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THE \$1,000,000 SUNDAY

THE BIBLE. WE WANT EVERYONE TO GET IT.

THE FINE PRINT.

Eastern European Mission (EEM) is under the oversight of the Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas. EEM also has a Governing Board of Trustees and an Advancement/Advisory Board.

Since 1961 EEM has been providing Bibles and Biblical literature and services to the nations of Russia, Ukraine and Eastern Europe. For the first 28 years of its operations, it had to find ways to get the literature through the Iron Curtain. Some six to eight million copies of God's Word were sent through the Iron Curtain in the languages of those nations.

Since 1989, EEM has been supplying Bibles and Biblical literature to campaign groups, individuals, missionaries, native evangelists, churches, thousands of families, etc., all in the languages of the targeted nations.

EEM has also been providing Bibles and Biblical literature for large-scale opportunities such as placing the Bibles and literature in all public schools in four states in Russia to date and training teachers in those schools. The Bibles-in-schools effort is now spreading to Ukraine. EEM also has a program to help congregations organize teams to go into former communist Pioneer youth camps and teach and distribute the Bible. These are just some of EEM's activities, illustrating the direction and scope of our work.

The project of this current \$1,000,000 Sunday for 2008 is to place Bibles and Biblical literature in all of the 1,188 public schools in the state of Donetsk (Donbass), Ukraine, and to hold regular seminars to train the teachers how to understand the Bible and how to teach it in their schools.

We will place thirty sets of materials in each school's library because this is a current pattern of instruction in their schools. Teachers rotate their classes through the library on a scheduled basis to have access to new material in a number of subjects. Through this method, all students can study from their own set of Bibles and Biblical literature regularly. Additionally, teachers in the schools use the Bible and accompanying materials from EEM to supplement the curriculum in a number of subjects.

Communism and its collapse have left a tremendous moral void in the former Soviet Union. Additionally, secular influences since the opening of former communist countries have had a negative effect. Teachers are increasingly alarmed by what they describe as the development of "criminality" among the attitudes and behavior of their youth. They acknowledge that they are helpless to combat this trend and are looking for answers. They know that they must re-create a new moral basis for their young people. This is the foremost reason they are asking us to bring the Bible.



To date EEM has placed Bibles and Biblical literature in all 6,950 public schools in four states in Russia. This totals over 1,400,000 children who now have access to study the Bible on a regular basis.

EEM will oversee the content, translation, printing and distribution of the Bibles and Biblical literature to all 1,188 public schools in the Donetsk (Donbass) state of Ukraine, attended by 366,000 students. EEM will also organize and conduct seminars to train the teachers how to understand and use the Bible in their schools and classrooms.