

# Highlights of year-ending results of God's work....



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## Advancement of Biblical Influence in Europe

When we started our internet ministry, we had no idea that it will become such a powerful tool in spreading the Gospel. The primary goal of this project was to make good expository sermons available for the Russian-speaking people around the world. We knew that God's Word is always powerful and active; it always does its life-changing work. But we could not foresee the extent of its work. During the last several years, tens of thousands of people around the world had been affected by biblical preaching from [www.slovo.org](http://www.slovo.org). Hundreds of sermons that were prepared, preached, recorded and placed for free download brought their tremendous fruit. Advancement of the live broadcast of Sunday morning services had made this ministry even more effective. Now, hundreds of people around the world join us every Sunday, watching, listening and worshipping with us.



**Pastor Alexey speaking**



**Around 400 people attended**

This past September we had great opportunity to see some of the results of this work. Ivan Gerner, pastor from Dortmund, Germany, one of those people, whose life and ministry were greatly enriched through [www.slovo.org](http://www.slovo.org) decided to put together a Bible Conference that would draw together people from Europe, who had been affected by our ministry. It was such a great joy to see face-to-face hundreds of people who listen to us every week. They came from more than 60 cities all around Germany. Some people came all the way from Great Britain, Finland and Lithuania. It was amazing to see their deep love for the Word. This is a real answer to our prayers. We see the

whole new generation of the Russian-speaking people who really appreciate expository preaching.

We know that involvement of our ministry is an important step to Russian-speaking people in Europe. This is a ground work that provides necessary conditions for cultivating strong, faithful to the Bible preachers. Some men in that area has already grown their desire to commit their lives to an expository preaching. With Ivan Gerner's help, we already started distributing several of our DVD courses in Russian language, which consist topics such as Apologetics, Biblical Preaching and Biblical Counseling. Please continue to pray for the development of this work in Europe.

This conference in Germany demonstrated that all the efforts that are being put into our Internet ministry are bringing hundred fold fruit. We need your prayers and support to further sustain and develop this ministry.



**Ivan Gerner, pastor from Dortmund**

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## There is no one more precious than Christ



Sincere prayers & word of commitment.....

**“O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You...”** These words from Ps. 63 were part of the opening statement of the *Real Men* conference that took place at Word of Grace Bible Church on October 17-18, 2008. Although men usually are associated with strength, the lack of the true manhood and real leadership abilities makes them one of the weakest elements of modern-day families, churches, and society as a whole.

The main goal of the conference was to help Christian men to become the men that God wants them to be. The leaders of the Word of Grace Bible Church clearly understand that such super task of transforming hearts and minds of people can be accomplished only by God through His ultimate and authoritative Word. That is why the conference was focused at the depth and clarity of the biblical message for men.

**Rick Holland**, a well known youth and now executive pastor from the Grace Community Church in southern California, was the main speaker of the conference. His messages on spiritual discipline like a sharp and powerful sword, dismantled pride, demonstrating men their great need to submit themselves to the disciplining authority of the Word. Five primary sessions of the conference explored biblical methods of growth in godliness, chastity, integrity, prayer, and biblical wisdom. Dr. Holland did not just theorize about these very important topics, but also spoke effectively about their practical application. For example, during the second session, when he spoke about discipleship, Rick showed, based on Deut. 6:4-7, that an effective leader will use every opportunity to disciple others. This is not done just during the special discipleship meetings. Practicing and demonstrating the true Christian faith in various life circumstances is one of the most effective tools of influencing others. In other words, take your disciples with you on every journey when possible. Let them observe your attitude toward life, your reaction to various challenges, let them hear your prayers, and let them saturate in your attitude towards God and His Word.

The last session was specifically designed as workshops aimed to three different groups of conference attendees. Three workshops were led by leaders of the Word

of Grace Bible Church. Pastor Alexey Kolomytsev helped pastors and church leaders, to gain practical understanding of the discipline of ministry. Vitali Rozhko, spent a productive hour with fathers, focusing on the importance of effective fatherhood. Youth pastor Eugene



Rick Holland from Grace Community Church

Shkarovskiy had a great conversation with a large group of youth, discussing with them the biblical teaching on the discipline of Christian youth.

This conference was a great blessing for more than 500 of its participants. It brought together hundreds of Christian men from different corners of USA. It was a great joy to see men from nine different states, sincerely worshipping God in prayers, openly talking to each other about their spiritual life and publicly expressing their dedication to the God-defined manhood.

“There is no one more precious than Christ; I rest in His name; I long to be with Him always, for my soul He is very dear” – these words of the closing hymn still resonate in the hearts and minds of many participants of the conference. Let’s pray that every one of them would really become a true man of God.



“...I rest in His name...”

“AN EFFECTIVE LEADER WILL USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO DISCIPLE OTHERS”



The discipline of mind.....

### Biblical School of Preaching, Rovno, Ukraine

On **November 5-13**, pastor Vitali had an opportunity to teach another session at the *School of Biblical Preaching* in Rovno, Ukraine. Besides the semiannual sessions, taught by WGBI instructors, this special group of students meets once a month for a continued study of expository preaching. Because all of them are currently serving as pastors or missionaries, these 61 men have great opportunity to put their training in practice right away. This time pastor Vitali taught a class "From Exegesis to Exposition." It focused on several important areas of sermon preparation:

- Text diagramming
- Studying the context
- Finding the main idea of the text
- Analyzing the structure of the text
- Discovering exegetical thesis
- Formulating homiletical thesis
- Creating sermon outline
- How to make an introduction and conclusion
- How to make a practical application of a 2000-year-old text to contemporary listeners



