



THANK YOU FROM RUSSIA

One of our ministry partners distributed hundreds of Children and Teen Bibles in six orphanages in the city of Ryazan. They recently shared a letter of gratitude,

"It's hard to express in words how much the children were happy to receive different items of necessity. However, they were the most excited to get their very own Bibles with beautiful art illustrations! We are thanking our Lord for the partnership with EEM which serves to His glory."



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60TH ANNIVERSARY

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MILLION DOLLAR SUNDAY

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In faithful obedience to God's call in our own lives, we have the exciting opportunity to make God's heart known to the nations and to invite people into eternal relationship with Jesus through the Bible. Our Million Dollar Sunday (MDS) campaign provides funding for Bibles and Bible-based materials—free to all.

Your donations during this campaign will transform lives as God uses our partnership with you to proclaim the love of Christ. Our aim is to provide 640,000 people with Bibles through this project. God is writing an amazing story in 2021. Please join us in the telling of this unfinished story God is revealing right before our eyes.

Wondering how else you can participate in this project? Pray with us and share the opportunity with your community to get in on what God is doing in Eastern Europe and beyond!

Check the project status, find sharable resources, and give at www.eem.org/mds.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray a prayer of thanksgiving with us as we praise God for 60 years of His faithfulness and provision for this ministry.

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Pray for more people across the globe to turn to God and be transformed by the Good News of Jesus.

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Pray for our team to be boldly responsive to God's guidance as we continue to partner with Him to provide His Word.

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Pray for God to raise up more financial partners to support the increase of hunger for God's Word.

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SCOTT
HAYES

A LETTER FROM SCOTT HAYES

EEM Publishing Director reflects on the past and the present of EEM.

"My life has been closely intertwined with the history of EEM. I first learned of EEM in August of 1982, when I began attending church at the new building that EEM had built in Vienna. Gwen Hensley, director of EEM, was teaching an evening Bible class. During one of those evening Bible studies, I met the young lady (age 17 at the time) who married me a couple of years later. After getting married in 1984, I began working full-time for EEM. For the first six months of our marriage, we lived in the EEM guest apartment of the same building. It was both a workplace and church-home for many years to come.

From '84 till '89, I was in charge of the distribution/smuggling. During that time, I met some amazing Christians who were risking their lives to get God's Word "behind" the Iron Curtain, and I met a few of the Christians who were receiving the books from the smugglers and distributing them within the countries. The smugglers were highly secretive. Some lived in the Vienna area. I did not know many of their real names and had no phone numbers. Contact was done only by sending a postcard to a P.O. Box with the note, "Please contact me... Scott."

After the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1989, I switched responsibilities at EEM and began working as a printer and bookbinder. One of my most memorable moments from the bookbinding days was on a batch of 50,000 Russian Bibles. After the books were ready for shipping, we discovered that one of the pages was upside down. We reprinted just the one page, cut the wrong one out of the Bible, and glued the correct one back in. This project took nearly three months using teams of people!

After the printing operation was discontinued, I changed responsibilities for the third time and began organizing the translation, publishing, and printing. We outsourced the translation and printing but did almost all of the publishing pre-press work ourselves.

Some questions come to mind as I reflect on the ministry of EEM. Is EEM having a long-term effect in Europe? What is happening with the Bibles? Are they changing lives? I believe that God has given us the answer to this question. Isaiah 55:11—My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Oleg, director of EEM in Russia, is now a grandfather, but his first Bible was from EEM. Dasha, director of EEM in Ukraine, also had an EEM Bible as her first edition of God's word. Altin, an Albanian refugee at a refugee camp near Vienna, was given a Bible from EEM years ago. Now Altin is the director of the Albanian Bible Society that just finished the first Albanian Bible translated from Hebrew and Greek. And the prisoner who used an EEM Bible as a paper source for rolling cigarettes—by the time he finished smoking the Gospels, he stopped using the Bible for cigarettes. God had renewed his heart!

EEM is a journey that began many years ago. I am thankful to still be on this road."



ANTON

NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Anton and his mother regularly host Bible study groups with children at their apartment in Siberia. Anton was excited and proud to share the free gift of personal Bibles and coloring books with those who would come to their home. Anton's mother sent us a photo of Anton sharing a prayer of thanks to God for the ministry of EEM. We are deeply touched, and we praise God for both of their hearts to make Jesus known to their neighbors. Your financial partnership allows for thousands of our ministry partners like Anton and his mother to be equipped to share God's Word!

DIRK'S 10 YEAR WORK ANNIVERSARY

This year marks ten years since EEM Vice President Dirk Smith joined the team. Dirk's responsibilities consist of the oversight of fundraising, marketing, and assisting with US operations. He is an experienced presenter and storyteller and loves sharing the stories of what God is doing through the ministry of EEM. We thank the Lord for Dirk's obedience to God's call on his life to share the Gospel. He is a dedicated servant, committed to using his gifts to point everyone to Jesus. In honor of this 10-year milestone, we sat down with Dirk to ask a few questions about his time with EEM.

What has been your biggest "lesson learned" in your ten years with EEM?

This is God's ministry, not ours. This is about Him, not us. If we humble ourselves and ask for things that bring Him glory and not us, He will answer in astounding and staggering ways.

What have you seen God accomplish since you started working with EEM?

