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# The latest “forecast” for missions: “High Winds and Storms...”

## Challenging Times

Beyond a doubt, our generation like none other faces obstacles, resistance, and challenges in executing the Great Commission of Christ.

"Going into all the world and preaching the Gospel to every creature," according to Mark 16:15 has become complicated.

For sure, the view from the battlefield is not a romantic one. The evening news will flash all the dangers before our eyes: hostile governments, hostile religions, ideologies, racial violence, lawlessness, wars, doomsday weapons, and closed doors.

However, let it be said that at the same time there has never been greater opportunity and means for the preaching of the Gospel.

## It's Not "Game Over"

As people of missions today we need to be men and women who believe that God still rewards those who seek him.

The Apostle Paul lists the heroes of the faith in Hebrews 11 as forerunners to remind us of what uncompromising faith can do.

These men and women are no longer with us. Why?

Because now, it is our turn. It was God with them then, and it will be God with us now.

Paul tells how they overthrew kingdoms, upheld righteousness, and experienced the fulfillment of promises. (Hebrews 11:33)

By faith, they extinguished the power of fire, escaped the sword, grew strong in their

weakness, became mighty in war. (Hebrews 11:34)

## God Continues to Reward Faith

Everyone in that crowd stepped out believing God would reward those who seek Him.

Through their acts of faith, they became bright shining examples for us today.

Nothing has changed. God has not changed, and promises in God's Word have not changed. And people are still the same flesh and blood!

In Him, we are still those who are called to uphold righteousness, witness God's promises fulfilled, to extinguish the fires of the enemy in our generation.

## We Gain Strength in Battle

As Christ's co-workers, we grow strong in weakness. And as we serve, we become mighty in battle.

If this were not the case, Paul would not have wasted expensive ink and deer skins for scrolls to make a list of heroes of the faith to entertain the reader.

It is not possible to succeed in the fulfillment of the Great Commission without empowerment from on high for the task.

## Jesus Said It

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses...to the ends of the earth."

He sends us together on our journey. The Lord of the harvest does not send us out for a day, a

week, or a month, "but when you go, know that I am with you every day until the end of the world." (Matt. 28:20)

Church history reveals that none of Jesus' disciples, or apostles returned to "home base."

We are grateful for each story. Their legacy of faith lives on today.

These men and women chose to be obedient to His call and refused to be intimidated by the odds or the cost.

Committees can help equip those who have answered God's call to missions. But, without uncompromising faith in Him and steadfast trust in His promises that He still rewards us for our faith, the outcome will likely be disappointing.

At GCMM we have repeatedly seen what God promises, he still fulfills!

It was true in our ministry in the 70's and 80's in the Soviet Union. It was true in the new Russia in the 90's.

It was true for every one of the 100+ Mega City Evangelism Campaigns on four continents. At times we faced fortified walls, dangers, sometimes in want, and at times in abundance, like Paul.

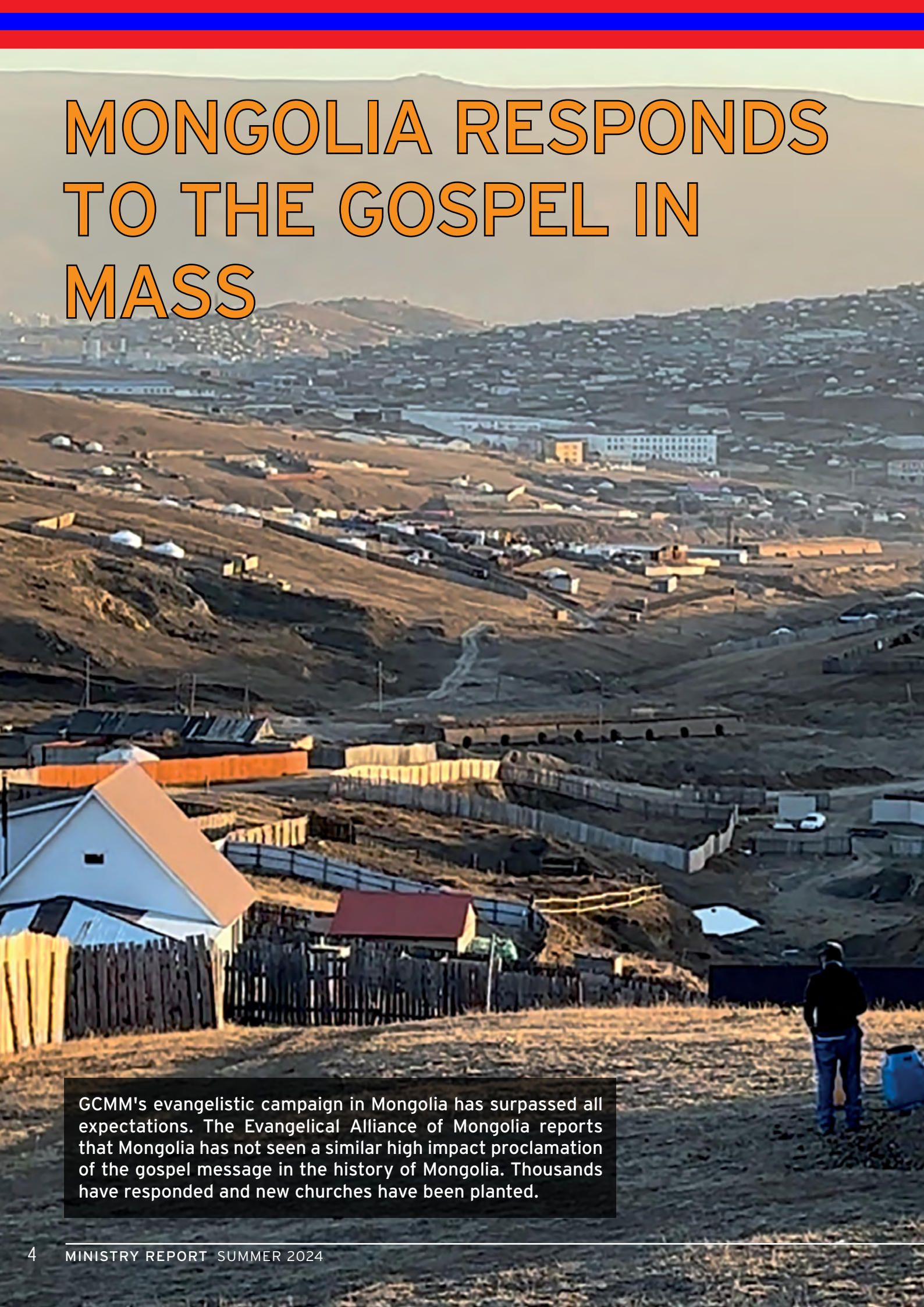
Nothing has changed.

