GCMM
50 YEARS OF MINISTRY

Dear Ministry Friend,

This fall, GCMM will celebrate a significant milestone: 50 years of media ministry.

As we look back over these years, our hearts are filled with gratitude for the many ways God has blessed the work we have shared together. These 50 years are a powerful testimony to His faithfulness and to all He has accomplished through the harvest fields of our generation.

We could not have done this without you. Your prayers, encouragement, and faithful support have been an important part of this journey.

With deep humility and gratitude, we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for all that He has allowed us to experience and accomplish together.



God's Power In The Impossible

The Great Commission calls us to "go into all the world and proclaim the Gospel to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved..."

It was an enormous assignment. And it raises an important question: Who exactly was Jesus sending into all the world to proclaim the Gospel?

The events of Easter were still fresh in the disciples' minds. They had been rejected, regarded with suspicion, and even seen as a threat.

And yet, these were the very people Jesus chose to carry His message to the world.

So, who were the members of this unlikely "task force"?

The Case of Judas

Originally, this close-knit group consisted of twelve men. One of them—Judas—had already deserted the group by Maundy Thursday.

Judas had apparently concluded that following Jesus was doomed to fail. The nation's leaders hated Jesus, and Judas believed that his "source of income" would soon be killed.

Perhaps he decided that while there was still something to gain, he might as well make use of the opportunity. And what he had to sell—was Jesus!

Thomas

Another of the twelve was Thomas. He had a reputation for being a doubter. His approach was simple: "I need to see before I can believe."

Could Jesus really accomplish His mission with a group like this? They had already shown what they were capable of. Yet Jesus was entrusting this very group with a mission far greater than anything they could accomplish on their own.

Philip, the Financial Guru

And then there was Philip! He seemed to have a good head for numbers. He had calculated what it would cost to feed 5,000 men at an outdoor gathering. So where would the money come from to evangelize the whole world? Would they have enough resources? He wanted to believe that it really could be done.

The disciples may have had many other questions that we know nothing about, because they were never recorded in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. The mission Jesus gave them was as vast as the world itself. It would require the rest of their lives and all the resources they had.

Repentance for the forgiveness of sins was to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning in Jerusalem. (Luke 24:47)

Power for the Mission

But Jesus told them that the mission would also be accompanied by supernatural power—power that did not come from within themselves. They were to wait for it. It would be given to them from above.

The same is true today: what seems impossible becomes possible through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The disciples now faced a choice: return to their fishing nets, their fields, the customs and the tax stations—or step forward and carry out the task their Master had entrusted to them.



Members of our Arabic team producing Arabic-language satellite TV programs.

Soon afterward, they would see and experience for themselves what Jesus had meant. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, this same unlikely group set out to change the world.

For them, there was no turning back to their former lives.

God's Dreams

The calling God places before us reflects His purposes and His vision—and it can only be accomplished through His power at work in and through us.

Along the way, we will encounter challenges and obstacles that are beyond our own ability to overcome. They were never meant to be faced in our own strength, but with God.

The Case of Gideon

At first, Gideon had no intention of going to war. Israel was living through one of the darkest times in its history. Gideon resisted the mission he was being asked to undertake: "If the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all His wonders that our fathers told us about?"

But as God spoke to him, Gideon's response changed. He accepted the mission, trusted God, and stepped forward in faith.

Hebrews 11:6 promises "that God rewards those who earnestly seek Him."

That is why it is written: "Do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded." (Hebrews 10:35)

By Faith

"Through faith, these heroes conquered kingdoms, upheld righteousness, and saw God's promises fulfilled. They shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, escaped the edge of the sword, found strength in weakness, and became mighty in battle."

Gideon's name is among the heroes of faith listed in Hebrews 11:32.

We, too, must not throw away our confidence, for it carries a great reward. Faith has a way of becoming sight!

Faith is "firm confidence in what is hoped for, reaching out toward what is not seen".

"Remain in Me"

You may ask, how is this possible? Jesus said: "I am the true vine... Whoever remains in Me, and I in him, will bear much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

Like a branch connected to the vine, when the Spirit of God is free to flow through us and the Word of God dwells richly within us (Colossians 3:16), we remain connected to "the Vine". Then, like Gideon and the other heroes of faith, we too can witness God's glory and His mighty works through the ministry.

The Fall Season is Well Underway

Ministry is already in full swing, as our mission work continues in various ways around the world—in Mongolia, Moldova, Egypt, Israel, Ukraine, and Ethiopia, as well as satellite television broadcasts into Iran—and not forgetting Russia.

Our evangelistic programs on YouTube and social media receive more than 20 million views across Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, the Baltic countries, and other parts of Europe.

Thank you for remembering GCMM in your prayers. We are also deeply grateful for your generous financial support.

With prayers for God's abundant blessings,

Hannu Haukka
Executive Director
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Photo 1: Sergei Demidovich's YouTube programs and social media outreach receive more than 20 million views across Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, the Baltic countries, and other parts of Europe.

Photos 2 & 4: Young people who joined new churches that were established during a recent Mongolia campaign.

Photo 3: War-related trauma has caused immense suffering for millions of Israelis.

Photo 5: The Recovery From Trauma book is being distributed in Ukraine.









Jesus gave us a clear mandate:
"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation."

That calling has not changed—and today, the need to share the Gospel is more urgent than ever.



You have an important part in this mission. Thank you for standing with us as together we carry the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world.

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