



Eastern Europe and Northern India

Eastern Europe

After decades of atheism many people in Eastern Europe are searching for meaning and finding it in Jesus Christ.

Good News Service

In October 2004 Julie and I were returning from a mission trip in India, transferring in the Schipol airport in Amsterdam. As we were waiting to board the plane in Amsterdam we struck up a conversation with a Dutch gentleman and his wife who were making a yearly trip to the United States. In our discussion I learned that this man, Jan Peterse, was the leader of a Christian mission distributing Bibles into Eastern Europe. He told me he was led to the Lord many years ago in a restaurant by [Corrie Ten Boom](#), the well-known rescuer of Jews in Holland during World War II. During the cold war Jan worked with [Brother Andrew](#) smuggling Bibles into eastern Europe.

Jan and Eefje Peterse lead the organization [Good News Service](#) which is based in both the Netherlands and the United States. Each year for the past 12 years Jan has asked me to attend the board meeting here in the United States. Until this year I could not find my way clear to attend, but this year we did. It was a joy to see Jan and Eefje again and meet some of the dedicated members of the board. We had a wonderful time in fellowship and getting to know the work of Good News Service much better.



This photo of Jan and Eefje Peterse I took when I first met them in the Amsterdam airport in October 2004.

As you know, Eastern Europe has been dominated for decades by atheistic communism. Now that most of the countries have achieved their own governments and democracies there is also more freedom of worship. Many are receiving Jesus Christ for the first time!

Each year in the summer they hold a number of [youth Bible camps](#). Children and teenagers hear the message of the gospel, usually for the first time. On average 70% make a commitment to Jesus Christ. The large camp is in western Ukraine, and a smaller one also in the very poor country of Moldova.



In fact Moldova is the poorest country in Europe. It is so poor that when children grow up, over 50% of them leave the country to find employment in various places all over the world: Europe, Australia, Southeast Asia, Israel and many other portions of the world. So when young

people receive Jesus Christ as Savior in a Bible camp in Moldova, many will be scattered and some will become evangelists all over the world. This is truly a strategic opportunity to spread the gospel at relatively low cost. Just like *Christ in You*, 100% of contributions to *Good News Service* goes to the gospel ministry.

This is certainly a worthy ministry. You might check their [website](#) for more information: [www.gnsusa.org](#)

Romania

Pastor Sorin Sarbu from northern Romania, on the Ukraine border, sends us this message:

Last Sunday we had a wonderful Baptism Service in Oncesti Church when two persons gave their testimony of faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. A young man and a old woman were baptized and our little church was full of people. Many came to join with us on this Baptism Service, and unchristian people had the possibility to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Full description, and many pictures from this Baptism Event can be view [here](#).

Northern India

A Feeding Event



Many Arrived by Motorcycle

Our associate Simon Haqq, pastor and evangelist based in Delhi, has had some recent victories in the state of Punjab in northern India. The responses were tremendous!

First there was a "feeding event" in Nagar Village where hundreds over people were given a free meal. Over 2,000 people gave their lives to Jesus Christ!



The Preaching of the Word

This is a region where the predominant religions are Hindu and Sikh. Simon reports that during the salvation prayer there were also close to 1,000 people who said they were healed of some physical ailment. This tremendous event will form the foundation for new churches in the region.



An Entire Family Meets Jesus



Speaking to the Entire Family About Jesus Christ

In addition to this large harvest of 2,000 new believers, Simon was also delighted to spend time with one particular family in Punjab. After sharing the gospel all family members received Christ as Savior. They disposed of their idols and were immediately baptized, as shown in the photos below.



An entire family comes to Christ!



This Entire Family Received Jesus Christ As Lord And Savior!

Close to 300 People Find Christ

Then more recently Pastor Simon Haqq held evangelism meetings in Jallabad, Punjab, where close to 300 people gave their lives to their Lord.



Simon Haqq Preaching in Jallabad, Punjab

Some of the Crowds in Jallabad, Punjab

Please Pray for This Ministry

Take just a few minutes to reread this newsletter and pray particularly for the leaders, the pastors, and evangelists involved in the gospel to spiritually underserved regions of the world.

Your prayers mean everything to this ministry.



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