God's promises are rock solid. "The Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a witness to all nations..."

We are the generation. God continues to reward faith. Welcome aboard.

Hannu Haukka on behalf of the entire GCMM team —  
Have a blessed summer!

# MONGOLIA RESPONDS TO THE GOSPEL IN MASS



GCMM's evangelistic campaign in Mongolia has surpassed all expectations. The Evangelical Alliance of Mongolia reports that Mongolia has not seen a similar high impact proclamation of the gospel message in the history of Mongolia. Thousands have responded and new churches have been planted.





## The Gospel Message Shows Mongolians The Way To The Cross!





**The evangelism campaign in Mongolia has surpassed all expectations. The campaign is ongoing and is in its ninth month. The Evangelical Alliance reports that there has not been a comparable effort to reach the people of Mongolia in recent history.**

### **Christmas Celebration Became an Unforgettable Christmas Gift to Many!**

The celebration service was undoubtedly a highlight of the campaign, organized and held on December 9th at the Ulaanbaatar Palace venue.

The assistant director of GCM, Yuri Ananiev, shared his thoughts: "Hannu, greetings from Mongolia! The big event was unexpectedly wonderful.

More than 3,500 people attended, of which about 200 were believers. The majority in attendance follow Buddhism, the religion of their fathers.

I have never seen such a blessed event and great acceptance of the gospel message."

It reminded us of the great revival in Russia seen in the early 90's!

### **A Visit With the Buddhist High Priest of Mongolia**

The local campaign team had arranged a visit to the highest spiritual leader's office. He owned a significant number of the city buses in the department of transportation, that were being used for the campaign ads. Passengers spent several hours daily going to and from work on the buses and were a captive audience!

### **A Surprise Question**

Without warning, the high priest suddenly turned to me

and asked: "What is the purpose of your campaign?"

It was a loaded question and tension filled the air. A wrong answer could significantly damage the intended mission of the campaign. I quickly prayed to God for wisdom to speak the right words and experienced how the Holy Spirit gave the words and wisdom at that moment.

"In the Holy Book, the Bible, Doctor Luke tells the parable about the lost silver coin and sheep.

A shepherd had 100 sheep and one of them went astray in open country. He left the ninety-nine in search of the lost sheep until he found it.

And when he finds his lost sheep, he joyfully carries it on his shoulders and invites friends and neighbors on his return saying: 'Rejoice with me! I found my sheep which was lost.'

This is how it is in heaven too. There is great rejoicing when one who was lost is found, over the ninety-nine who didn't need saving. In the same way, God's angels rejoice when the lost are found.

Thousands and thousands of Mongolians have ended up being lost in life, with no strength to return to normalcy of life.

Alcohol, drugs, and crises of life have led them astray. Many have lost their will to live, have lost all hope, and contemplate suicide.

The purpose of this campaign is to invite your countrymen who have lost their way, to freedom and fullness of life that is worth living."

The Holy Spirit was present, making an impression on the high priest. The campaign was given an important extension and additional visibility in the capital city bus transit system.

### **Many Receive the Gospel**

The campaign call center had received a call from a young woman. She represented an affluent side of society and had called a few days earlier wanting to come by to pick up her copy of the campaign book personally.

Upon receiving it, she touched her forehead with the book and held it close to her chest. One of the stories of a changed life in the campaign book had touched her deeply, and she wanted to read more of the stories.

### **180 Prisoners Receive Jesus Christ as Lord**

The gospel message was taken to the prisons as well during the campaign.

