

2023-24 Annual Report

Bringing Hope to Russia



Russian Leadership Ministries

2023 Praise Report

- In an amazing act of God, the Russian government has returned the full license to MTS after more than two years of suspensions, alleged compliance issues, and denials of appeals. Praise the Lord with us!
- After over two years of not being able to meet in person due to the pandemic as well as the outbreak of the war, leaders from RLM and MTS were able to have a blessed reunion in an offsite country. Time spent together was rich and fruitful as we worshiped together, studied together, and planned next steps for the ministry.
- Despite sanctions and international isolation that the war has wrought, we are thankful we can continue equipping students to preach Christ.
- We have opened three new Learning Centers in key cities of Nizhny Novgorod, Surgut, and Orel.



Dear Friends,

Another year has passed as we watch the nations rage, but we have the assurance that “the Lord of hosts is with us and he will be exalted among the nations” (Psalm 46). With this in mind, the Lord has continued to allow us to partner with Russian believers to serve the body of Christ on the other side of the world.

Through a season of turmoil, the leaders at Moscow Theological Seminary have also persevered in their work of biblical education and preparation of hundreds of passionate Russian ministry workers. This focus on educating Russian nationals is essential since western missionaries and most other ministries have abandoned their work in Russia due to the war and sanctions. But our commitment and work has remained. The mission has not changed.

In fact, people are more hungry for Truth than ever, and the ministry of the Word is the only answer for the healing of the nations.

This is where the ministry of RLM comes in.

We equip Russian Christians to serve as pastors, evangelists, church planters and youth ministry workers. For over 30 years, we have remained focused on this modest but strategic ministry, and yet the Lord has always worked mightily through our weakness, just as He turned the world upsidedown over 2000 years ago with only 12 weak but faithful men.

So we take courage in what God has done, changing lives and churches and whole communities through the message of the Gospel in a hard place for Christian ministry!

This annual report provides just a glimpse into the work and the answered prayers of the past year, as well as our current goals and needs. As we look and plan ahead to 2025, we continue to be grateful for your partnership in prayer and support!

For His Kingdom,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom MacAdam". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Tom MacAdam, *President*

Meet Professor Alexey Markevich



Alexey Markevich is now the Vice-Rector for Moscow Theological Seminary. He joined the faculty in 2012 as a senior lecturer and has added tremendous value to its biblical education program. As part of the faculty, Alexey is a dedicated teacher to students pursuing their degrees and certifications to become pastors and teachers in their communities. In addition to his leadership at MTS, he is the pastor of Salvation Baptist Church in Moscow.

Born to Soviet parents who were both engineers, Alexey was initially rather cavalier about religion. However, he became more interested in learning about faith in his teen years and purchased a New Testament at a flea market when he was 18 years old.

As he began to learn about Jesus, he came to believe that Jesus was not only an actual historical figure but God himself. Alexey was both baptized and married at age 20, and his wife and mother also became believers soon thereafter. He pursued his biblical education starting at New Life Bible College in Moscow and then enrolled at Moscow Theological Seminary, earning his Masters of Theology. He is currently a Ph.D. candidate of Philosophical and Religious Studies. Alexey and his wife Oksana have three sons and four grandchildren.

A Word From Our Seminary President



Dear friends, this is a crucial time for ministry in Russia and we are so grateful for your prayers and support. In this time of great uncertainty, with many people feeling fear and instability, there is only one place of peace and comfort: in the hands of the living God. It is increasingly challenging to preach God's Word and to train leaders for ministry, yet God's faithfulness always

prevails. Therefore, we remain faithful in these times of tests and trials, trusting that God our Father continues to guide and provide generously.

On behalf of all students, faculty and administration, we continue to pray for you with gratitude and rejoice in the Lord. May His will be done in all our lives.

In His Mercy,

Peter Mitskevich, *Moscow Theological Seminary President*

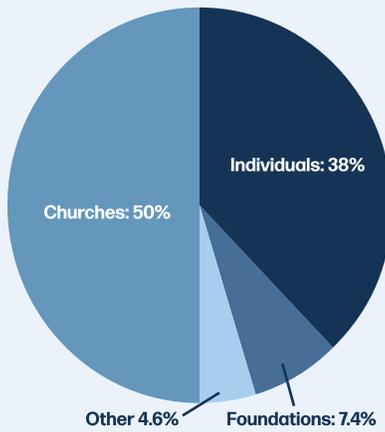


Prayers for Upcoming Year

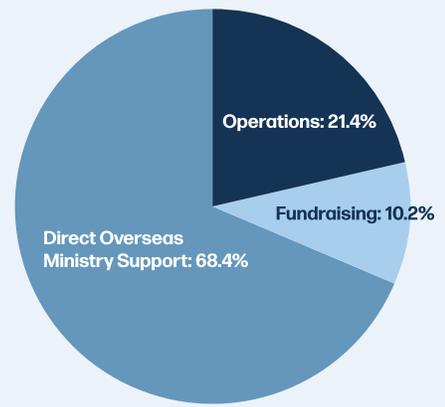
- Peaceful resolution in the war with Ukraine; restoration and healing for all who have suffered so intensely
- Safety and protection for all the Regional Training Centers across Russia
- Safety and protection for the evangelical pastors and ministry workers as they share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Russian people
- Continued and increased financial support for RLM for faculty, staff, and operating expenses to continue and increase our reach in the Great Commission

2024 Fiscal Year Financial Report

Revenue:
\$404,790



Expenditures:
\$438,340



2023 Impact: 853 Ministry Leaders in Training



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Graduate Spotlight: Pastor Ivan Mazur



“I am originally from a small village in Moldova but the Lord brought me and my family to Russia to not only lead us to faith in Jesus Christ but also to pave a way for me to become a pastor and lead others to Christ.

At the seminary in Moscow I have learned so much. I did not come from a Christian home or community, so many precepts were completely new to me. Today I am pastoring and serve my church through preaching, holding men’s ministry discipleship meetings as well as teaching family Bible studies.

The Lord makes no mistakes and the fact that my whole family is now Christian is the highest happiness and blessing.”



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