

GOD'S WORK CONTINUES

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BIBLE CONFERENCE IN ROSTOV

Dear prayer partners:

I just returned from my teaching trip to Rostov, Russia and Kharkov, Ukraine. Thank you very much for being part of it through your prayers and financial support. I would like to share with you some of the most important things that I have seen and experienced at these two conferences. You will find the most recent updates about it in this newsletter.

In His service,

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History of our cooperation with the church in Rostov goes back to 1980's. We know brothers from Rostov since the time of persecution under communists. In 1998, I taught a first conference there on the subject of expository preaching. As I now understand, majority of those brothers, while supporting Biblical preaching in general, did not understand its vital importance. However, there were several brothers who took this issue very seriously. Some of them a year later became my students in Novorossiysk School of Biblical Preaching. Then, two of them went to Samara Preachers Institute. It took a lot of time, hard labor and patience, for these men. But now we can definitely say that the church in Rostov is one of the very



few, and most likely the only church in

Southern Russia with strong expository preaching. I was glad to see such dedicated to Christ and committed to each other team of men, working with souls.

The church has more than 230 members. Most of them love Biblical Preaching. They are spreading CDs



and tapes with recorded sermons among their relatives and friends. This became a real venue for evangelism in that area.

The topic of the conference was *Authority and Sufficiency of Scripture*. It was a great privilege for me to speak about such an important truth to the crowd, who are "hungry" for more knowledge on such topic.

The church in Rostov serves as a base for one of our Training Centers. The

Word of Truth Bible School had its first graduation last January. I was pleased to know that video recordings from that course are being duplicated and distributed from one person to another in many different regions.

Thanks to the great impact of the Church and Bible School in Rostov, the conference had gathered more than 300 participants from dozens of cities in Central and Southern Russia. This ministry is exactly what we were praying about. I believe that in order to make ministry in Russia more effective today, it needs concentration on ongoing solid Biblical Preaching, which would be an essential part of a good church, and, in turn, a base for theological training. During this trip, I was very encouraged to see that it became a reality in Rostov.



PASTORS' CONFERENCE IN KHARKOV

After four days of intensive ministry in Rostov, I traveled 500 kilometers Northwest to Kharkov, the biggest city in Eastern Ukraine. This was my fourth annual conference with this group of leaders. Most of the pastors and missionaries that come to this conference are actively involved in pastoral and church planting ministry in different regions of Ukraine, Russia and other republics of former Soviet Union. They are very committed to God's work. Most of them have invested years of their lives in spreading the Gospel through different venues among the Russian-speaking people. It is such an honor to serve these men.



I am especially thankful

to God for the opportunity to introduce these men to a simple message of sufficiency of Bible. During the last fifteen years, Christian workers in Russia were subject of every possible teaching that had been developed in different churches and ministry on the West. Desiring to improve the work of God, many of these men attended conference after conference in search for effective methods. Now, they come to realization that the Word of God, the Bible, is the best possible instrument of reaching souls for Christ.

During the three days of conference, we covered several important topics, such as *Why the Bible is True, Authority of Scripture, Sufficiency of Scripture, Clarity of Scripture, Perspicuity of Scripture, and Exclusivity of Scripture*. God gave me grace to speak about these issues in a clear, simple

and practical way. It is an enormous joy to see these important truths being received with such great enthusiasm.



One of the most exciting aspect of this conference is the strong desire, of many church leaders, to learn how to preach Bible effectively. At the request of their key leaders, Word of Grace Ministries will be starting a special course of the School of Biblical Preaching, specifically designed for those who were in ministry for some time in the past. In order to have the opportunity to provide individual mentoring, we decided to limit the group size to 30 men. This conference revealed men's seriousness about the Bible. More than 180 pastors attended this conference.

Most of them wanted to join the course, so, it was not easy to select only 30 of them. Please continue to pray for current preparations for this course. The program will run for three years and it will have three two-week modules per year. First one is scheduled for October 2007



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PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY...

We would also appreciate your prayers for our summer camp ministry. There are several camps being prepared in Russia, Ukraine, Byelorussia, Armenia and

here in USA.

Please continue to pray for all the aspects of this ministry, and especially for the real impact of the Biblical preaching in lives of all participants.

Alexey and Tatyana Kolomytsev, for the great team of the Word of Grace Ministry

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