

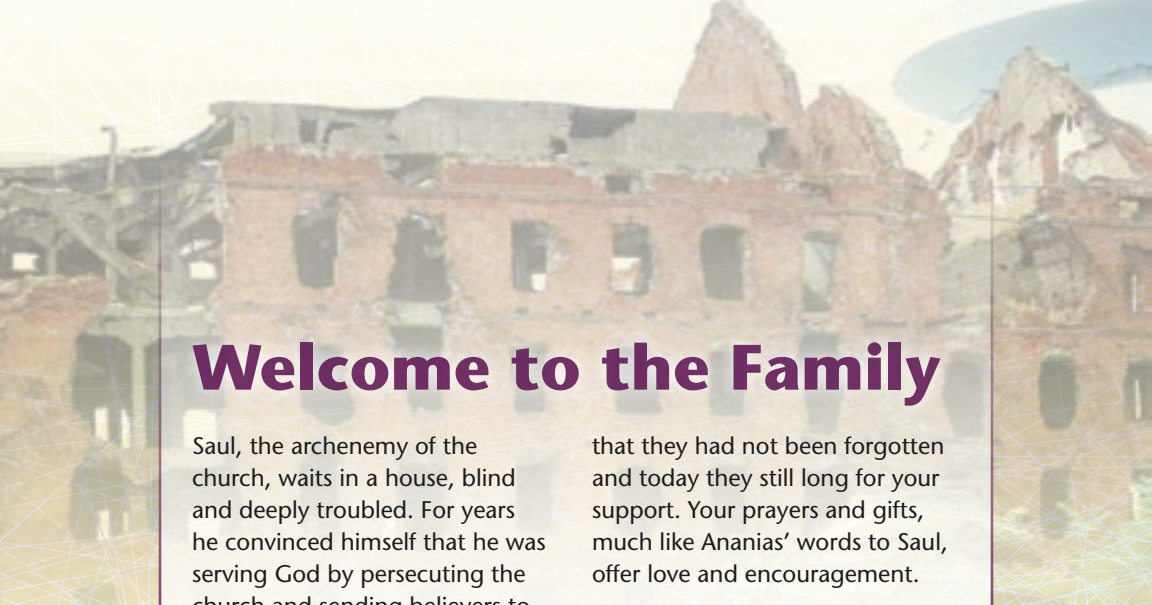


RUSSIAN LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES

Preparing Leaders for the Church in Russia

2010-2011 Ministry Report





Welcome to the Family

Saul, the archenemy of the church, waits in a house, blind and deeply troubled. For years he convinced himself that he was serving God by persecuting the church and sending believers to death. But his encounter with the risen Christ in Damascus shattered that confidence. "Saul, why do you persecute me?" Jesus accused (Acts 9:5). Could it be that Saul was actually God's enemy? Saul waits until Ananias, a leader in the church, enters the room. Ananias takes a risk since he may be entering a trap leading to his arrest. With God's courage, Ananias rests his hands on Saul's shoulder and says, "Brother Saul." With these loving words he welcomes Saul into God's family.

During the years of Soviet oppression, Russian Christians struggled against evil. Churches were destroyed, leaders were sent to the Gulag and the hammer and sickle replaced the cross. Russian Christians needed to know then

that they had not been forgotten and today they still long for your support. Your prayers and gifts, much like Ananias' words to Saul, offer love and encouragement.

God continues to open doors to support Russian church leaders. Ministry programs of Moscow Theological Seminary prepare those who respond to God's call to reach Russia for Christ.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

First, sign up to receive our prayer alerts and pray for our students. Second, tell your church about RLM's ministry and identify the key person for us to contact about a missions partnership. Third, make your own gift today and then encourage two friends to become prayer and financial partners.

Our prayer is that you will contact us today in response to these invitations.

With anticipation,

Ian Chapman, PRESIDENT

Ted Rodgers, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



IAN CHAPMAN, PETER MITSKEVICH, TED RODGERS

Reach Russians for Christ Together

Dear Friends! May the Lord bless you richly for your support of Moscow Theological Seminary. We now have students from every region of Russia, as well as from the U.S. and Australia, and our distance education program is growing steadily.

One of the great blessings of 2010 was the start of the social rehabilitation program in

Moscow. Twenty-eight leaders of rehabilitation centers will study for two years, learning how best to minister to Russia's growing population of people trapped by the bonds of addiction. Each student has an inspiring story of redemption, recovery and the Lord's amazing grace.

