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## *To Russia With Love...*

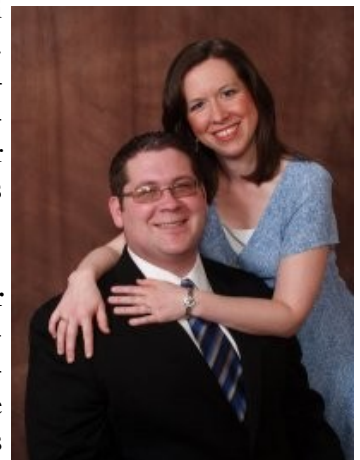
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Dear Friends and Family

This is the first issue of my monthly newsletter up-date, *To Russia with Love*. Many of you will be familiar with that title as it is a slight change of the Sean Connery-James Bond movie, *From Russia with Love*. Instead of violence and espionage though, my focus, as Coordinator of Training and Equipping with the Slavic Gospel Association is to share the love of Christ with Slavic people all over the world, especially in the former Soviet Union, now currently known as the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

My pastoral training and experience in churches and schools is being used by the Lord to facilitate relationships between churches here in Canada and churches in the CIS. SGA has a much different focus than most missions agencies. Instead of sending Canadian missionaries we seek to support national pastors and church leaders in the former Soviet Union. Through church planting, training, literature translation, and other ministries, we fulfill the Great Commission in our linking of churches and individuals here in Canada and the United States with brothers and sisters in the CIS.

Please pray for my upcoming trip to Russia and Ukraine from **September 17–October 3**. This will be my first trip and I am anxious to meet and speak to many ministry leaders there and see what I can learn from them. I will be in Moscow and Nizhniy Novgorod, Russia and in various areas in the Ukraine including Kiev. Pray that my eyes are opened to the needs there. Pray that I can learn much and be able to share the stories of men and women across the CIS with others back here in Canada. I will report back to you in October about the trip and include pictures.



I have much to continue to learn. Our Executive Director, Allan Vincent, often reminds me that as soon as you think you have a handle on things in the former Soviet Union everything changes and you are back to square one! Pray for me as I continue to study this area of the world and learn more about it. Also, pray for the believers in the lands of Russia. Life there is much different than it is here. There is much poverty, suffering, addiction, and hopelessness. We can help though! God has given many of us much more than they have there and we can help support pastors and church planters, children, orphans, addiction recovery, and so many other areas. Consider what you may do to help spread the life changing message of Jesus Christ around the lands of the former Soviet Union. It is getting more and more difficult and the doors may be closing once again. Let us help reach these spiritually hungry and needy people while the doors are still open. God is bringing in the harvest and we have the great honour and privilege to be a part of it. Please pray that God would open up doors for me to develop new ministry partners for the work of the Gospel in the CIS!

Your Fellow Servant in Christ Jesus,

Allen R. Mickle, Jr.

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## Prayer Requests

Pray for opportunities to share the exciting work of what God is doing in churches around Canada.  
Pray for safety and an opportunity to grow and learn on my trip to Russia and Ukraine.  
Pray for God to bless SGA by increased financial giving to meet ministry needs.

## Upcoming Speaking Engagements

*September 11*

Toronto Baptist Seminary and Bible College (Chapel), Toronto, ON

*September 14*

Walkerville Evangelical Baptist Church, Windsor, ON (AM only)  
Southwood Community Church (Slavic Language Campus), Windsor, ON (PM only)

*October 26*

Sovereign Grace Community Church, Sarnia, ON (AM only)

*January 26–28*

Heritage College and Seminary Missions Conference 2009, Cambridge, ON

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