



Dear Friend of the Harvest:

You are about to read of a very special project.

You are probably old enough to remember the Cold War, with the atheistic Soviet Union standing in an adversarial relationship with the West. When this nation—shall we say, empire—collapsed in 1991, the new Russia that took its place embraced the very economic, political, and even belief system that the old Soviet Union tried to destroy.

Russia today offers a golden opportunity to impact the entire world with the Gospel. But we have no guarantees that the door will stay opened indefinitely.

Church planting is a sure-fire way to help spread the Kingdom of God. The church in Russia is valiantly trying to plant hundreds of churches each year. But the task is great and the resources few.

Teach All Nations Inc. (TAN) is endeavoring to support church planting in Russia through several means, including the sponsorship of a church planting conference in Moscow. Here, the church planters are trained in all kinds of skills necessary to succeed in their ministries. TAN utilizes years of successful ministry training experience to help people from all over the world. At this time, however, our focus is on Russia.

During this mission to Russia, the Aussie teams will visit different regions for hands-on ministry: teaching, preaching, & evangelism. But the crowning event of the entire journey is a **church planting conference** in Moscow from May 2007. Fifty to sixty church planters (not “wannabes,” but people already on the field) will travel vast distances to receive teaching and Holy Spirit impartation. Since our last conference in October 2005, another 150 plus churches were planted, some in challenging terrain. **Training is making a difference in the effectiveness & viability of these new churches.**

Great prophecies about a Holy Spirit move in Russia are about to be fulfilled, where the “spill over” effect will touch China, India, the Arab world, and Europe. This is significant and we should be part of it. That’s why it behooves us to be stakeholders in this Church Planting Conference. **Think of the present & future Russian church leaders that will be impacted by this Conference!**

We need a mere USD 4,000 or AUD 5,500 to help with this conference. Can you help? Please read on and take advantage of our secure on-line donation facility. Any amount will be helpful and gratefully acknowledged!

God bless you as you read and God bless you as you give.

Your investment in Russia is one of **global** and **eternal** significance!

Introducing Teach All Nations Inc. And the Mission to Russia May 2007

TEACH ALL NATIONS INC.: Introduction

Teach All Nations Inc. (www.tan.org.au) (TAN) is a Great Commission Bible teaching ministry: *the whole Word for the whole World*. It utilizes John Stott's philosophy of "double-listening": one ear open to the ancient Word and one ear open to the modern world (I Chronicles 12:32). The ministry is directed by its founder, Kameel Majdali, former Principal of Harvest Bible College, and an ordained Assembly of God in Australia minister for the last twenty years. Kameel and his wife Leanne fellowship at the Melbourne Life Christian Church in Kew, Victoria, under the leadership of Bram and Dianne Manusama.

Since its inception in February 2004, TAN has been to United Arab Emirates, Lebanon, Singapore (ten times); Malaysia (four times); Hong Kong, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Indonesia, New Zealand, Cook Islands, and the United States (four times). Within Australia, it has been to NSW, South Australia, Tasmania, Western Australia, and, of course, Victoria.

In addition to preaching and teaching in churches, Bible schools, camps and conferences, TAN also has a nightly Bible teaching program called "*On the Rock: The Unchanging Word for Changing Times*."¹ TAN offers a variety of Bible teaching audio resources and has just published its first book, *Alpha and Omega, the Beginning of the End: An Introduction to the End Times*. More books are to follow.

Due to its very nature TAN is focused on the entire world, though some regions will obviously get more attention than others at this stage.

¹ On Rhema FM 96.3 weeknights at 8:30 AEDT or log on at that time www.rhemafm.org.au.

PROJECTS

Overseas projects would include leadership training and church planting. The most immediate project involves Russia, May 2007.

Why Russia? Why Now?

Russia's past and prophetic destiny are unlike any other nation on earth. Its sheer size, heritage, and history have caused it to wield enormous influence in world affairs. First under Tsarism, then communism, Russia was a major power that impacted many nations. Though it is now considered a "former superpower" and a seeming shell to its previous Soviet might, Russia today has considerable clout in the diplomatic arena (and thanks to high oil prices, also in the economic). Respected world affairs analyst Joseph de Courcy said in June 2003, "...for now and in the foreseeable future, America (the world's sole superpower) needs Russia!" The Holy Spirit wants to use the same infrastructure employed by the Tsars and Communists to spread the Gospel, first across Russia, and then into neighboring countries.

