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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Despite the war and the heavy sanctions, the church in Russia is not only standing firm—it is growing stronger. In fact, these challenges have opened even more doors for ministry. We are seeing a remarkable hunger for the gospel, especially among young people.

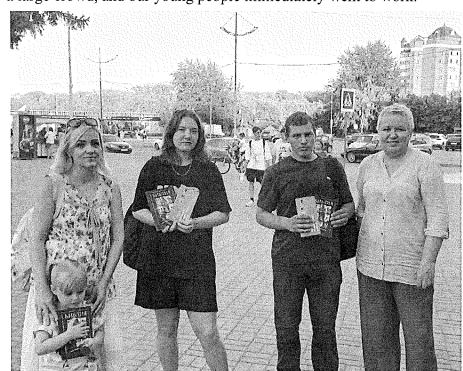
I have devoted my life, through Russian Mission, to investing in young people—because they are the future of the church. Right now, in Russia, the hearts of young men and women are wide open. They are searching, asking deep questions, and when they encounter Christ, their lives are transformed. They are filled with passion, creativity, and energy to share the Good News with their generation.

Let me share just one example. Earlier this month, with the help of Russian Mission and a local church in Siberia, we organized a concert in a city park. The local government gave us permission, and both Christian and non-Christian music groups performed. Dozens of young believers from the town took part. Their goal was clear: to bring as many people as possible to the event and introduce them to the message of Christ.

And God blessed it. The concert drew a large crowd, and our young people immediately went to work.

They exchanged phone numbers, invited peers to small groups, and began building friendships centered on the gospel. From that one event, we now have dozens of new contacts—young people who are genuinely interested in learning about Jesus. For many, this was the first step toward hearing the saving message of Christ.

Friends, this is just one glimpse of what God is doing in Russia today. The church is alive. Young believers are taking the gospel boldly to their generation. And Russian Mission is committed to training, equipping, and walking with them as they shine



the light of Christ in a very dark time. As we look ahead, please join us in prayer for our upcoming Christmas and New Year outreaches. These programs are some of our largest opportunities of the year to share the gospel. In the midst of war, sanctions, and many difficulties, we believe God will use these outreaches to reveal His living hope to countless young people.

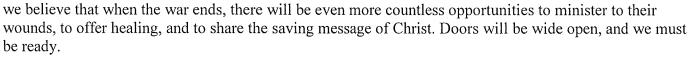
Your prayers, encouragement, and financial support make this possible. Truly, we could not do this work without you. Thank you for standing with us as partners in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Together, we are witnessing the power of God transform lives in Russia.

## Situation in Ukraine

The situation in Ukraine is heartbreaking. The war is destroying the country—its electrical grid, roads, and much of its infrastructure. This is a new kind of war, where drones strike relentlessly, and anything near the front line becomes a target, even civilian vehicles.

As Christians, it grieves us deeply to see how government elites in both countries are destroying their own people. Every day, we are praying for peace, and we ask you to join us in those prayers.

Yet even in the midst of devastation, we are amazed by the resilience of the Ukrainian people—and their openness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. They are tired of the war, weighed down by trauma, and searching for real hope. We minister in the war time there but



Our mission is clear: in the midst of evil and darkness, we must show that God's love has not left Ukraine. True peace does not come from governments or ceasefires—it comes only through faith in Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

This is where you can help. Your prayers, encouragement, and gifts will enable us to:

- Support local believers who are reaching their neighbors with the gospel, even in the hardest places.
- Prepare for the great work of trauma care and gospel ministry that will be needed once the war is over.
- Shine the light of Christ into lives overwhelmed by despair and destruction.

Will you stand with us in this urgent moment? Together, we can bring the hope of Christ to Ukraine and Russia —today and in the days to come. Thank you for your faithful partnership in the gospel. Please continue to pray for peace in Ukraine and for the strength of the church as we serve in these dark times.

May the Lord richly bless you for your faithfulness.

With gratitude in Christ, Pastor Sasha Russian Mission