Prisoners know the meaning of sin and its destructive power in life. This applies to the Mongolian prisoners as well.

John wrote: "And of His fullness, we have all received, and grace for grace." (John 1:16)

180 prisoners decided to follow Christ publicly, and "tasted" God's amazing grace that pours out from God's heart!

Churches in Mongolia are small, and outreach has often been slow and laborious in reaching their communities with the Gospel.

With the help of the media campaign, churches have blanketed this generation of Mongolians with the gospel message, across the nation.

### **The Gospel Reaches the Remote Corners of the Country**

The response to the campaign transcended expectations. Pastor Myagmardorj and his team set up a campaign booth on a busy street in the middle of the city.

The booth generated great interest and crowds gathered close to see what was happening. The campaign books were distributed to interested passers-by.

As a result, many new faces appeared the following week at the pastor's small group meeting.

### **New Church Plants**

As new people started to attend the small group gatherings, the pastor decided it was time to plant a new church! The congregation named the church "Light" and continues to meet weekly.

### **Revival at the Village Well**

Another church distributed the campaign books to people who came to the village well to draw water in exchange for their contact information.

During the two-day well event, 147 villagers in the yurt settlement area received the

campaign book with stories of life change as a gift.

The church organized a follow-up event two weeks later, where 40 adults and 15 teenagers arrived to hear the gospel message.

At the end of the service, the speaker asked who would like to learn more about Jesus presented in the campaign book.

All 55 newcomers raised their hands to accept the invitation for Jesus to be their Lord and Savior.

### **Campaign Reaches Uvs**

The evangelism campaign beginning in Ulaanbaatar last October, continues to gain momentum in July. New churches and small groups of believers have been established! The campaign arrived in the province of Uvs in February.

The campaign has now reached the sparsely populated Dornogovi province, in the south-east part of the country. Our national director Boloroo shared that many have already received the gospel message. Boloroo lists praise reports:

- Campaign churches are reaching thousands of Mongolian children with the Gospel at children's camps
- This spring, GCMM has raised funds for three young evangelists assigned to the task of church planting
- In Ulaanbaatar, one of the yurt churches has embarked upon a building project. The budget for the project is 70,000 USD, of which about half has been raised.

### **God's Miracle Campaign Continues**

The nationwide evangelistic media campaign began in the





capital city of Ulaanbaatar at the end of October last year. Tens of thousands heard the gospel message in November and December. New churches have since been planted.

In February and March, the campaign entered the Uvs province, a sparsely nomadic populated area in the north-western corner of Mongolia. The campaign reached a record

number of residents there.

Our national director Boloroo shared that the message of salvation was presented to 2,478 people in this remote area, with 465 of them accepting the Gospel and have become obedient to faith in Jesus.

Mongolians have good relationships with Inner Mongolia tribes under Chinese occupation and play an important part

in furthering the Great Commission of Jesus Christ there.

### **In Summary**

The response to the Gospel clearly surprised our evangelism teams on the ground in Mongolia. The demand for the high impact evangelism book exceeded the supply. Thousands more copies are needed as the campaign continues.

# The Gospel Conquers Hearts Across "Genghis Khan's Motherland"



This pastor of the church in Ulaanbaatar thanks GCMM for the campaign. Many have received Christ. The church has outgrown the "Yurt" (Mongolian tent structure) where they had been meeting prior to the campaign. By faith, the Church embarked on building a much needed annex.



We are producing an evangelism piece for Inner Mongolia, in classical Mongolian.

Inner Mongolia is better known as Communist Mongolia, located south of free Mongolia.

Inner Mongolia is currently part of mainland China, a nation totally closed to the Gospel and where the Church suffers repeated persecution.

On the Chinese side, there is a population of over 5 million ethnic Mongolians.

Since many people have come to know Jesus as the Lord of their lives, there is an urgent need to establish new churches.

GCMM is providing the financial support for three full-time missionaries who have been tasked with planting new churches in post campaign Mongolia.

Hannu Haukka



Many have come to know Jesus as Lord. There is an urgent need to plant and erect new churches.

# Dakar, Senegal Sees Rare



Local churches in Senegal have been waiting for twelve years for this Mega City Media Campaign to happen. The hopes and dreams planted by the Lord may have lain dormant for a time, but are now beginning to bear fruit, much fruit, and fruit that will last.

# Evangelism Campaign Launch



# The Gospel Touches Thousands



**The Mega City Media Campaign in Senegal is evidence of God's faithfulness and timing. Despite challenges and lengthy delays, the ongoing campaign is bearing much fruit! In 2012, when GCMC started laying the groundwork for an evangelism campaign with local churches in Senegal, everyone realized the need for the gospel message to be shared in their nation. The churches, however, weren't quite ready at the time to implement a campaign of this nature and magnitude.**

Senegal is predominantly an Islamic state, so many were doubtful of having a successful high-profile evangelism campaign. But the vision for a mega media campaign lived on and in 2018, GCMC's vision-casting visits to meet with leaders of Senegal churches resumed. Consequently, campaign preparations were underway for two years, and just as the campaign was ready to launch, the coronavirus pandemic hit, delaying its implementation.

