco

"Yasin worked as an Imam at the Mosque, after graduating from the faculty of Islamic studies. During his study of the Koran, Yasin found a list of contradictions, errors, absurdities, and problems. Yet his thoughts and attention were inexplicably drawn to the verses and the hadiths of the Prophet Isa son of Maryam (Jesus). Yasin began to watch our TV programs to learn more about (Jesus). He called the follow-up team asking many questions and wanting to know the Truth. Our team addressed his curiosity and answered his questions, which led him to accept Christ as his Savior.

Initially, he lived a double life, praying at the mosque in the morning and fulfilling his duties as an Imam. This made

it practically impossible for him to make any peace with his new beliefs and faith. Eventually he was convinced to leave his job with the help and the encouragement of the follow-up team.

A brother from the follow up team drove all the way to a nearby village of Settati, a city in Morocco to meet Yasin. They talked for a long time discussing trinity, church, and other doctrines. Our brother connected him to a strong believer to continue to follow up with him face to face.

Omar from Algeria

"Omar was a very devoted Muslim who did not tolerate Christians. He used to persecute them and talk to them over the Internet in order to convert them to

Islam. One day he was watching the TV programs and the episode touched him so he began to search for the truth and became addicted to it.

One day he contacted a brother from the follow-up team on Facebook and our brother gave him the phone number for follow-up in Algeria and so he called them. He called and asked questions for a month before giving his life to the Lord. He did not want his neighbors to know about his conversion to Christianity. Our brother told him about the church in Bejaia where he now attends."

Yasmin from Algeria

"Yasmin used to stay at home and spend most of her time watching television. One day she had a fight with her brother so she went to her room and coincidentally turned her television and began to watch our programs. The first words she heard were "Come to the Lord".

ites—200 000 Responses Every Month!

She began watching the channel daily and felt that the programs are talking to her personally. Her parents noticed her interest and attachment to the channel.

Yasmin began talking to a Christian couple living nearby about Christ. They gave her a Bible and she began to read and felt God's consolation.

Eight months later she decided to give her life to Jesus and went to a church in order to be baptized. The church rejected her request because they did not know who she was. Thus, Yasmin called the follow-up team and shared her story. She said, "I came to faith through your channel. Please help me get baptized". Yasmin wanted to be baptized before her parents would confine her at home or kill her. The team continues to follow-up and prays for her."

Zinab from Algeria

"Zinab was home taking care of her parents and siblings. She wore the Islamic scarf, the hijab and memorized the Koran. One evening she entered her younger sister's bedroom and found her watching The TV programs. They both sat down to watch and hear about Jesus Christ. Zinab considered Christianity a perverted religion and she started shouting at her sister and prevented her from entering her bedroom.

Zinab got engaged to a Muslim man but kept watching the channel. She asked her fiancé if there are any Christians in Algeria. He answered that there are many and that he had one Christian friend. So she asked him if Christians are evil but he said that they are better than Muslims. This encouraged her to share her desire to become a Christian, but felt afraid and said that she was joking.

Zinab became attracted more and more to Jesus and gave Him her life without letting her parents know. She told her fiancé and he was fine with that. After marriage she stopped wearing the hijab and began to go to a church. Her husband

now attends the church as well.

Ibrahim from Algeria

"Ibrahim was a very devoted Muslim and used to watch our programs in order to find mistakes to attack Christians. He used to call the follow-up team to ask about a variety of topics. However, after hearing the answers to his questions, he used to curse and threaten the team. One day, he called but kept calm as he listened to the team answering his questions. At the end of the call he asked for a copy of the Bible, and the team sent him one.

Later he called the team and told them that he knew Peace on the very day he set his mind to look for the Truth, and that he wanted to become Christian. He said: "I feel that I was changed from inside. I feel I became a new person at the moment I asked Christ to dwell in my heart".

When Ibrahim announced his new faith to his family, the whole family was outraged and accused him of bringing shame to their house. They wanted him to convert back to Islam or he would be deprived of his inheritance and other rights. Some even threatened to kill him.

Ibrahim suffered emotionally from his family and their threats, but he is still strong spiritually and holding on to Jesus tightly. The team is in touch with him encouraging him."

Said from Morocco

"Said is an active Facebook friend who is in his early twenties. He has many problems with his family and continually argues with his parents. Our team has been praying for him and helping him to deal better with his situations. They have been encouraging him to keep his eyes on the Lord and to come into His presence in a whole new way. This has led Said to accept Christ as his Savior and to decide to follow Him.

