

# Siberian Scope

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*"But someone will say, 'You have faith; I have deeds.' Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do." JAMES 3:18*

**WOULD YOU SHOW YOUR FAITH BY PRAYING FOR RUSSIA DURING THESE AMBIGUOUS TIMES?**

## PRAYER FOCUS

- Navigate through the Russian visa law restrictions
- Fulfill Vision 2008, planting of 1,000 churches despite the uncertainties
- **A Russian court has dissolved a church**
- Continue to reach the unreached

**New Russian Visa Law** permits our missionaries to work in Russia for 90 days, they must leave the country for 90 days equaling a total of 180 days allowed in the year. **Please Pray.** Our missionaries are finding various ways to stay in the country longer than the 90 day rule. Some missionaries have left the country to comply with the 90 day rules, and others have transferred fields.

**I am the Lord, the God of all mankind. Is anything too hard for Me?** JEREMIAH 32:27

## Church Dissolved

Because a United Methodist church in the Russian city of Smolensk has a Sunday school, which is attended by four children, the Regional Court dissolved the church on March 24<sup>th</sup>. The Court agreed with the Regional Organized Crime Police that the Methodists were breaking the law by conducting "educational activity in a Sunday school without a license."

**Please pray about this matter in that it increases the threat to all evangelical churches and Christian education throughout Russia.** The fact is that almost every church has a Sunday school. The question which comes to mind is, "Do they intend to liquidate all churches with Sunday schools?" **The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.** NAHUM 1:7

## The Unreached

Belarus

People groups: 28

Unreached groups: 6

Russia

People groups: 153

Unreached groups: 71

Ural-Siberia

People groups: 33

Unreached groups: 13

**With your intercession and prayers, the light of the gospel will penetrate the darkest corners of Russia - from the Kremlin to the Shaman's tent.**

## Church Planting Vision 2008

2007 was a year of concentrated prayer and fasting by the Russian national church. Thousands, even millions, of believers prayed throughout this nation of 11 time zones. The prayers focused on a few subjects: unity in the body of Christ; opening new churches; and intercession for the Russian government.

When we met with Bishop Okara, we heard from him that the more the churches prayed the more they understood that the Holy Spirit was directing them towards a vision. Accompanied with a variety of confirmations, the Russian Council understood that this direction was from the Holy Spirit and not a man-made strategy. Believers from the western to the far eastern side of Russia felt the urgent need to evangelize and reach the lost. The message is that the time is now and time is paramount. The vision being cast is for every church, no matter the size, to plan and to put aside 10% of its resources, including people, time, and money in order to pioneer another church.

Working from the grassroots with a group of believers from the existing Mother Church, a new church will be planted.

**Going to the unreached areas, whether a large city or a small village, the time is now to extend the borders of the Church of Jesus Christ.**



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