#### **A New Beginning After a Delay**

At the end of the pandemic, plans for the long-awaited media campaign started again in

earnest, though not without challenges. The most unexpected challenge occurred on day one of the campaign. A fire tore through the TV channel studio that was to air the life-changing transformation stories of local Senegalese people being highlighted in the campaign.

The effects of the fire caused great distress among the campaign leadership but in the end, proved to be a blessing. As the news of the fire spread rapidly across the city, the TV channel became the "talk of the town". Consequently, our media campaign programs attracted a huge viewing audience when broadcasts resumed.

# of Lives In Islamic Senegal



**Hani Henein**, our Director of the Arabic Ministry, was in Senegal at the time of the fire. He shared: "The TV channel was one people did not watch as often. It was an Islamic channel. The story of the fire was all over the news on other stations and newspapers, so the affected channel gained popularity. The TV channel was back on air about a day later, and people were drawn to tune into the news to see how the channel was managing the situation. Our media campaign's life-changing stories were aired right after the news...on prime time! We could see the hand of God had intervened interestingly."

**Hannu Haukka**, Founder and CEO of GCOMM also in Senegal

during the campaign continues: "There was a sense of the Lord's leading, that when the TV channel caught fire on the first day of the media campaign, a quick consultation was had, and we were able to transfer funds and purchase airtime at a couple of other TV stations to compensate for the time lost due to the fire at the original station."

### **Impact of the Campaign**

The effect of the campaign has been significant. The number of telephone calls has completely exceeded our expectations, particularly when 13% of all callers (nominal Muslims) wanted to accept Jesus Christ during the call. They wanted to experience

the life change Christ was offering them. This is exceptional in a country where its population is 94% Muslim! People from all over the country have been calling and local churches are central for follow-up, supporting the new believers.

Hannu Haukka continued his reflection: "I can say based on my experience after 108 previous mega city campaigns, that it is quite rare that 13% of callers make a personal decision to come to faith. And even rarer that so many people want to give their lives to Christ on the telephone, in a Muslim country. This has been a miracle in the making."

### Campaign Follow-up Ministry

Hani Henein, the Arab Ministry director shares: "This is only the beginning! The real campaign truly begins when the media portion finishes." The media campaign is continuing into July and the call center phone lines will be available, for as long as calls keep coming through in the weeks ahead. The Senegalese people have taken the Great Commission of Jesus Christ to heart and follow His

command with great devotion. They are "all in" for evangelizing their nation.

### Next Steps

Amazing as this all is, there's still a lot of work ahead! Churches need resources for effective follow-up ministry for the influx of new believers. Hani Henein is leading the next phase of the campaign.

"My upcoming trip to Senegal will be instructing local churches

in follow-up methods for the thousands who have made decisions for Christ. Let's pray for the local churches and their leadership to effectively respond to the need, as social media interactions and calls continue to flow in from all over Senegal."

This Mega Media Campaign in Senegal indicates how unyielding faith and vision can bear much fruit for the Kingdom of God. The challenges have not deterred the spread of the





# Senegal

Gospel, instead, have only strengthened believers to continue the work with even more persistence. The hand of God has directed this campaign from the beginning, and we are seeing the effects across the country.

Hani has summarized an important lesson he's learned during the evangelism campaign in Senegal that can affect us all: "Perhaps the most difficult thing we may experience as Christians is facing fear—fear of growth,

fear of how the Kingdom of God is expanding—and feeling fearful not to have the capacity to respond to it. Many Christians have low self-esteem, ie. fear of how things will turn out. The results of our collective efforts are in God's hands alone. Time is running out. God wants to reach all the people of the world."

Please remember the Senegal media campaign in your prayers!

A warm thank you for your prayers and support!

Interviewer: Ari Talja





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MEMORY WALL OF FALLEN DEFENDERS OF UKRAINE IN RUSSIAN-UKRAINE WAR

**"In Remembrance of the Fallen Heroes of Ukraine" in the square at St. Michael's Golden-Dome Monastery in Central Kyiv. Destroyed Russian tanks and hardware are on display nearby.**



Chaplain Gennady Mohnenko comforting a mother in Nikopol.



400 Military chaplains gather for training and coaching as well as sharing their experiences in Irpin, a city next door to the nation's capital Kyiv.



The fight for freedom continues. Soldiers kneel for prayer and honor fallen fellow soldiers at the Cathedral in Lviv.



Military chaplains partnering with GCMC pause to pray in the heat of the battle for Bakhmut city on the front lines.

# Millions In Ukraine Need The

**Hannu, you represent GCMC in Ukraine, particularly in East Ukraine. What observations have you made during your recent trip to the front lines?**

I am glad to report that humanitarian aid from Finland and Sweden continues to arrive.

The aid first reaches Kyiv and from there to Zaporizhzhia where the logistics center that we use is located. Together with our colleagues I record video of all aid that arrives and is unloaded.

To date, we have delivered over 5,000 tons of aid through-

out the war zone since the beginning of war in February 2022.

## **400 Military Chaplains Attend**

On my trip, the first stop was in Irpin, a neighboring city next to Bucha and Kyiv, where about 400 military chaplains participated in training and coaching.