Later, a brother from our team invited him to spend two weeks at his home. They lavished him with love, attention, and

acceptance. Said joined the family worship times and Bible studies which encouraged him to be among other brothers."

Amine from Algeria

"Amine loved Islam and preached it, but he did not feel internal peace while doing so. His friends at the mosque used to put pressure on him to grow his beard. Some even stopped talking to him just because he did not have a beard.

One day at home, he began watching our programs. He was looking for something with which to attack Christians.

Soon he was searching for information about Christianity and started to read the Bible. He called the follow-up team to discuss some topics. Our team gave him the address of a church in Oran, where he gave his life to the Lord and became part of their fellowship. Since then Amine watches Christian channels and goes to church once a month."

Khalid from Egypt

"Internally Khalid felt a strong rejection of Islam, due to the many contradictions and the absence of a good example in his life not even the prophet himself was an example for humankind.

Khalid had a strong desire to get to know Christ, but he was afraid of his family and friends, even his Christian friends. Therefore, he preferred to watch Christian programs on the Internet and satellite channels.

He felt that the programs touched his heart and that they were a voice from God so he wanted to know more about salvation. He took the phone number from the screen and contacted the follow-up team. Our team shared with him about Christ's love and forgiveness, and that He is the best example because He is God incarnate. Khalid shared that he desired to know and learn more about Christ."



Mumbai's largest slum, home to one millions low income residents. A revival service was held at the Dharavin slum in Mumbai during a Mega City Media Campaign. Several thousand made a decision to receive Christ. During the altar call many were freed from demonic possession just as in the days of the Apostles. Working together with 1,700 churches in Mumbai alone GCM Ministries has conducted unprecedented mega city campaigns in 4 of India's largest cities. To date 700,000 have responded to the Gospel message and thousands have found faith in God and joined their local church.

GCM Ministries Reaching India's Mega Cities

Having bypassed China by some accounts (*New York Times*, May 24, 2017), India is now the largest mission field in the world. Population: Approximately 1.341 billion. That is 17,9% of the world's population. Roughly 33% of India's population lives in cities.

Being the largest doesn't necessarily mean the best. The Church in India is facing a very real threat. The governing political party is the BJP, which is a sworn fundamentalist Hindu party with little to no tolerance for Christianity.

The BJP has targeted churches especially in northern India. Pastors have been killed and others arrested.

Troublous Times Ahead

The BJP party has recently shut down Compassion International and expelled the staff from the country.

Next on their target is World Vision, an organization that provides shelter, clothing, food and education for homeless and otherwise deprived children.

World Vision locations throughout India have been raided.

Government agents have confiscated computers, hard disks and documents. Special attention has been paid to funding and emails. The agents are looking for words such as "Dear Friend in Christ" emails want clarification why the word Christ was used. "You are an NGO. Doing business as a religious organization is not compatible with your status!" So goes the accusation.

The BJP initiative is exhaustive. Agents have paid surprise visits to children's homes, orphanages, and children's camps interrogating children, asking whether the staff have talked to them about Jesus or prayed to Jesus?" Songbooks and other literature have been scrutinized in search of words such as "Bible, Jesus, and "Heavenly Father."

This is a warning shot for the churches

in India. Tough times lay ahead according to GCM sources in India.

Four Mega City Campaigns

In the last four years we have conducted high impact media Campaigns in four mega cities in India: Chennai, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Bangalore.

Working together with 4,000 churches in just three years we have reached approximately 100 million people with the Gospel.

Millions of copies of campaign books and other literature have been distributed to people responding to the message. The "Power to Change" campaign book is now available in the main languages of India: Hindi, English, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil and Kannada. Urdu is presently in translation.

Calcutta is A Mega Challenge

Next in line is Calcutta, renamed Kolkata. This fifth mega city campaign will target over 20 million people in the greater Kolkata area. Millions of people



An unprecedented harvest of 95,000 respondees in the central Indian city of Hyderabad. Population: 10 million.



Mumbai, India's financial and cultural capital. 1,700 churches saw over 300,000 responses in 6 weeks. Mumbai population: 22 million.



Bangalore is the IT-capital of India. The 400-seat call center logged a record 18,989 calls in one day. India was responding in mass.