Hudson Taylor prophesied in 1889 the following:

"In Russia, I saw there will come a general all-encompassing, national spiritual awakening so great that there could never be another like it. From Russia, I saw the awakening spread to many European countries. Then I saw an all-out awakening, followed by the coming of Christ."

Therefore, Russia is a catalyst for global revival.

Second point, Russia, like Israel and Sub-Saharan Africa, is on the front lines on radical Islam. Southern Russia and the Central Asian republics are predominantly Muslim, with Russia's Muslims numbering twenty million or fourteen per cent of the population. But unlike their Iranian and Arab co-religionists, Russian and Central Asian Muslims are easy to reach and speak the Russian language. If we support the church planters in this area, we are providing a Holy Spirit solution to the challenge of radical Islam. Some successful church plants have been done in Muslim areas of Russia, including the cantankerous Caucasus Mountain region.

Church Planting in Russia:

Church planting in Russia is particularly challenging due to vast distances, various ethnic minorities, and a variety of topography, from the semi-tropical Black Sea region, to the arctic, as well as Siberia and the Russian Far East. In addition, the powerful Russian Orthodox Church has been vigorous in its

opposition to others churches, since it considers the whole of Russia to be their sole domain. The Russian constitution guarantees freedom of religion but the government is mindful, even deferential, of Orthodox sensitivities, though it is no longer the state church as it was during the time of the Tsars.

During his first trip to Russia in April 2003, Kameel Majdali was given a "Macedonian Call" by the leadership of the Russian Church of Evangelical Christians (formerly called the Pentecostal Union of Russia or PUR). The Russian brethren have asked him and TAN to bring Australians to Russia for short to long term work, in any area they can, to help them in this vital mission of planting churches.

Why Australians? They like Australians because the Aussies are practical, friendly, roll up their sleeves, and dirty their finger-nails. Aussies don't come to "take over," but are great "mates" who come along side to help get the job done.

Since the dissolution of the Soviet Union in December 1991, the PUR/RCEC, which numbered only one hundred churches after seventy-five years of existence², went on a church planting blitz. Today they stand at 2,000 churches. Christianity in general and the cults have grown greatly since the fall of communism. This massive expansion of church planting has left the RCEC overworked, overstretched, and in need of training and encouragement. For this reason, they gave the Macedonian call for the Australians to come and help them (Acts 16:9).

The October 2005 Mission to Russia sent five teams to minister in five regions of Russia.³ Each team experienced a wonderful move of the Holy Spirit. After re-uniting in Moscow, the Mission sponsored a church planting conference for approximately fifty church planters. They came from thousands of miles away: Black Sea, Arctic Circle, Ural Mountains, and even one man from Irkutsk in Siberia 5,000 km away. It was very successful and thus the RCEC have asked us to come again. No doubt, the conference played a role in spawning one hundred and fifty new churches that were planted throughout Russia in 2006, as well as strengthening existing churches.

Current Project:

The need is raise AUD 5,500 for a church planting conference in May 2007, probably in Moscow. Participants are those who are already church planting, not just those desiring to do so. They will receive theoretical and practical impartation and equipping. For some, it may be their first time to receive any form of training. Those Australians on the Mission to Russia will raise their own support to and through Russia.

² This is understandable. Communist rule (1917-1991) did not encourage church planting!

³ Kaluga, Kostroma, Tartarstan, Pskov, and Petrozavodsk.

Purpose of Funds Raised:

Monies will be used for venue hire, as well as transport, food, and housing of church planters. Any excess monies raised will go into church planting.

Please see the separate letter from Ivan Borishevsky, Director of Missions and Church Planting for the RCEC, based in Moscow.

Teach All Nations has worked hard to established credible contacts and rapport with the leadership of the Russian Pentecostal church. It is our desire to partner with the Assemblies of God in Australia and other churches so that together we can see this great nation touched for Christ and, by extension, the rest of the world. It is a worthwhile project and I ask that you would prayerfully consider supporting this Pentecostal church planting mission to Russia.

Grant Hobbs, Director of the Assemblies of God World Missions, says:

As an Associate Missionary, AOG World Missions endorses the contribution of Kameel Majdali and considers the Russian Church Planting conference a worthwhile venture

We look forward to partnering with you for in the Great Russian and global harvest field.

Yours in Christ's service,



Director
Teach All Nations Inc.

If you would like to view the last Russia Report, please log on to:

http://www.tan.org.au/ministry_trips/russia.asp



**Church Planters in Moscow for the
October 2005 Church Planting Conference**



**St. Basil's Cathedral, Moscow's well-known
landmark & logo at the end of Red Square**