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Dear Friend of the CIS,

We need your help evangelizing Russia. Please respond quickly.

The following story is recent, and illustrates what is happening in Russia through the **Hosanna Plan** and how YOU can help.

An evangelism team in the Tatarstan region of Russia are doing door-to-door evangelism when they knock on Sasha's door. It opens and they enter.

They find Sasha, an elderly Muslim man, sick and on his deathbed.

Immediately, the Holy Spirit comes upon the believers and they reach out to Sasha with compassion. They tell him about Jesus Christ and the plan for salvation. Guess what happens next...

Sasha responds and asks Jesus into his heart! His name is written down in Heaven that very day.

The next day, Sasha dies and is buried. The local Imam (Muslim holy man) leads the funeral, but that doesn't matter. What matters is that **Sasha is with Jesus!**

That's part of what is happening tight now in Russia. How can you be a part of it? You can help us support Russian evangelism teams as part

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of the **Hosanna Pan** – the greatest Russian evangelism effort in decades. In the coming months you will hear more details about the Hosanna Plan, its origins, and more of what is happening throughout Russia because of it (*the photos on the enclosure provide a glimpse*).

Today, however, I simply want to share with you the vision of the Russian Pentecostal church and how you and I are being asked to partner with them.

House to house. Person to person. One by one.

That's how Russian believers are reaching the lost. If you haven't already, take a look at the photos on the enclosed response form.

You are the first to see these photos!

This is evangelism happening in Russia, and it's being done through one-on-one personal contacts from Russian believers who have pledged a full year of their lives to serve Jesus in evangelism ministry.

Their goals are...

- **share the gospel** in all of Russia's 129,000 cities, towns, and villages
- **plant 400 churches** per year for the next four years
- **train leaders** to lead the evangelism teams and pastor the new churches

To do all this requires an enormous financial and physical commitment from them. According to their estimates it will require hundreds of believers giving a full year of their lives to missionary service, and about \$4.8 million to start and sustain the effort through 10 years.

We are excited about the **Hosanna Plan**, and we asked the Russian churches how we can help. Here's what they said in reply:

- 1) YOU can help train the evangelists who will lead more than 20 church planting teams into Russia's unreached areas.
- 2) YOU can help provide Bibles, and evangelism literature which will

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be used in one-on-one evangelism and church planting efforts (*just like in Sasha's story*).

As you know, the Moscow Theological Institute (MTI) in Moscow is the primary Bible school in the country. Through this school and many extension centers across Russia we are helping train pastors and evangelists.

Many of the leaders behind the **Hosanna Plan** and leading evangelism teams are products of Bible school training in the CIS. Your financial support has helped bring them to this place today! Thank you so much!

Every **\$100** you give to CIS Bible Schools **helps train a leader for a month**. You can designate your gift to **“scholarships”** on the enclosed response form.

Or, you can designate your gift to **“evangelism literature”** to help provide the Bibles and evangelism tracts for the evangelism teams to have in-hand.

A gift of **\$60** will **supply Bibles and literature** for an outreach in one town or village. You can help with as many towns or villages as you like, but please indicate whether your gift is for “scholarships” or “evangelism literature” on the response form.

The **Hosanna Plan** is an enormous undertaking for Russia. I hope you or your church will help us support it. If you would like to send a special offering to support the Hosanna Plan, please send it to:

Hosanna Plan AGWM Project 13157.

Please remember to indicate on the response form how you would like your gift to CIS Bible Schools to be used this month. Thank you for your help!

Yours for the unreached in Russia,

Omar Beiler
Eurasia Regional Director

P.S. Help us support the Hosanna Plan in Russia! You can help train evangelists or help provide Bibles and evangelism literature.