I have seen God assemble the most unified, selfless, and passionate Board EEM has ever seen. I have watched doors that seemed impossibly closed open wider than we could have ever imagined in the 30+ nations we serve. From Bibles in public schools in Ukraine to now in Croatia, Hungary, Romania, and Bulgaria. I have seen thousands upon thousands of Muslim refugees pour into Greece and hunger to know Jesus. God opened doors for us to provide Bibles in their languages.



DIRK SMITH

I have watched God bring an increase in gifts that has tripled in the ten years I've been with EEM.

What excites you the most about working for EEM?

For the first time in my life, I don't have a job. It's a calling. I am eager to see where God calls us to next. Whether that is new opportunities in existing countries and people groups we serve or new ones. This ministry is about sharing the Gospel of Jesus and making disciples of Him. That's our one job.

What is your prayer for EEM?

My prayer is that we will never have to say "not now" to any request in the future. That means we will grow our financial ministry base and be able to fulfill every request that we are presented with. I want EEM to truly live out its mission—The Bible. We Want Everyone To Get It.

NEWS FROM HUNGARY — THE GOSPEL IS FOR EVERYONE



One of our major partners in Hungary, a country of nearly 10 million, reached more than 6,000 people with the Bibles provided by EEM despite continued challenges due to the COVID pandemic. Bibles and Bible-based materials were distributed through a variety of different activities to different segments of the population. Younger children and their parents were reached through a Bible-themed activity park. Older children and teens received Bibles through the schools they attend. The Roma, who are often underprivileged and marginalized, got Bibles and coloring books through a ministry established to serve their needs. Also among the recipients of Bibles were prison inmates. In summary, the Bibles are reaching everyone, regardless of their ethnicity, social background, income, or education. The Good News is good news because it is truly for everyone!



NEWS FROM POLAND

In Poland, another ministry partner focuses on helping the homeless, addicted, and socially excluded populations in and near Warsaw. Every week they conduct meetings with 15 - 30 people. During those gatherings, they spend time in prayer, meditate on God's Word, and distribute Bibles to attendees.

During one particular gathering, they met a woman who was seeking help for her addicted son. At the end of their time with her, they gave her a free Bible to take home. She cried saying she had met a person who inspired her with a verse from the Bible earlier that day, so she wanted to find a Bible because she had never owned one before. She was very grateful



JARO IN
POLAND

for it. This story reminds us of the various ways God meets us where we are. We are equally as inspired to hear how many are sharing the Gospel in unique and creative ways—all because they know the power and the true gift of knowing Jesus.

On a separate occasion, EEM National Director Jaro Marcin visited one of the gatherings and reported being invited to join the meal and share his testimony with attendees. Jaro writes, "All the people were very friendly, and many of them were genuinely interested in the Scripture reading and lesson. They wanted spiritual food, not just physical food. Halfway through the meeting, a young lady walked in who was referred to this ministry. She seemed very touched by the message shared previously, and she burst into tears. Two older women who regularly attend comforted her. It was so sweet to see this young woman comforted by two older women who have been there seeking help for themselves. Yet it was them who shared the love of Christ with her! As it was in Jesus' day, those whose lives are full of struggles are often much quicker to accept and experience the love of Christ—and share it freely with anyone who needs it!"

NEWS FROM GREECE

In 1922 there was a great massacre of the Christian population in Turkey. Millions of Christians of predominantly Armenian and Greek descent were massacred. A significant number of Christians fled to Greece as refugees. In one of these families, in 1927, our brother Peter was born. When he grew up, he also married a Christian woman named Lydia. Both of their fathers were elders in a Christian church. From a very young age, they developed missionary work mainly among the Christian refugees from Turkey. Every year dozens of young children came in contact with the local church and were taught the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Peter soon contacted many missionaries and obtained Bibles to share Christ in Greece and the southern Balkans. He soon became well known even in the Greek parliament. With his initiatives and guidance, the Bibles were distributed to all members of parliament and the president of the Greek Republic. From 1990 onwards, he began to share the Gospel in the southern Balkan countries. The years have passed and today he is 94 years old. Despite being an older man, he has not abandoned his work of sharing the Gospel. Although he was recently transferred to a nursing home because of severe health problems, the Lord continues to cover him with His Grace and to strengthen him. Yet despite being sick, Peter continues to work to spread the Gospel. He has turned his nursing room into a mission office. He continues to communicate daily with organizations, missions, and churches and oversees the distribution of the Bibles. We are full of gratitude for Peter and his wife Lydia, who are both beautiful examples of devotion and faith!



PETER &
LYDIA

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If you use Amazon for your online shopping, AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support EEM every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added

bonus that AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to EEM.

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select **Eastern European Mission** as the charitable organization to receive donations from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. Last year we received \$653 from Amazon, which bought 130 Bibles! With your help, we can do much more this year.

TAX STATEMENT ALERT

We will be sending out the 2021 Tax Statements by email again this year. Please be on the lookout for your Tax Statement in January of 2022. If you do not see your statement then, please check your spam folder. Email us at info@eem.org or contact our office at 1-800-486-1818 if you do not see the statement in your inbox or spam folder.

Your Tax Statements should be delivered by January 31, 2022. All donors who have given \$250.00 or more will receive a tax statement. Thank you for your financial support!



LEAVE A LEGACY

The Hensley Legacy Society (HLS) was created as a tribute to the mission and vision of EEM co-founder Gwen Hensley.

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



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