Chennai was the first Indian city to see a mega city media campaign. All major denominations tht participated reaping an unexpected harvest.



Government: Federal Republic

Capital: New Delhi

Population 1.34 billion

Major Cities: Mumbai, Calcutta, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bangalore

Major Languages:

Hindi	422,000,000	Urdu	51,500,000
English	226,500,000	Gujarati	46,100,000
Bengali	83,300,000	Kannada	38,000,000
Telugu	74,000,000	Odia	33,000,000
Marathi	72,000,000	Malayalam	33,100,000
Tamil	60,800,000		

live in satellite residential areas around the city itself.

The campaign book will be printed in Hindi, Bengali, Urdu, Tamil and English languages. Bengali is the official language of neighboring country Bangladesh, home to 164 million people.

Presently 600 churches have come on board to partner in the upcoming campaign. If all the available media were to be used we could very well see hundreds of thousands of people respond to the Gospel.

Considering that the extremist Hindu

party, the BJP controls India's parliament and seeks to stop all Christian activity in the country the mega city campaign planned for Calcutta comes at a critical point in time, says Hannu Haukka. The campaign in Kolkata needs a lot of prayer. Thank you for joining hands with us.

74 Russian Pastors Charged Under

Freedom of worship in Russia is sharply curtailed

Freedom for Russian churches to engage in the Great Commission has diminished at an alarming rate. The US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF), which flags religious freedom violators for the State Department, listed Russia among six new countries of particular concern." It is the first time in the commission's almost 20-year history that Russia has made the list.

Russia's ongoing crackdown on religious minorities, foreign missionaries, and evangelists has earned it a spot among the worst countries in the world for religious freedom.

The USCIRF report dedicated seven pages to policies, from the "persecution of religious minorities in the occupied areas of Crimea and Donbas" to recent moves against non-Orthodox Christians in its heartland.

On July 2016 President Putin signed a highly controversial anti-terrorism law that signaled a new era of restrictions and steadily growing persecution of Evangelical churches. In the past year,

worship services have been disrupted, pastors have been arrested and Church computers and hard disks have been confiscated.

Since When Were Pastors "Terrorists?"

"This reminds us of the Soviet Era," says Vladimir Rjahovski, an attorney with the Council For Law And Justice in Moscow. As of July 2016 seventy-four trials have been held under the new anti terrorism law.

All 74 trials targeted evangelical pastors. Rjahovski says that the new law is intentionally used against churches

in Russia. There has not been a single recorded case involving a terrorist act.

Protests in Moscow

Both Baptist and Pentecostal unions have reported to GCM Ministries that Russian Secret Service agents conducted sting operations in church services in the cities of Perm, Moscow, Syktyvkar, Kaluga, Arkhangelsk and Novokuznetsk, recording personal information from all in attendance.

During one worship service at a Pentecostal church in Moscow thirty Secret Service agents along with other government officials showed up.

They proceeded to seal all the exits, detained all those inside, recorded worshiper's personal information and issued fines for attending the service.

REACHING MILLIONS OF RUSSIANS WITH "POWER TO CHANGE" BOOKS



In July of 2016, the Russian government passed a law that has severely restricted evangelical church activity in Russia.

For 27 years prior to the new law, GCM Ministries ministered the Gospel and conducted unprecedented media saturation campaigns in Russia's major cities. Literature

was an integral part of every campaign.

Six million "Power to Change" books, one million Gospels of John, hundreds of thousands of New Testaments and Bibles as well as millions of lesser pieces of campaign literature have been printed.

These books have proven to be a sought

SEARCHING FOR RUSSIA'S MILLIONS OF "LOST SHEEP"

Russia has declared itself an Orthodox nation. The problem is that only 2% of the population attends church at all. The remaining 98% never go to church. That makes 2 out of every 100 people.

In his parable of the good shepherd, Jesus told how the good shepherd leaves the ninety and nine and goes out after the one that is lost. Using Jesus' math, our mandate is the

same, to seek and find 98% of the lost sheep of Russia and bring them back to Jesus.

How do we expect to do this?

By partnering with churches in Russia, we plan to launch a 24/7 web based TV channel in the fall of this year. The server and main facility will be housed in Finland for safety reasons.

We can lead them to the Good Shepherd, says GCM Ministries Russian language production manager, Andrei Motinga.

