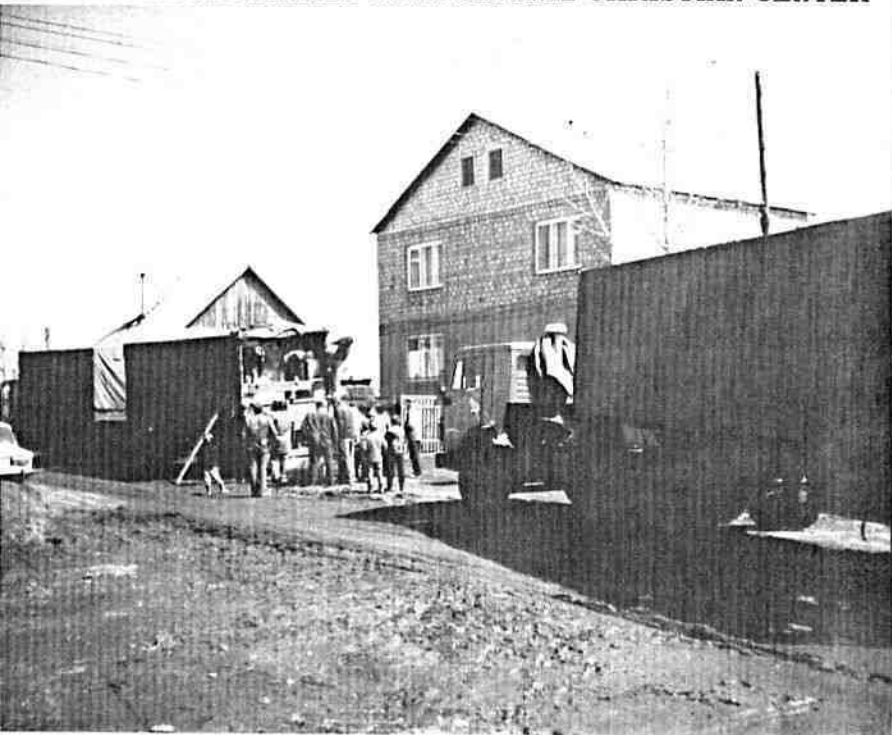


# TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE



## MINISTRY

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# TO RUSSIA WITH LOVE'S MINISTRY



**It can be said that these are the best of times and the worst of times for the former Soviet union. State-sponsored religious persecution and atheism are gone but economically things are worse than they ever were under the Soviet regime. Much of To Russia With Love's ministry takes place in Ukraine, a country which seems to be suffering the most. Russia is cutting off oil, gas, electricity, and transportation services to Ukraine because of the massive amounts of debt owed. Rampant inflation is taking its toll on Ukrainian citizens, particularly the elderly living on fixed pensions. Retirees used to have enough to help their children, but now it's**

the other way around. Because Russia's currency is more stable than Ukraine's, many Ukrainians go to Russia to sell their products, but with recent price hikes in train and air tickets, they are not able to do so. Many planes are grounded for lack of fuel, and ground transportation has slowed for the same reason.



For the last three years, To Russia With Love has sharing the love of Christ in eastern Europe by strengthening local churches there. By means of clothing, food, and medical supplies, churches are able to meet the physical needs of their communities, opening doors for sharing the gospel. We rejoice that, with the Lord's help, To Russia With Love sent more than 30 forty-foot shipping containers in 1993. Nine of these were part of a special Christmas delivery which included 11,000

presents for children. In addition to the Christmas gifts, many tons of canned food, rice, baby food, medical supplies, and clothing were sent. To Russia With Love president Ivan Vnikov traveled to Russia personally to oversee the delivery and to insure that all supplies reached their intended destinations. He has gained valuable experience in knowing how to deal with the customs officials and the new KGB. The officials all know about the humanitarian work of To Russia With Love and allow the containers to pass through without major hassles.

Many people have received the relief supplies - orphanages, hospitals, mental institutions, prisons - but some of the most thankful are the large families. To Russia With



**Love received this thank you letter from a family with ten children:**

**Peace to You,**

**We greet you dear friends with these words. We praise the Lord for the opportunity to write to you and thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the Christmas presents. May God bless you hundred fold for your concern.**

**With Christian Love,  
Vanya and Lidia Bortnik and family.**



**Evangelism continues to be at the heart of To Russia With Love's ministry. Recently laws were passed in Russia which prohibit preaching outside of churches. Theaters, stadiums, and the streets are off limits to those who want to**

publicly proclaim the gospel. Fortunately, these restrictions do not apply to To Russia With Love. The officials have said that because TRWL doesn't just talk, but gives out humanitarian aid, all public places are available for evangelism.



## **PRAYER FOR THE SICK**

In order to disciple the many new converts, To Russia With Love has been supporting 35 national missionaries throughout the former Soviet Union: Siberia, Kazakhstan, the Far North, and Ukraine and Russia. The following is an example of the expansion of the gospel in Russia: The city of Vologda did not have a single

protestant church when missionary Pyotr Nazarchuk arrived there eight months ago. He is a young man from Kiev who believed the Lord was directing him to Vologda. He started by handing out food and clothing to the needy people in the community. Soon he was allowed to rent two movie theaters. His church now has 100 members plus 200 children in Sunday School. Recently 17 people were baptized in a swimming pool. Many of the converts are former Russian Orthodox believers.



1994 looks to be another busy year. Evangelism crusades are being planned for Ukraine and Siberia this spring. Starting in April, Ivan wishes to make quarterly trips to deliver the

humanitarian aid and to distribute the support for the missionaries. Please pray for his safety; organized crime and banditry are rampant everywhere now. Please pray that the door for ministry will continue to be open. Ivan fears that this may be the last year for free evangelism in Russia and Ukraine. We thank you for your faithful monetary support of our ministry.



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!**

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**and also those who gave donations, contributions  
and helped to load the containers!**

