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THE BIBLE.

MILLION DOLLAR SUNDAY

WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET IT.

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Reaching the Unreachable

At the end of September, more than 20 refugees were baptized by our ministry partners in Greece. This is the direct result of God's power transforming lives through His divine Word, all because you chose to provide Bibles so others might come to know our almighty God. Hundreds of Muslim refugees have been baptized in the last few years by our partners at Glyfada Church of Christ and Omonia Church of Christ because people like you were willing to join the Gospel movement.

Why is this important?

Over the last 1400 years, the Muslim world has been unreachable. Christianity is forbidden in many countries, and these countries have intense social & family pressure to adhere to Islam.

It is humbling to think that God has chosen right now as the time for His Kingdom to ignite and burn like a mighty wildfire through the Muslim world! We see radical Islam, terrorism and immigration as crises taking place across the globe, but God is using these crises to invite the desperate to Himself and we have the opportunity to be the invitation that they are seeking.

More than 10 million refugees from the Middle East have entered Greece. Because of your compassion, EEM has been able to partner with churches and ministries to print and deliver over 100,000 Bibles in Arabic and Farsi directly into the hands of thousands of refugees in Greece.

Many of these refugees have been dispersed across Europe, and they are taking God's Word with them! Your gift of God's Word is an active part of the biggest church movement in history to share the Gospel with the Muslim world.

EEM Partner Matt Gulley, Director of Mercy Ministries in Athens said, **"Right now, Greece is the most geographically strategic place to reach Muslims for Christ. They are far from home and comfort. They are searching for hope and truth, and their ground is not firm. They are the most open to the Gospel they will ever be."**

Matt



This is why our Million Dollar Sunday campaign is so important, and why your participation is vital. With your help this MDS season, God's Word can continue to reach those that we often see as unreachable.



**35
YEARS
WITH EEM**

Scott Hayes

Publishing Director

In 1982, Scott Hayes studied at European Christian College in Vienna. During this time, he became acquainted with the Austrian church, EEM and with a young Austrian girl named Sabine.

Scott married Sabine in May of 1984 in Vienna. In the same year, EEM founder Gwen Hensley invited Scott to join EEM. Scott began as the distribution manager, which included the responsibility to organize Bible smuggling between the years of 1984 and 1989. EEM relied upon partnerships with Christian organizations dedicated to working in secret for the Kingdom of God. During this time, Scott also worked with the book production process.

When the Berlin Wall fell in 1989, the need for smuggling ended and EEM was able to ship commercially. While in charge of printing and book production, Scott went back to school to get his license as an offset printer, and to obtain a license to run a printing company to meet the demand for more Bibles. In the fall of 1989, he returned to the U.S. to finish his degree at Oklahoma Christian where he received a bachelor's in both business and theology.

In 2004, Scott began his current role as publishing director. His present responsibilities include coordinating translating and editing,

layout design, and negotiating with commercial printers who do the printing.

Initially, the role involved just a handful of projects each year. Now, EEM is publishing in over 20 different languages. Because of many technological advantages and gains in efficiency, the project list often includes up to 130 different projects per year.

When Scott was asked why he has worked for EEM for 35 years he said, "I have been able to adapt to EEM's needs because I strongly believe in our mission to get the Word of God to the people of Eastern Europe. I have had the advantage of a front row seat to see God's hands at work on a regular basis here."

EEM is beyond thankful for Scott's heart and 35 years of service with EEM to get the Word of God to the people of Eastern Europe!

Dasha Novikova

National Director in Ukraine

**"As a child,
it was
impossible to
afford one Bible,
but now that I
work for EEM, God
has blessed me
with a warehouse
full of Bibles to
give to others
for free!"**



Sasha Taran

Logistics and Distribution

**"Because I work for EEM,
I know I can do the two
best things for Ukraine,
my home country, and the
world: Pray & give them
the Word of God."**





OLGA
Kindergarten
Principal



Teaching Mercy

As a result of EEM placing Bibles in public schools in Zhytomyr, Ukraine, we had a follow up visit to a kindergarten whose leaders had requested and completed the Bible-based character curriculum seminar. This kindergarten, with the help of character curriculum, is doing something revolutionary in their classrooms as they teach students to love and treat others with kindness, especially those with developmental delays.

Olga, the principal of the school, led us on a tour and introduced us to several teachers and students. More than 300 students performed a mesmerizing choreographed dance to several songs, the performance concluded with each of the young performers presenting us with hand-drawn pictures. Many of us were tearful as these children showed us much love and respect.

Following the performance, we shared refreshments with Olga and other school leaders. They impressed upon us their gratitude because the Character Curriculum Seminar reinforced the belief that character must be taught at a formative age. Only at this young age (kindergarten) can the mind and heart be so powerfully shaped and prepared for the future.

Leaders also spoke of the integration of a number of “Sunny Students”—students with developmental delays—into their schools. The successful integration of these developmentally delayed students has been greatly influenced by the Character Curriculum. Very few institutions have been able to do this successfully.