The chaplains in attendance shared how they feel the distress just by seeing the suffering and the hopelessness amongst the people.

In tears, one of the chaplains poured out his heart. He stressed that the goal of a chaplain is to share a message of hope and comfort that God is present in

suffering and has promised to be our Shepherd in the darkest of valleys.

## **What about the church in Kyiv? How is it coping in the middle of this war?**

The church has several pastors and 200 cell group leaders. Our friend, Yuri, has an important role as our national director of the humanitarian aid ministry. He is a pastor and takes care of church administrative matters.

He is a tough guy physically and spiritually, but he is exhausted. The war, which is in its third year, is taking a serious toll on

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The war zone, East Ukraine. Military chaplains pause for prayer before proceeding into live enemy fire to deliver aid and save lives.

## Healing Power of God's Word

him and many others as well.

He hasn't been able to rest, or go on vacation with his family. The war can suck the strength out of any man. But despite everything, growth in his church is exponential.

In a single special event with attendance at over 4,000, seven hundred people came forward to receive Christ as Savior.

On average, every month 100 people are baptized.

This is a repeating story that we see in the southern city of Kherson as well. Amidst daily shelling by Russia, the congregation has swelled from a few hun-

dred, to thousands of attendees.

In the same way, in the city of Kharkiv, 30 miles from the Russian border, the evangelical church, is seeing unprecedented attendance daily. Each service is packed out, filled to capacity.

### What about PTSD, Post Trauma Syndrome Disorder?

According to data released by the UN, 10 million Ukrainians suffer from PTSD.

Ukraine's Ministry of Health corrected the UN by saying that the figure is much higher, 40 million. No one is immune to trauma caused by this war.

**GCMM has seen first hand the intensity of the trauma caused by the war and is working on a book that we call God's Psychiatry. Please explain?**

The number one question is where can a person find persevering power when life's worst storm hits you broadside, unexpectedly.

How do you survive when you lose everything and you discover that you are left with nothing to hang on to?

Again on this trip, we experienced how great the need is for a message of hope, an "anchor" that is stronger than the strongest storm.



Food distribution in the front line city of Lyman, East Ukraine. Russian forces were driven back the day before



Hannu witnessing the delivery of wood-burning stoves and firewood in the war zone village of Velyka Novosilka in the Donetsk region.



Medical supplies arrive in the war-torn rural city of Hulyaipole for residents residing in bomb shelters.

Millions of Ukrainians need a message that will take them through this horrific storm called "the mother of all wars" in our generation.

There is healing in every phase, stage, trial, tribulation, and loss in life. It comes to us through God's unfailing promises in His Word. Bringing healing to the people by the power of God's word is priority number one, in our mission.

Undeniably humanitarian aid

is needed. However, the greatest need for 40 million Ukrainians is hope that they will survive and live to see tomorrow. God is in their dark valley. That is God's promise.

We need to get the book in people's hands as soon as possible.

The working title of the book is, "God's Psychiatry."

It has a biblical foundation. When God created man, He created man with a soul. Our God who put man together in the

very beginning knows how to fix that which is broken. He knows how to nurse a broken, dysfunctional soul back to health.

When something breaks in a person's soul, God knows how to heal and knows how broken hearts are made whole.

The Psalmist, King David wrote Psalm 23 which deals with this.

David knew what it meant to lose a home, lose a job, become a refugee, to go hungry, to hide



A semi, loaded with firewood in the East Ukrainian of Zaporizhzhia bound for the Black Sea coast.



CEO, Hannu Haukka serving with a team of Ukrainian Government Chaplains. Distribution of food, water, and medicine to villagers in Orikhiv.

in caves, to be on the wanted list hunted by his king.

Psalm 23 is a gem. It is powerful medicine.

The Sermon on the Mount is another good example. It is a clear guide giving direction for our lives and reveals how almighty God cares for man, whom He created in His own image.

**Our Father Cares...**

Jesus said: "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or

reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

How much more he, our Father in Heaven, cares about us and for us, of little faith!

We were in the war zone city of Siversk, near the cities of Chasiv Yar and Bakhmut. These cities have been bombed to ruin almost entirely. As we entered the city, we were caught in thunderous aerial bombard-

ment by Russian forces.

While there, we met an elderly couple. They had decided to remain in the city, though most all others had been evacuated. Bombs and rockets continue to stike the city daily.

Before leaving our friends for the return journey, I felt led to share scripture verses with them, assuring them that even when we end up in a dark valley as dark as death and are not able to see the road ahead, we can be sure that the Lord, our Shepherd

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Chaplain Gennady Mohnenko in a front line village of Donetsk province. The GCMC evangelism book is received wholeheartedly. The book includes stories of Ukrainians who have found faith in Jesus and how they have survived the horrors of the war.

walks us through that valley.

He does not leave us alone in the darkness at the mercy of forces that we cannot deal with alone. He promises that He will lead us every step of the way through to the light.

Before leaving, we prayed with the couple briefly.

When I opened my eyes I noticed how God's word had already caused a reaction. There was release, a peace in his gaze. The tension he had was gone. He smiled.