In 2011, we plan to establish a new department of church-state relationship. This program will help protect churches in Russia from government discrimination and persecution.

We pray for you and are grateful for your vision for Russia. Friends, I invite you to visit Moscow Theological Seminary with RLM. Let's discover Russia and reach Russians for Christ together!

Peter Mitskevich, PRESIDENT
MOSCOW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Slowly and surely the Gospel is piercing the darkness that enveloped Russia for nearly 100 years. Russian Leadership Ministries and its supporters bring a spiritual renewal to the people of Russia. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for my people.

GEORGE BOLTNIW
VICE PRESIDENT,
RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN
EVANGELICAL BAPTIST UNION





BOB AND BETTY: A Donor's Perspective

After a visit to Moscow in 1993, Bob and Betty began a legacy of generous giving to Moscow Theological Seminary. Recently, we had the opportunity to interview Bob.

AFTER VISITING RUSSIA IN 1993, WHAT PROMPTED YOU TO SUPPORT MOSCOW THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY?

We met a few students and they shared their hopes and dreams of a new seminary. Their love for Christ motivated Betty and me to help the seminary get started. We could see the beginning of something larger.

WHAT ENCOURAGES YOU ABOUT THE SEMINARY TODAY?

It is so uplifting to see how far we've come. The seminary has spread all across Russia, even 10 time zones away to the Far East, instructing lay ministers

in outlying communities. It is thrilling to see the reception that the seminary receives in these spiritually fertile climates. After being under Communist rule for so many years, Russians are excited to hear about Christ and their eagerness to learn about him is encouraging. It is so exciting to be a part of the seminary's work and I'm going to do the best I can to further its ministry.

WHY SHOULD OTHERS SUPPORT RUSSIAN LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES?

Your contribution goes further because RLM is an efficient operation. A lot is being accomplished on a low budget. The students in Russia have a great appreciation for the opportunity to learn about Jesus and MTS has such capable national leadership. Betty and I are so happy we've been able to play a part in something this important.

Russia: a Snapshot

The world's largest country, Russia covers 11 time zones, all climate zones except tropical and stretches almost halfway around the planet.

Although Russia has a wide natural resource base including major deposits of oil, natural gas, coal and timber, formidable obstacles of climate, terrain and distance hinder exploration of natural resources.



RELIGION

Russian Orthodox: 20%
Muslim: 15%
Evangelical Christian: 1.2%

Estimates are of practicing worshippers. Russia has a large non-religious population, a legacy of over seven decades of Soviet rule.

Russia is home to 78 unreached people groups, mostly in the North Caucasus region.



SOCIAL ISSUES

Human Trafficking: Russia is a source, transit and destination country for men, women and children trafficked for forced labor and sexual exploitation. Women are trafficked from rural areas to urban centers for commercial sexual exploitation and men are trafficked internally and from Central Asia for forced labor in the construction and agricultural industries.

Alcoholism: Official estimates are that 40% of men and 7% of women in Russia are alcoholics. Russia sells over 520 million gallons of vodka each year.

Drug Abuse: Drug addiction controls the lives of as many as 2.5 million Russians. The increased prevalence of hard drugs has led to mafia involvement and control.

SOURCES:

The World Factbook 2009. Washington, DC: Central Intelligence Agency, 2009.
Operation World. 7th ed., Biblica, 2010.



We're currently establishing the first church in my village. This is a special miracle of the Lord.

**SHETPA VLADIMIROVICH,
ROSTOV-ON-DON**

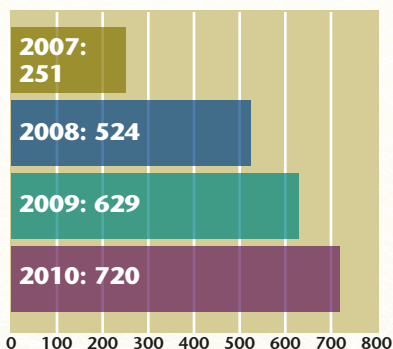


2010 New Programs

- Religion and Law
- Church Administration
- Social and Rehabilitation Ministry
- Masters of Christian Education
- Biblical Counseling
- Cohort in Pastoral Ministry (Chita)

Graduates in 2010: 133
Expected graduates in 2011: 145

ENROLLMENT



2011 New Programs

- Digital Media and Evangelism
- Church and State Relations
- New cohorts starting in Rostov-on-Don,
Leninsk-Kuznetsky, Chelyabinsk and Khabarovsk

The knowledge and experience teachers offer fuels my spiritual formation and helps me in my ministry at my local church. MTS gives me a greater desire to share my faith with others.

