

National-to-National Evangelism Project Summary

Russia

Ivanovo
March 15 - 28, 2012



Purpose: The goal is to expose **1,500** Russians to the Gospel with **600** accepting Christ!

Overview: For 39 years, International Commission has used a proven plan that mobilizes believers to take the Gospel around the world. We call this church-to-church partnership evangelism project.

- In 1993 we began conducting partnership projects with no U.S. team members.
- Nationals are responsible for hosting and enlisting teams.
- Teams come from within the borders of the country or from neighboring countries thereby minimizing or eliminating language barriers.
- We call this: National to National (N2N) evangelism projects.

There are several values in conducting these National-to-National evangelistic projects:

- Team members have a similar cultural understanding to those they are attempting to reach with the Gospel,
- N2N projects can be used where team members from the U.S. are unable to go due to political barriers.
- N2N projects can be used when team members from the U.S. would not be effective based on the bias of a people or culture.
- N2N projects are economically efficient.

National to National projects are the key to fulfilling International Commission's stated goal of mobilizing believers to conduct partnership evangelism project in every country of the by the year 2013.

Project Description:

Sam Buliga, the IC Vice-Present for Eastern Europe, has affirmed that we need to work hard and fast while the doors for Christianity are still open in that area of the world. Civil rivals and conflicts between neighbor countries are also common issues around there. Most of those countries are still struggling to find their own identity and independence after the end of the Soviet Union. This is our window of opportunity to bring them the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ.

Russia has struggled in its efforts to build a democratic political system and market economy to replace the social, political, and economic controls of the Communist period. Moreover, the country has large populations of non-practicing believers and non-believers, a legacy of over seven decades of Soviet rule. The Soviet dictators demanded an atheist, anti-God, mentality from their people.



Ivanovskaya oblast' is a difficult region because it is the oblast' where the insurrection of weavers and workers later led to the revolution, thus leaving a spiritual imprint on people. Atheism, ungodliness, drug addiction, alcoholism are progressing among the youth. It is a city of students - 89 thousand university students. **Vladimirskaya** oblast' is saturated with orthodoxy and traditions but they don't know God. Two hundred orthodox cathedrals, but along with that low number of believers.

Ten churches are ready to send out teams that will bring the message of salvation to at least 1,500 people. They pray that **600** souls will come to accept the

Your involvement would help facilitate this anticipated harvest.

Project Budget:

Remaining Opportunity:	\$ 3,351
Funded in Country:	\$ 500
Funded in USA:	<u>\$ 2,921</u>
Total Project Cost:	\$ 6,772



Impact: The impact of National to National projects goes far beyond the recorded decisions for Christ. Since 1998, with God being the author of the results, National-to-National evangelism projects have averaged 1,724 people who accept Christ as Savior.

Your Opportunity: Through your giving, you have the opportunity to join with National Partners, churches and ministry partners to reach unbelievers and discover new believers. National partners raise financial support to be involved with this project. The host churches in this region provide food and lodging.

Other believers like you provide resources to underwrite this project. Your investment will help an expected and prayed for harvest of souls to respond to the Gospel. We are asking you to consider a gift to help with this project.

Project Contacts: Jim Sheffer, Ministry of Development

JimS@IC-World.org