GCM Ministries seeks to establish a faith-based Internet TV channel for Russian believers because they have no way of using the tools of media to reach out to their own people. The Kremlin has total control of all media, which in effect, makes media inaccessible for

New Anti-Terrorism Law



A leadership conference of 1,000 pastors in Moscow in May 2014. The pastors were deeply concerned about the worsening situation regarding religious freedom in Russia. Fast forward two years, President Putin signs into law new anti-terrorism legislation. In just ten months 74 pastors were tried under the law on "terrorism." In the photo above, front row, from right to left: Laura and Hannu Haukka beside Bishops Vasily Yevtsik and Alexey Rudenki.

after, strategic evangelistic tool for the churches.

The need remains great. GCMM partner Bishop Grabovenko, head of the largest Evangelical denomination in Russia, says that they have taken the Gospel to about 20,000 villages and towns in the past few years.

Still, there are 80,000 towns in Russia

where the Gospel has not yet been proclaimed.

Now GCMM has been presented with one more urgent request for another million campaign books, a million Gospel of John, as well as New Testaments and Bibles.

Developments in Russia indicate that this could well be the last opportunity to come to

the aid of the church in Russia.

Should Russia one day close its doors completely and clamp down on all church activity the millions of books containing powerful transformation stories of fellow Russians and a road map to new life in Jesus will continue to point people to the Lord.

Christians. However, the Gospel message can be sent using social media.

The Advantage of Web TV

Our Finland facility will set up the channel and will coordinate program production with the help of the Association of Christian Media professionals, churches and their audio and video productions.

GCMM needs to hire a full time coordinator. Funding is still open.

– The need for the channel is evident. We need to work diligently. Ukraine has already blocked all incoming social media from Russia. We expect Russia to do the same, says Motinga.

Smart phones are very popular with Russians. Ten years ago Russia had more people

using the Internet than all of Europe combined. The price of a smart phone is 100 euros. In rural areas you have access to 2 or 3 government TV channels but on your smart phone you can watch a thousand channels anywhere.

That is why we can reach millions in Russia with the Gospel. – Our aim is to get the Gospel on every smart phone as well as give the address to the nearest church.

Time is of Essence, Please Help Us!



In the past three years GCM Ministries has printed and delivered millions of pieces of evangelistic material to help churches in Russia reach their nation for Jesus. By the end of 2016 we had printed 4,000,000 evangelism books, 300,000 New Testaments, 150,000 Bibles, 1,000,000 Gospels of John. Over 1,300 new churches were planted using this literature as their primary tool.

Once again thousands of Russia's churches have requested help to print the tools they need to reach their nation with the Gospel message.

By the time President Putin undersigned the new anti-terrorism law in July of 2016, the Churches had already lost all access to the mass media. That included access to television, radio, newspapers, outdoor advertising as well as conducting Christian services in public facilities.

Printing facilities are the last resource that churches have access to, but the necessary funding is not available. For this reason they have turned to GCM which has partnered with Russia's churches for the past 27 years.

Mega order for Evangelistic material

GCM's latest giant size printing projects in Russia are still in recent memory and now the churches have once again turned to us for help. The goal is to print and distribute 2 million scriptures, New Testaments, Gospels of John, and an additional million evangelistic books in these perilous times.

May we ask you to prayerfully consider how you might partner with us in this strategic and timely effort to reach Russia's millions with the Gospel. Time is of essence. The signs in Russia indicate that the churches may lose this window of opportunity as well.

Siberian Eskimos Receive Literature

As of this writing GCM Ministries is printing 10,000 "Power to Change" evangelistic books, in the Yakut language. The Yakut number 500,000 and are a largely unreached nation in East Siberia.

The cost of 10,000 first ever evangelistic books in the Yakut language is \$6,700 USD or \$8,990 CAD. Unit price: 40 cents.

GCM Ministries has also ordered 50,000 special edition evangelistic books for prisons in Russia. The book title is *Truly Liberated*. Unit cost: 85 cents.

Additionally we have a request for 100,000 children's books about the life of Jesus. Unit cost is 40 cents. Thank you for considering partnering with us. Your gifts are tax-deductible. For more information visit: www.gcmediaministries.org.



On order: 20,000 evangelism books in the Yakut language to reach 500,000 Russian Yakut, which are a largely unreached Siberian Eskimo tribe. Cost per copy: 40 cents



Being printed: 50,000 special edition evangelism books for prisoners in Russia. The book title is "Truly Liberated". Cost per copy: 85 cents.