## Hope Returns...

The same happened at a military unit in the Zaporizhzhia region.

It was my turn to pray the closing prayer. These soldiers were not Sunday School boys. As I prayed, I quoted scripture.

After the Amen, I shared a few more simple words from God's Word. Then, as I looked up at the soldiers I could see how the Holy Spirit had ministered to them.

After serving on the front lines for two years without a

break, even a tough soldier, can lose hope.

No one is exempt, There is a breaking point for each and every one of us.

## A Commander's Secret Power

We were at a military base located between the cities of Slovyansk and Siversk.

There we met a deputy commander whose pseudonym was Simeon.

His job was to give orders to the soldiers daily. He could





President of Churches of the Evangelical Faith in Kharkiv, Pyotr Kovalenko with CEO, Hannu Haukka. An important revision to "God's Psychiatry", including stories of Ukrainians who have survived the horrors of the war, is needed as soon as possible.

assess the mental state of the men under his command.

Many of them would seek Simeon's company because he was a source of encouragement to them.

In the distance, I could hear exploding aerial bombs. I asked Simeon what the secret of his endurance and positive attitude was.

Without hesitation, Simeon answered: "My secret is that every morning I spend an hour in prayer, in the presence of God.

No matter how urgent and important matters may be, I know I need the time to spend time in the presence of the Lord for a full hour.

Because of my time in prayer I experience the ability to rise above the challenges ahead of me. And, I am able to effectively support the soldiers in this unit."

During the visit, we observed how Simeon interacted with his soldiers. The soldiers that came to him were rough and tough men,

many exhausted from battle.

The soldiers relied on Simeon's support. His strong spirit radiated a sense of security. According to Simeon, a commander has to be strong because he is responsible for his men, in the same way as a shepherd is responsible for his flock.

In war, this is precisely what the men needed, a strong leader in their midst.

For Simeon, one hour of prayer every day is the source of his inner strength. He was respected by his fellow soldiers.

Simeon's presence alone was a comfort. It was a blessing to see the calibre of a commander like him, on the front lines.

### One Book, Three Versions

Three versions of the book that we have previously referred to will appeal to different audiences in Ukraine.

**Teenagers.** The first is for teenagers whose fathers and

brothers are fighting at the front lines or have returned injured or died in battle.

**Soldiers.** The second is for the soldiers. This version has been exceptionally challenging in addressing the trauma relating to the atrocities of the war.

**Families, Others.** The third is for the general audience, mothers, families, and those not at the front, but who remain behind to manage the country's economy and public services.

Input is being provided by Church leaders and psychiatrists with a Christian worldview, who also possess a professional perspective of trauma.

GCMM is responsible for the final script, stories of perseverance and survival, and of course the publishing.

The printing costs will be substantial, with hundreds of thousands of books to be printed.

Miracles are needed. Hundreds of thousands of people will be able to get a new lease

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"Never leaving a friend behind..."  
A wounded Ukrainian soldier is evacuated to safety and medics are standing by.

on life, a new hope through personally knowing Almighty God.

## A Closing Prayer

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we ask for peace that comes from above, the supernatural peace of your presence in the families and lives of every mother and child and the hearts of every soldier, father, husband, and son that is affected by this horrific war.

We pray, for your protection of all military chaplains who risk their lives every day, every hour, that they spend on the front lines bringing aid to those who are unable to evacuate, leave out of fear.

We pray for your protection as the gospel message is taken

to the front lines to those who are deprived of fellowship with other believers and churches in Ukraine.

We pray for your presence as we at GCMM write the pages of the book, "God's Psychiatry For the Soul", addressing PTSD for millions of Ukrainians traumatized by war.

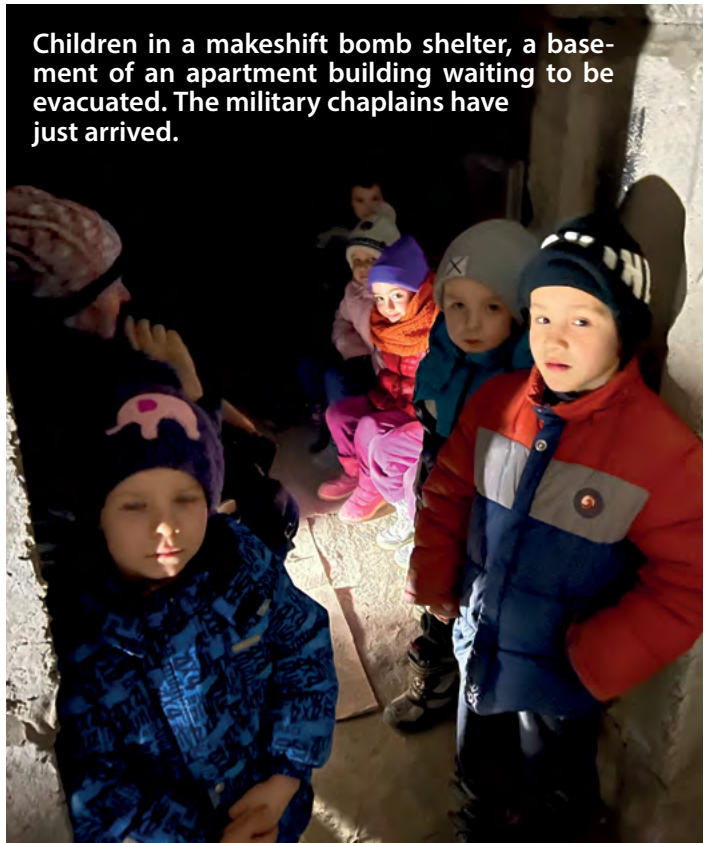
We pray for the successful printing and distribution. We ask that your angels remain on guard for entire team in Ukraine.