All the teachers have been amazed at how the other students have treated the Sunny Students with such acceptance and kindness, even looking out for their individual needs. This is not typical behavior among students in Ukraine’s schools. In response to the love being shown, Olga said, **“How else can you teach mercy?”**

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A Widow's Offering

In August, EEM received a letter containing a special donation for Bibles from a humble village woman named Zinaida living in Semenovka, Ukraine. She wrote of her desire to give as much as she could in hopes of furthering the ministry that God has used to change her life.

Zinaida writes, "Peace to you, beloved by the Lord, our friends at EEM. We thank you for the burning love that was revealed to us through the great books that came from you. We are not able to express how thankful we are..."

Zinaida's letter was full of gratitude on behalf of her and her church family, which is made up of 7 believers. She expressed how encouraged they all were after receiving their own Bibles and Bible-based materials.

It was reported to EEM's National Director in Ukraine, Dasha Novikova, that Zinaida only receives \$50 a month from her retirement payment. Money has been tight as she continues to help pay her daughter's medical bills, but Zinaida wanted EEM to know that she truly appreciated the life-transforming gift of God's Word.

Zinaida's willingness to give EEM a special gift, which is a large portion of her current resources, reminded us of Jesus' response in Mark 12 to the sacrificial offering of the widow of His day. The widow Jesus described gave what little she had, and the heavens celebrated her generous heart. Despite her poverty, she gave to the work of the Lord in faith. Zinaida's actions reflect the actions of the Widow from Jesus' day, reflecting the true spirit of giving.

We are humbled to know that the Lord opens doors to partner with the wealthiest in faith.

Community Bible Experience

In the Spring of 2017, EEM began distribution of 10,000 copies of Bible reading materials in Russian as part of the Community Bible Experience (CBE). These New Testaments were developed in cooperation with Biblica and sent to various partners in Ukraine and Russia to bring the Word of God to people in a way they can understand. This new program was designed to make the word of God easier to read for new believers and to re-engage more mature Christians.

The CBE offers an eight-week immersive approach to daily Scripture reading and an open conversation about the Bible—one that anyone can join. EEM's VP of European Operations Bart Rybinski comments that there is not a culture of daily Bible reading in Eastern and Central Europe.

"The CBE program is an effort to make God's Word a daily part of the spiritual 'diet' of the people in Russia and Ukraine. It's a new concept for most people. Additionally, this format has a potential to make the Bible less intimidating and more accessible to those who are not familiar with it. It encourages seeing the 'big picture' of whole stories and books rather than the 'sound bites' of single verses or short passages," Bart said.

Brandon Price, EEM partner and current missionary in Ukraine, recently reported using the CBE program with the Bible class he teaches at a church in Kharkov, Ukraine. He writes, "There was overwhelming approval for the new translation, as it made the text, in their words, 'more accessible.' Thanks to EEM and Biblica for providing such a unique Bible in the Russian language. It has been a blessing to our congregation, and I know it will be a blessing to many others."

Brandon continues, "One of our Christians, Tanya, a graduate of Ukrainian Bible Institute, loved the presentation. She was especially drawn to how the schedule kept her in the Word every day... She was so encouraged that she started it again with another sister."

EEM is excited to continue to promote the CBE program to encourage spiritual growth, and commitment to daily Bible reading among churches in Eastern Europe.

**CBE Study
Group
Lviv, Ukraine**



Ukrainian Bible Institute Receives EEM 55:11 Award

For 56 years, EEM has recognized the importance of planting and watering the seed, God's Word. Today, that Word is still as powerful as it was when originally spoken. It's His seed all of us have been commissioned to plant and water.

At the end of September, EEM's President Bob Burckle and EEM's National Director for Ukraine, Dasha Novikova, attended Ukrainian Bible Institute's (UBI) 20th-anniversary celebration in Kyiv, Ukraine. During this event, Bob presented an EEM 55:11 Award to Jay Don Rogers, the director of UBI and his wife Mary Lee.

In the spirit of Isaiah 55, the EEM 55:11 Award is given to select individuals and organizations who have partnered with EEM to honor the exceptional manner in which they have sown God's seed. We know God will accomplish what He desires and believe that He will achieve His purpose.

Recipients of the award capture the spirit through their effort as passionate and creative volunteers, inspire and promote EEM's mission, and motivate people to sow the seed.

The Rogers' embody the very spirit of this award. Through UBI, the Rogers personify a "Head,

Heart, and Hands" approach to education. They teach God's Word so that it can be learned academically. Beyond instructing, they nurture students to take the Word into their hearts. And after it is in the heart, students are empowered to be an example of what Christ wants us to be. These teachings are exemplified in the caring, sharing, and love manifested in the UBI students and graduates.

Jay Don
receives
award from
Bob Burckle



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Huntsville, AL - March 6 - **NEW**

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Dallas, TX - March 29

College Station, TX - April 5

Oklahoma City, OK - April 10

Lubbock, TX - April 23

Amarillo, TX - April 24

Houston, TX - April 26

Nashville, TN - September 11

Tyler, TX - September 13