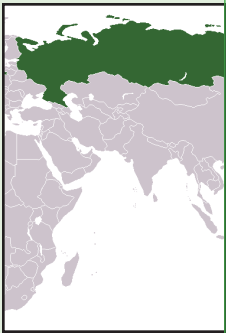


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a book project



FORMER SOVIET UNION

“Ukraine has a strong Christian heritage, but suffering under Communism was severe. Evangelical Christians have emerged stronger and more numerous from 130 years of unrelenting persecution in which millions of Christians were killed. Pray that full freedom of religion for all groups may be enshrined in the constitution, practiced by the state, and fully utilized by believers. Pray that the church might adjust to a new context, and meet its challenges boldly.”

- Operation World

PROJECTS

A Creation Order Theodicy and None of These Diseases in Russian

Millions of people living today in the republics of the former Soviet Union were brought up to believe that faith was a crutch, religion was the opiate of the people, and God was simply “not there.” Now with the demise of communism, people are questioning and reexamining all this. They need to be shown the reasonableness of belief in a Supreme Creator-Redeemer.

Former atheist and now Christian apologist Sergei Golovin directs the Christian Center for Science and Apologetics, a ministry to the sub-cultures of intellectuals unreached by the Gospel. Sergei writes about his two newest projects:

A Creation Order Theodicy

Many people hesitate accepting God asking the questions “If God is good, why is life so bad?” or “Why did that happen to me?”, after all - “If God is good, why don’t I feel good?” Since ancient times people have been looking for an answer (Theodicy) to the question. The book by Bruce Little looks at the problem from the historic point of view, analyzes strong and weak points of all possible explanations, and gives the biblical answer to the questions. This lets us see the Moral aspect of God’s design in His creation without compromising or redefining the moral goodness, knowledge and power of God. In post-communist countries, where pain, hardships and suffering were and sometimes still are a part of everyday life, the book will serve as a great tool for removing obstacles on the way to Christ.



Sergei Golovin (far left) and his staff at the Christian Center for Science and Apologetics stand by the various Christian books they have helped publish in Russian.

None of these Diseases

Health is the issue everybody cares about. One might pay no attention to religion, politics, sports or history, but everyone is always ready to talk about their own health. Therefore medical apologetics is a very effective way to bring the truth of the Lord to people who are indifferent to anything else. The book None of these Diseases is a unique way to tell about God using the issue of health as a common ground with nonbelievers, and to show them the source of healing both physical and spiritual, that could give them not only a healthy life in this age, but eternal blessings in the age to come.

Amount still needed:

\$6,890.00

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Ideas for getting your church involved

Research Russian culture and share it with your church. One idea is to host a prayer night specifically focused on the people of Ukraine (Get prayer ideas from *Operation World*). Then finish the evening with an Russian meal!

Model an attitude of sacrifice. Many times it’s easy to forget how much more we have than others around the world. Ask each other, “What can I give up or sell so that people in the former Soviet Union can hear the gospel?”

Ask your Sunday School classes about fundraising ideas. Encourage them to take ownership of the project and work together. Observe as the class benefits from focusing on God’s people around the world.