**YANA KRAKHMALEVA,
MTS**



SEE FOR YOURSELF!

Would you like to visit Moscow? Stay at MTS, meet professors and experience campus life. For more information contact Ted Rodgers at ted@russianleadership.org or (866) 599-1229.



Strategic Initiatives

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

With a current enrollment of 700 students, MTS is one of the largest seminaries in Europe and the student body is expected to grow to more than 1,000 in the next five years. Students are asked to

pay for travel, textbooks and at least 10% of their tuition. However, this is often impossible, especially for those who come from remote areas.

MINISTRY TRAINING

New learning centers. Eight learning centers, in addition to the core campus in Moscow, have been established in strategic areas of Russia. Our vision is to establish 12 new learning centers by 2015.

These new centers will be located where no seminary training is available.

New academic programs. The Soviet legacy of state-sponsored atheism left a spiritual void in the hearts of the Russian people. To reach this nation with the gospel, programs in evangelism, mission and church planting are needed.

Distance education (online courses). Our vision is to reach Russian speakers around the world. The online program is projected to reach 500 students in the next five years. To reach this goal, we need additional funds for curriculum development, advisors, support staff, technical and faculty support.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Christians were prohibited from attending universities and churches were forbidden to teach



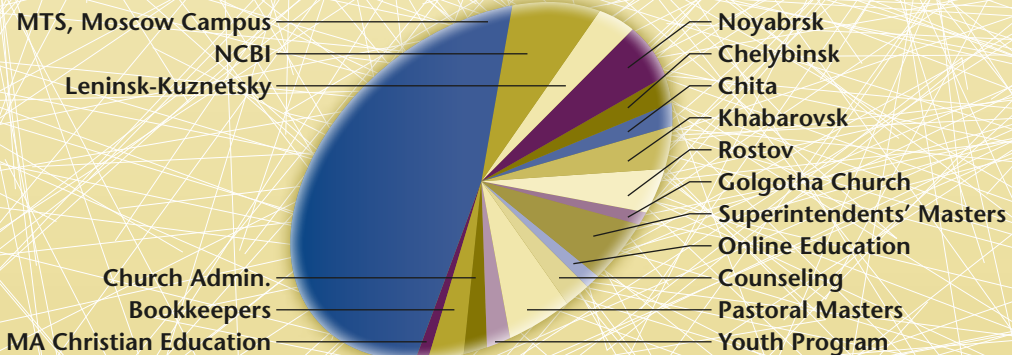
the Bible or to hold youth programs during the Communist era. This lack of Bible training has left a leadership vacuum in Russia. MTS has established a leadership institute to provide training grants for further faculty education, research and writing tools and lay training.

MTS CAMPUS FACILITY

Because the seminary is in use from morning until evening nearly seven days a week, the building is in need of some repair and renovation, including new furnishings and improved internet access. As a result of the growing stature of the seminary and constant demands for conferences and meetings, MTS needs a 500-seat conference center, meeting rooms and space for guest housing and food service.

Stewardship

MINISTRY SUPPORT FOR MTS AND LEARNING CENTERS \$693,170



Praise God for MTS and all who participate in it. God bless you!

ALEXEY AKHMAYEV,
LENINSK-KUZNETSKY

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Copies of the 990 and the audit are available upon request.



MTS Learning Centers

ROSTOV-ON-DON

- Known for its architecture, theatres, libraries and sports stadiums.
- A main transportation juncture, with an international airport and river port.

MOSCOW

- Has the highest cost of living in the world.
- The most populated city in Europe.
- Home to the Russian State Library, the largest in Europe and second largest in the world.

NOYABRSK

- Located in the middle of the West Siberian oil fields.
- Boasts numerous sport facilities including ice rinks, swimming pools and fields for football, basketball, volleyball, tennis, martial arts and boxing as well as a popular motocross track.

LENINSK-KUZNETSKY

- One of Russia's main mining regions.
- The training site for the Olympic gymnastic teams for the 2008 games in Beijing.

CHITA

- Shares cultural similarities with China and Mongolia due to close geographic and economic ties.
- Was closed to foreigners until 1991.