Let peace return to Ukraine.

You are the God of peace, and Your peace transcends our understanding in this restless world.

We pray this, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Amen.





Children in a makeshift bomb shelter, a basement of an apartment building waiting to be evacuated. The military chaplains have just arrived.

# Harvest Time In

The ministry of GCMC reaches deep into the heart of the Islamic world. Every year, our Arabic department produces over 1,000 new TV programs in Arabic, Farsi, and the North African region languages — Berber, Tajik and Sudanese Arabic. 18 satellites broadcast the programs to North Africa's Islamic region, across the Middle East to the borders of India. Approximately one billion Muslims live in the satellite coverage area.

GCMC programs average 200,000 viewer feedback responses monthly, with over 100 million regular viewers. They are processed in relatively safe centers across the Middle East.

Our programs are viewed in the Middle East, the Persian Gulf, Africa, USA, Australia, Asia, Indonesia, and Europe. We intentionally invest in TV production, as TV programs are central to the culture of Arab and Muslim countries.

In cooperation with regional and local churches, the Arabic Ministry of GCMC has held multimedia evangelism campaigns in several big cities in the Middle East, Israel, Africa, and Asia. With the help of the campaigns, we have reached about a million people. The campaigns have been the “talk

of the town” in every city and interest on social media has soared. The organizers have also realized the importance of church involvement in social assistance work.

We have been a part of the bountiful harvesting...though workers are few. Join us, so we can all be involved in this great harvest of souls for Christ together!

## Testimonies of God's Transforming Power



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My name is Saher. I am 42 years old, and I am from Iraq. Two years ago, I found faith in Christ through a friend and my sister's child who watched your TV programs regularly. Over the past two years, and by the goodness of the Lord, I was able to leave my sins behind me. I have been able to get rid of what held me captive

and dependent on drugs, alcohol, and other addictions. I have been released from pretty much every imaginable sin.

After coming to know the Lord, I have experienced His presence in my life. The first year I constantly fought sin. Even though the Spirit of God was working in my life, I sinned. I fell but got up again. I felt the Spirit of God in my heart. He stopped me from going back to my former sinful lifestyle.

Jesus Christ is Lord and I always feel His presence. I know He is continuing His work in me. The Lord freed me from my addictions without having to seek treatment from doctors. His presence was with me the entire time.

I am so happy to be free from addiction and for my healing. I am only sad that I didn't come to faith sooner, to experience the joy of freedom

# The Islamic World!

that comes from no longer being a slave to addictions.

My addictive behaviour caused me to lose everything, and I've been unemployed for a few years. Since I am relatively old, employers are hesitant to employ me. I also have a poor work history due to my years of addiction. During those 11 years, I lost it all. When I came to faith, God's power enabled me to leave my past behind.

Please pray, the Lord provides work with people who are "real", and for a good work environment. My sister's daughter gave me your number and suggested I contact you. So, I am asking for your help, to guide me to a better life.



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My name is Bahar, and I have come from Syria. May the peace of the Lord be with all of you, dear friends. Despite my father abandoning me, I have been able to experience the closeness of my Heavenly Father when I found faith in Jesus through your TV programs. I felt His embrace when I was arrested and interrogated. I had to choose between Christ and my own family. I continued to feel His embrace when I had to raise my children completely on my own, all the while living with illness and in want.

I live today in exile because of my faith. My current place of refuge has hardships and uncertainties, yet I feel the same embrace of my Heavenly Father even here. My eyes are fixed upon Him and my hands are enclosed in His. The warmth of His love and security is such that I don't say: "If possible, let this cup pass me by." Instead, my prayer is: "Hold me closer, despite the challenge of the cups." My experience with my Heavenly Father espouses security, peace, comfort, and patience.





## GCMM Delivers Aid Earmarked for Israelis in the War Zone

# Seeking Peace: The Nation

At the end of May, the GCMM Israeli program production team participated in the international prayer breakfast in Jerusalem with 400 participants from 40 countries.