This leadership training project proved to be very effective. We continually receive testimonies from churches, testifying how this school has helped their pastors and preachers "to preach the Bible, not their own ideas" and that the church members can "now hear the true Word of God." Some pastors-students expressed their regrets of unscriptural and subjective sermons and repented for their previously preached "own message" instead of the God-centered Word"

A few testimonies from students concerning the important topic they learned this time:

*"I was taught how to build a bridge between an exegesis and expositional sermon"*

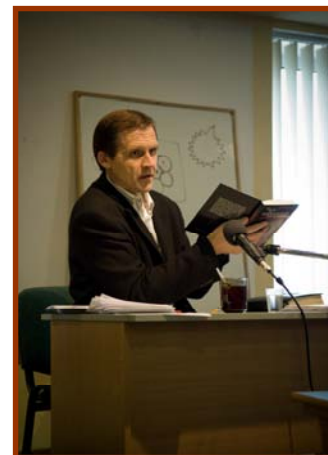
*"Thank you very much for your time and efforts. The session was very important and powerful. Personally, it helped me work with the Word of God. I'm still impressed of the session. I reread Kaiser slowly this time. The material is excellent"*

*"Dear Vitali! Thank you, brother, for the blessed time I had (and not only I) in the School of Biblical Preaching. It was a great time of growing and fellowship! Indeed, among three sessions I saw the last as the best. Hope that your impressions are the same."*

*"I am pleased with the time I spent with you personally and during the lectures. God blessed me so much and I see a tremendous uplift and joy from what I heard and experienced. It's almost like a new horizon or a new step has begun in my life. May God bless you and your ministry."*

As we realize the importance of spreading influence of the living Word of God among the Russian-speaking people, we hope and pray that these pastors and preachers who are very dear to us would be able to implement everything that they are learning and that their ministry would become fruitful for the sake of His glory.

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry and for being part of what God continues to do in lives of leaders and preachers in Ukraine and Russia. Please continue to pray about this school. Pray for each student that they would continue to grow in their faithfulness to the Word of God, deepening in their daily sanctification. Pray that they would continue to master their preaching, influencing many others by the biblical truth.



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## Thank you from Pastor Alexey

It has been a great privilege and blessing for us to work together with you, reaching Russian-speaking people with the Truth of the Gospel this past year. I greatly appreciate your prayers, letters of encouragement and financial support, which makes our ministry possible. This year Lord allowed us to grow stronger and to reach more souls with greater results through our Bible Institute and Media Ministry.

I would like to express our greatest appreciation for your continued support of our Bible Institute (WGBI), which continues to grow in its influence. This year we expanded its church leadership training programs to several towns in Bashkiria, Buddhist region located about 1000 mile Northeast of Moscow. Our new School of Biblical Preaching in Western Ukraine is also doing very well, providing much needed training to pastors and church leaders in that region.

In this letter, I would like to focus on the great fruit that had been brought forth by our Media ministry. Literally, tens of thousands of the Russian-speaking people are being affected by biblical preaching from our website every month. This was the primary goal of our ministry from its start - to make solid, biblical, expository sermons available for the Russian-speaking people around the world. We understand that before there will be men, who would desire to dedicate themselves to expository preaching a lot of people have to discover first what expository preaching is, to see its Biblical value and to get to love it. This is where our Media ministry came to play its vital role.

“FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE WORLD, OUR BROADCASTS HAVE BECOME THE ONLY SOURCE OF THE REAL SPIRITUAL FOOD”

It all started in 2002. With the help of several friends and Globeworks International ministry we were able to hire an individual as a fulltime web developer. In 18 month, he was able to build the website [www.slovo.org](http://www.slovo.org) and develop it to its current capacity. Then all we need to do is to preach faithfully and regularly, week after week, record it and spread it around. Although we are using many venues, like CD and DVD distribution, the Internet proved to be the most effective way. It has ability to penetrate into the most remote areas, brining the life-saving message to the thirsty souls. At this time, more than 600 sermons that I and my associates have prepared and preached during the last six years are available for free download in any part of the world. We continually receive testimonies about how these sermons are changing lives every day. The results that we see now greatly exceeded our expectations. We receive testimonies from many different places around the world. Here are just a couple of them:

*“We praise Lord for answering our prayers. We were able to install the cable internet at home so we can watch your services together with our family, worship Lord together and listen to Alexey’s sermons! We praise God! This is a tremendous blessing for us!” - Kiev, Ukraine*

*“I thank God for the opportunity to listen to His Word! I want to thank everyone who made the live stream of your services possible. Especially I thank the technical department for their sacrificial ministry. You cannot imagine how important your ministry is to many people! Myself and my friends always look forward to your services. May Lord bless your all abundantly!” – Minneapolis, USA*



Now, after five years, since website was built, we came to the point when this ministry has to be taken to the next level. New technologies open doors to even more effective ways of spreading the Biblical truth. Podcasting, Video sermons library, Interactive leadership training courses, and many other new features are widely and effectively used by many ministries today. In order to do that through our website, we need to make significant improvements to it. Our volunteer experts, who are servicing the website now, say that to continue to be effective, it needs to be completely redesigned and restructured. This volume of work cannot be done by volunteers.

This situation can be solved only if we hire a qualified individual working on it fulltime for couple of years. This type of work is quite expensive, \$45,000 - \$50,000 a year. Currently we are talking to several individuals, looking for the possibility of hiring someone to do this important job. The best way would be, if one of the volunteers, who are currently helping with the website, would agree to leave his job and dedicate his time to this project.

**I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider, if God would lead your heart, to join us in prayer and financial support of this important project.** This investment would bring the power of God’s Word to hundreds of thousands and even millions of souls.

In His service,  
 Alexey Kolomyitsev