Russia's churches have requested a five-part series for children (100,000 copies per series). These children's books cost 35 cents per copy.

Printing Inside Russia—But For How Long?



GCM Ministries has printed and delivered evangelistic material to help churches in Russia reach people across the nation with the Gospel. Within three years ending in December 2016 GCM had printed 300,000 New Testaments, 150,000 Bibles, 1,000,000 Gospels of John, and 4,000,000 evangelism books. These Bibles and books have served as powerful tools in the hands of thousands of Russian volunteer evangelists.



GCM Ministries President Hannu Haukka inspecting a trial run of "Experiencing the Power to Change" evangelism books at the key Soviet era publishing house where athiestic literature was produced for Russia's schools and universities.



For the moment, printing facilities are still available for GCM. That may change. Now is the time to use this window of opportunity.

Pentecost Was a Miracle

Missions is about Pentecost

A Word From the President



A pastor once noted the difference in the role of the Holy Spirit in the first Church and the Church of today.

"If the Holy Spirit were to suddenly have been removed from the early church, 95% of its activity would have ceased.

Fast forward to today. If the Holy Spirit were to be removed from today's churches 95% of its activities would continue with little or no change."

Jesus described a victorious Church when he said: "On this rock I will build my Church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

Without the Holy Spirit, the Great Commission of Christ will not advance. The days of a church without the Holy Spirit are numbered.

About ten days before Pentecost Jesus told his disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they received the promise of the Father, the Holy Spirit.

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

This power in you and me

The Holy Spirit in us, the followers of Jesus, is the power that makes us bold witnesses for him.

Within days after Pentecost, Peter and John were in the temple preaching in Jerusalem. They were arrested.

But when the Gospel needs to advance, miracles happen. At night an angel came and freed them from prison, and they returned to the temple to continue preaching.

One would think that once free, the disciples would have fled and changed professions. Not so this time.

The chief priest sent for the apostles again, this time more gently. They threatened the apostles: "We gave you strict orders not to

teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching..."

To that Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings!"

How so? Instead of taking up a more peaceful line of employment, these followers of Christ continued to fulfill their heavenly mandate.

The Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost had transformed these men into fearless witnesses.

Pentecost needs to be our experience as well.

The growth of the early Church was connected to Pentecost. Today, the success of the Church is still connected to Pentecost.

The mandate was impossible

The Great Commission issued by Jesus was impossible to fulfill without help from above. How could unlearned fishermen hope to take the message of salvation to the ends of the earth? They had no road map, no budget, no tools.

The Apostle Paul also received a mandate from the Lord. Jesus told Paul that he would be a chosen vessel to take the name of Jesus to pagan nations, before kings and rulers, and to the children of Israel.

Full of the Holy Spirit, Paul went and did just that. The rest is history. Today there are over two billion Christians in over 200 countries.

But there are billions more who are not yet Christians. Fifty percent of the world population lives in cities. Today there are over 450 mega cities on earth. Yet, big cities are not the typical focus of mission efforts.

The "ifs" and "buts" on the way

At GCMM we would not have gone to a single city or country if we had listened to

reason and logic. In the 100 cities that we have reached, there have been plenty of "buts" and "ifs" along the way.

There was no road map when we launched out in 40 cities of Russia. There had never before been similar campaigns in Russia's cities.

We went to Central Asia. It was the cradle of Islam in the former Soviet Union. Who would allow us to use their media for the Gospel?

When the Lord directed us to Israel, locals told us that Israel was rock hard soil. It would be better use of our time to go elsewhere.

India was a Hindu superpower. There was no room for Jesus in the media. In Nepal, the media did not appreciate the name "Jesus."

Sri Lanka was a Buddhist mission field where believers in Jesus were persecuted.

Hezbollah ruled Beirut! Iraq was dangerous beyond description. Cuba? In Fidel Castro's kingdom, there was no point in even attempting such a campaign!

But because we were obedient to the Holy Spirit and the mandate, we went, and in a few brief years millions have responded to Jesus as we presented him on television, radio, the biggest daily newspapers, ads, and social media.

Hundreds of millions of people have been reached—people that would not have otherwise heard of or responded to the Gospel message.

We did it together

Without the Holy Spirit it would not have happened. Thank you for believing with us, trusting us, and sending us into his harvest fields. One day we will rejoice together when we see the fruits of our labors.

Dr. Hannu Haukka