

SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY

THE BIBLE. WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET IT.

June 30, 2008

Dear Brethren,

THEY KICKED GOD OUT OF SCHOOLS IN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE –
NOW THEY ARE ASKING US TO HELP BRING HIM BACK IN.

The state of Donetsk (Donbass), Ukraine, has recently asked Eastern European Mission (EEM) to provide Bibles and Biblical literature for all 1,188 public schools, in which there are about 366,000 students. While we are not supposed to even pray in American schools.

This is the first time the nation of Ukraine has made such a request. To date we have filled 6,950 public schools in four states in Russia with Bibles and Biblical literature. Now, Ukraine has called. It's a new country for Bibles in schools. When we complete this project, we will have placed Bibles and Biblical literature in 8,138 public schools in Russia and Ukraine. The combined enrollment of these schools is about 1,800,000 students, with new students entering each year.

The enclosed letter in Russian is the official request, signed by the Minister of Education, for EEM to place Bibles and Biblical literature in the schools of his region. While it is written in bureaucratic language typical of Ukraine, it represents the government's desire to have students benefit from the teachings of the Bible.

Several state officials, including the Governor, have endorsed this project. With their approval in hand, EEM is responding to their request and to this huge open door for the Word. Enclosed is a sheet titled "The Story" which describes how this opportunity came about and the part that certain government officials played.

EEM ANNOUNCES THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY FOR SEPTEMBER 28, 2008.

EEM is asking Churches of Christ nationwide collectively for \$1,000,000 so we can fill all 1,188 public schools in the state of Donetsk (Donbass), Ukraine with God's Word. Will you and your congregation provide a gift for this effort?



It only takes \$840 to supply a whole school with enough Bibles and Biblical literature so that all students can regularly study God's Word with their own set of materials. That is about \$3.00 per student or about \$90 per class.

THE OFFICIAL DATE OF THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY IS SEPTEMBER 28, 2008.

However, some congregations may need to have their "\$1,000,000 Sunday" effort either before or after the "official date" to make it more convenient for them. That is fine. Let us know how we can help you with your special day so you can be a significant part of this effort.

Much more information and material are enclosed in this packet to further describe this effort and provide support for your congregation's participation. Approximately each month we will send you additional, new information in packets like this one.

**MANY EDUCATORS AND PARENTS IN RUSSIA AND UKRAINE
WANT CHRISTIAN MORALITY FOR THEIR CHILDREN'S FUTURE.**

There are several unique aspects to this opportunity. Here are a few examples: There are more Churches of Christ in the state of Donetsk than anywhere else in the former Soviet Union. Several government officials, including the Governor, have given their approval. Early in this project we will be able to organize seminars to help teachers understand the Bible, so that they use it more effectively in their classrooms. We have strong contacts all the way up to an advisor to the President of Ukraine who is strongly in favor of what we are doing in Ukraine. And more.

We have a unique opportunity to move on an increasingly large scale. We ask that you and your congregation help us accomplish what God has in mind. We want to give Ukraine a future based on God. And through their public schools, no less!

God keeps opening the door to the schools in Russia and now Ukraine. He must want back in. We have been called to help. Will you join this effort?

Thank you for your attention.

For the Word,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Armour". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dr. Mike Armour
President