The state of war declared on Israel was evident on the streets of Jerusalem and people's lives. The terrorist attack of October 7th and the events that followed traumatized this small country. Most everyone has a relative, an

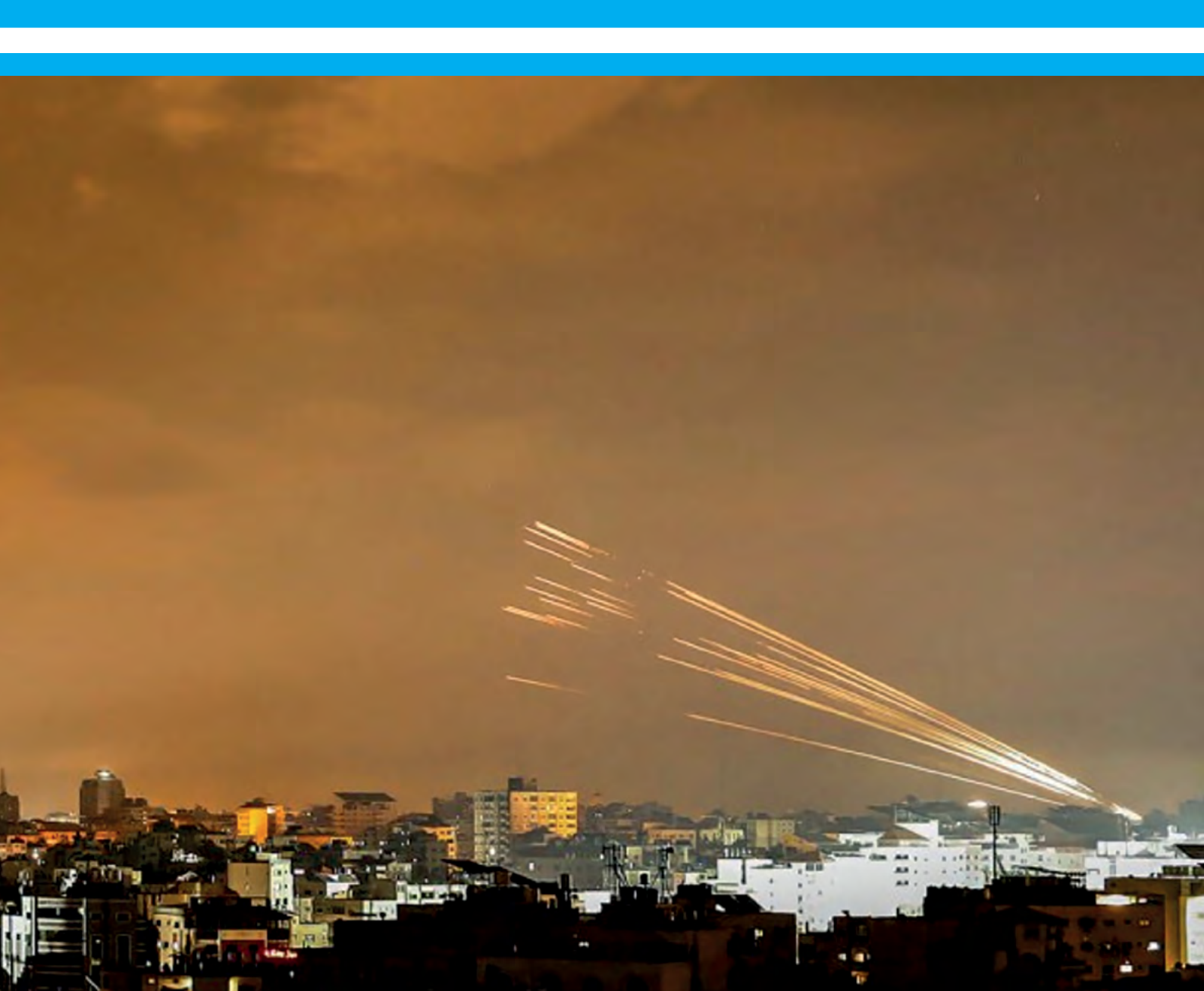
acquaintance, a colleague, or a friend, who has either died, has been taken hostage, or is at war in the Gaza Strip.

### **Visiting Family Members of Hostages**

We had the opportunity to visit the currently deserted Nahal Oz kibbutz in southern Israel, close to the Gaza Strip border. Traces of the attack are still visible on the walls of

empty houses. Israeli Defence Force soldiers have been resting between shifts in some rooms of the deserted homes. Some years ago, this was one of Israel's most modern agricultural communities worldwide. Now the view is inconceivably desolate.

Behind the kibbutz that borders Gaza with barbed wire, the realities of the war could be seen and heard. The devastati-



# Prays As Israel Fights!

on of rocket fire, evidenced by homes in ruins. As we took it all in, our hearts were filled with prayer for peace on behalf of the victims and innocent civilians.

In Tel Aviv, there was a volunteer support center for families of hostages. We met many whose family members had been taken hostage. It was difficult to find the words to speak to their pain. But words

came to mind, by prophet Isaiah: "Be comforted, comfort my people...speak your kindness to Jerusalem..." (Isaiah 40:1)

As Jewish people seek refuge in God, believers have an important part to share, the Gospel as Christ's ambassadors.

GCMM has assisted the humanitarian efforts through the local churches in Ashdod and Ashkelon this spring,

and last fall, provided media support and printed materials for an evangelism campaign with Jerusalem Jews for Jesus.

As a result, many are now enrolled and attending discipleship classes and learning tenets of faith! God is good!

Pray for peace for Jerusalem and the entire Middle East. God works in all circumstances!

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