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# THE TRUMPET OF THE LORD MINISTRIES

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## *Siberia, Russia*

God is doing a great work in Russia!! --that is what I thought and saw while I was in Shadrinsk, the Kurgan region of Russia. I'm thankful to God that I had the privilege to go and serve the Lord Jesus in the Evangelistic Outreach in Shadrinsk along with Sam Craig, who is a great singer and encourager.

My greatest joy was also to labor with Pastor Sergei Grioanov and Katherine, my interpreter in connection with the local Church Outreach- the House of Prayers. We visited five settlements to encourage believers through preaching the gospel in their district center in Mishiki, Shatrous, Shatrow, Karagapolye, and Dalmatavo. Here the people had a great hunger for the gospel. They showed me great kindness and love and heard the gospel gladly and responded to it unashamedly. We saw four to five hundred people saved.

Preaching at the Palace of Culture was a challenge. Seven hundred young people were gathered to attend a disco. We had three minutes to preach the gospel. The result -- two hundred responded. For that, God be the glory--praise His name. We shared also at a Technical School where over two hundred gave their lives to Christ.



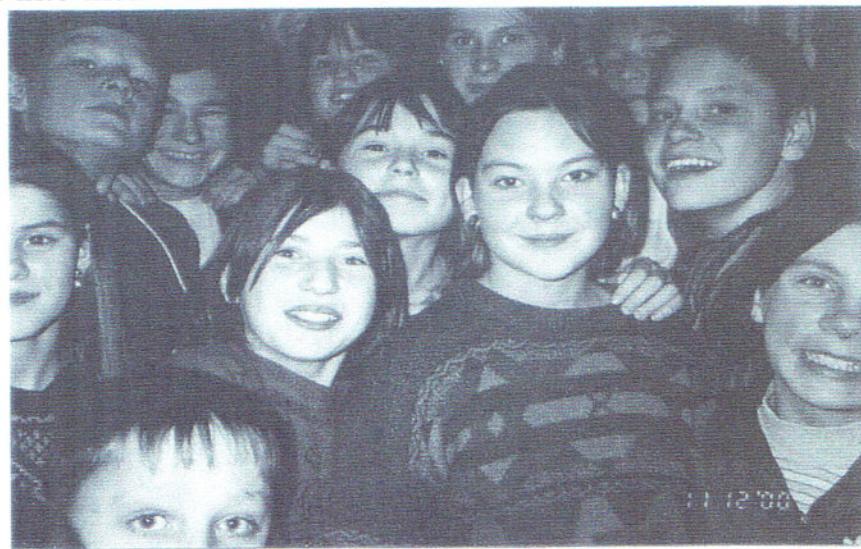
Julius handing out  
Bibles to the young  
adults who had  
accepted Christ.

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The highlight of this trip was the orphanage. The daily meal consisted of soup (no meat added) and bread. The Russian government had cut their financial support. Sam Craig's ministry and other churches provided money to buy food, clothes and shoes. I had the privilege to go with Pastor Sergei and Katherine to buy the many items that these children needed. They were each given a toy --this was the first time that they had received something that they could call their own. It was also a delight to see their enjoyment when they drank Coke and Pepsi for the first time. They shouted when they heard that they were having cheese.



The Director of the orphanage explained that many children were brought by parents who could no longer provide for them. Others came because their parents were deceased. The government would provide for the abandoned children but would do nothing for the others. This was a very hard and moving experience for us. It was glorious to tell them that God, Our Father, wanted to adopt all of them through Jesus Christ and many of them received Christ into their hearts.



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I thank the Lord that He laid it on Tom Popelka's heart to ask me to take this trip with him. Brother Tom is doing a great work and I praise God for him and his labor of love in Siberia. Having taken a trip with him to Kenya three years ago and now to Siberia/Kurgan-Shadrink, speaks of how greatly God is using Tom in the region where hundreds if not thousands of souls are being saved and local Bible believing Baptist churches are being started. There has also been work in prisons where hundreds of lives have been changed. YES-- God is doing a great work! And I am thankful to be a part of it.



From left to right: Pastor Sergei, Julius Raines, Second Warden, Sam Craig, Chief Warden of the prison

We have been asked to make a return trip in March. Barbara, my wife, prayerfully will be traveling with us. Pray that God, Our Father, would provide the finances for a return trip and that He would grant a great impact in the lives of the people. Pastor Sergei gave me a map of the region. Please be in prayer with us for outreaches into many areas to start new churches and Bible studies.

*God has set before us as open door into Siberia, Russia. How long that door will be open—only God knows. We must take advantage of this opportunity to make Jesus known to these precious souls.*

Pray for the Tom Popelka Evangelistic Ministry, whom God is using to bring light to this dark region that has been so in bondage, but is being liberated by the preaching of the gospel. Also, pray for the Sam Craig Evangelistic Ministry as well as the Julius Raines Evangelistic Ministry.

*Your financial support would be greatly appreciated and would enable us to continue to spread the gospel both here and abroad.*

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Left to right:  
Pastor Sergei,  
Julius and 18  
souls that were  
saved in the  
district of  
Kirovo

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