KHABAROVSK

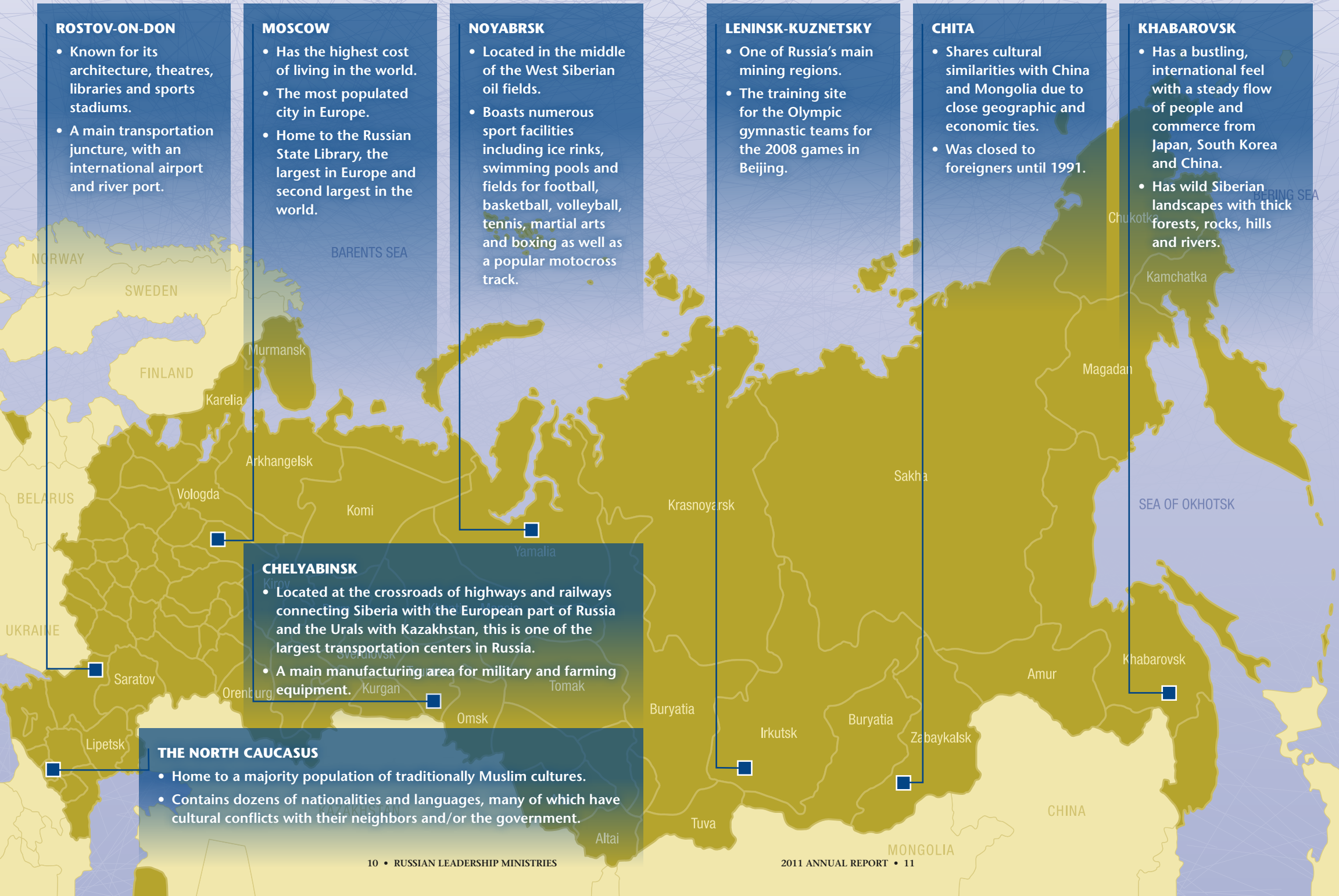
- Has a bustling, international feel with a steady flow of people and commerce from Japan, South Korea and China.
- Has wild Siberian landscapes with thick forests, rocks, hills and rivers.

CHELYABINSK

- Located at the crossroads of highways and railways connecting Siberia with the European part of Russia and the Urals with Kazakhstan, this is one of the largest transportation centers in Russia.
- A main manufacturing area for military and farming equipment.

THE NORTH CAUCASUS

- Home to a majority population of traditionally Muslim cultures.
- Contains dozens of nationalities and languages, many of which have cultural conflicts with their neighbors and/or the government.



**Our mission is to prepare leaders
to impact Russia
with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**



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