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A NEW DAY 2019

**MILLION
DOLLAR
SUNDAY**
GOAL:
**\$2.5
MILLION**



At the beginning of September, we kicked off Million Dollar Sunday (MDS), our annual fundraising campaign. MDS begins in September and runs through the end of December. Our 2019 goal is \$2.5 million, and we can't reach it without you.

This is a time-sensitive opportunity to participate in the work that God is doing. Visit our MDS website at www.milliondollarsunday.org/resources to download the tools needed to promote your own Million Dollar Sunday. We can also provide a representative to visit your church, missions committee, Bible class, small group, or individuals.

Each new day, Jesus is calling more people of all nations closer to Him. It is our prayer that the people of Eastern Europe and beyond will come to know the Word, Jesus, who became flesh, through the word of God. You play an essential role in making an eternal difference in the lives of millions.

Thank you for your continued support as our prayer and financial partners. You make it possible to print and distribute our materials in over 20 different languages and more than 30 countries.

PRAYER REQUESTS FROM EUROPE

The cost of Estonian Bibles exceeds our ability to obtain them (25 EUR a copy). Pray for God to open the door to an alternative translation that we could use in this language!

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Distribution to and through Hungarian public schools has begun. Please pray that all goes smoothly as this is the first time we'll be doing anything on such a major scale in this country.

2

Please continue to pray for our distribution in Kazakhstan and the safety of our distribution partners there.

3

Shipping Bibles to Moldova requires clearing them through customs, which is very difficult. Pray that God helps us find a way to do it more efficiently.

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NEWS FROM SLOVENIA



Toncka
EEM Partner
in Slovenia



RISK AND REWARD

Roma people can be found living in many European countries and are typically a marginalized people group. Roma communities are usually poor, mostly illiterate, and overrun with violence. Their neighborhoods can be chaotic and dangerous to outsiders. These factors, among others, mean that the Roma are widely ostracized wherever they reside in Europe.

In Slovenia, there are several Roma villages. Slovenian churches wanted to reach out to them, but their leaders deemed it too dangerous. They feared their church members might be hurt or even killed if they continued trying to go in.


One faithful church member, Toncka, decided it was worth the risk. She started visiting a Roma village with her friend and teaching Bible lessons to many children. After a few visits, they gained the reputation of being people who just wanted to help the children.

Toncka's selfless determination to teach the children about Jesus has opened the doors for the other church members to work with their parents.

After some months, Toncka and the church leaders began praying for God to provide more resources to teach the children and their parents because they were running out of what they had prepared. When she heard about EEM's Children's Bibles and coloring books, she said, "It was like the heavens opened." She began sharing these resources with the children and using the coloring books with Bible verses in Slovene language to teach them to read. Soon, some of the parents took interest and also began learning to read.


God is using His Word and resources EEM provided to not only bring the eternal hope to those Roma communities but also to equip the children and their parents to break the cycle of poverty and violence and give them a brighter future.





NEWS FROM GREECE

BIBLES IN THESSALONIKI



Last spring, EEM partner Hellenic Ministries put on a conference in Thessaloniki. The conference convened for five days with Christian families from the East and West celebrating the resurrection of Christ. During the meeting, two full days were spent distributing modern Greek Bibles to 20,000 households in Thessaloniki.

Johnathan Macris, president of Hellenic Ministries, reported, "It is rare for Greek families to have a copy of Scriptures in modern Greek. We think this is a perfect time to give the gift of Scripture because this is a gift that can be understood as families celebrate Easter. 20,000 Bibles is a small amount for a city of 1.2 million, but it's a great time to do this project."

Daniel Napier, missionary and EEM partner in Thessaloniki believes that reaching out to serve refugees with copies of the Bible in their languages will create a hunger in the local Greeks to also seek Christ, making the distribution of a modern Greek translation of the Bible to local people very timely indeed.

Daniel said, "The unemployment rate for those under age 30 in Greece is somewhere in the neighborhood of 60%, so among the youth, there are a lot of reasons to be searching for meaning. With this, combined with the significant numbers among refugees converting to Christ, there is an openness for the first time in generations in Greece. I believe the Bible distribution is planting seed for this."



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KGB INFORMANT TURNS TO JESUS

Victor is one of many who had family shoved onto a cargo train headed to Siberian labor camps. Victor's family is of German descent, but lived in Ukraine, when it was considered part of the Soviet Union.

When WWII began, Stalin ordered all the men of German descent to work in the coal mines, while hundreds of thousands of women and children were shipped to the gulags in Siberia. Victor's mother and two of his older siblings were among those sent away. One of his siblings died there. Mom and the other sibling survived and returned to Ukraine, where, a few years later, Victor was born.

In the 1970s, Victor was in the Soviet security service (police). His job was working in conjunction with the KGB to locate, infiltrate, spy on religious gatherings, and report. He shared he did not shoot

anyone, arrest anyone, or send anyone to the gulags, but he knows that these things happened as a result of his work.

He came to Christ in the 1990s at a revival held in Ukraine after the fall of the Soviet Union. A few years later, he was watching TV and saw EEM partner Sasha Prokopchuk's Bible program and later got in contact with Sasha.

He started coming to Sasha's church planting seminars in the early 2000s. And today, he is a church planter. He has planted four churches in his hometown area of Kryvyy Rih, Ukraine.

We praise God for Victor's testimony and his journey to Christ after working side by side with the KGB to locate, infiltrate, and spy on gatherings of Christians. This story is yet another illustration of God turning the tables on Satan.

NEWS FROM UKRAINE

Victor
EEM Partner
in Ukraine



A NEW DAY

A new day will dawn on us from above because our God is loving and merciful. Luke 1:78

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HLS honors individuals who support EEM through one or more estate gift arrangements.

A gift must be documented by EEM for membership. Estate gifts include: documented bequests, trusts, gift annuities, remainder interests in a residence or farm, life insurance, retirement accounts and more.

Each member will be presented with a special-edition Hensley Legacy Society Bible. These treasured keepsakes are a representation of the original Bibles that were printed and smuggled behind the Iron Curtain.

For more information visit eem.org/hensley