

# The 1<sup>st</sup> CSI Women's Conference

**Topic: The Great  
Commandment is Personal**

**Balti Bethany Baptist Church, Moldova**

**August 2, 2015**

**CSI - Moldova 2015**  
**Outreach Leadership Conference #1**  
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**Bill Davis, the CSI founder and  
President reports:**

Bethany Baptist Church of Balti, Moldova, under the leadership of Bishop Legcun prepares for a great 2015 Outreach Leadership Training Conference in which Potentially thousands of children could be reached in the city and out over 12 other zones of missionary focus. This outreach can also be the basis for a great church starting movement among the 146 Baptist churches and the 19 church-type missions in the North Region of Moldova. This effort will have the partnership efforts of Church Starts International under its president-founder Rev. Bill Davis, Church Starts International's representative in Moldova Secretary and Translator Stella Gorbani, and the senior pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church and the bishop of the North Region Bishop Peter Legcun.

The leadership for such a great effort will be found in the women who will gather in the Bethany Baptist Church for a fellowship meal and training.

*Every Community on Earth deserves a New  
Testament Church*





*Peter Legcun, Bishop  
of the Baptist Union of the  
Northern Region of Moldova.*

### **North Region of Moldova Bishop Peter Legcun**

Dear bro Bill,

My Church is ready to be actively involved in each of these ministries. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and your detailed plan of helping us in gathering the harvest.

It is a great privilege for Balti Baptist Bethany Church and for the Baptist Union of Moldova to be a close friend of CSI. It is a privilege personally for me and my Church to work together with Bro. Bill Davis who gives us an opportunity to work in Eastern Europe, Russia and around the world.

We remember and cherish the conferences organized by Rev. Bill Davis in 2000 in my Church, which united Pastors from 36 churches from the North of Moldova. I do remember all the brothers – missionaries who had left for Russia and were present at the conference. Many of them are my friends. All Pastors loved the strategy and the materials suggested by CSI for Bible teaching and personal evangelism. It gave a new vision and a new approach to Bible teaching and planting churches in Moldova.

Many Pastors have been using the CSI materials along these years, which contributed greatly to their church growth in numbers and in spiritual development. Today the North branch of the Baptist Union of Moldova involves 4998 members who belong to 146 Baptist Churches. A good number of these people joined the church as a result of CSI strategy, based on the interactive method of teaching which is very clear for non-Christians and easy to be used by Christians.

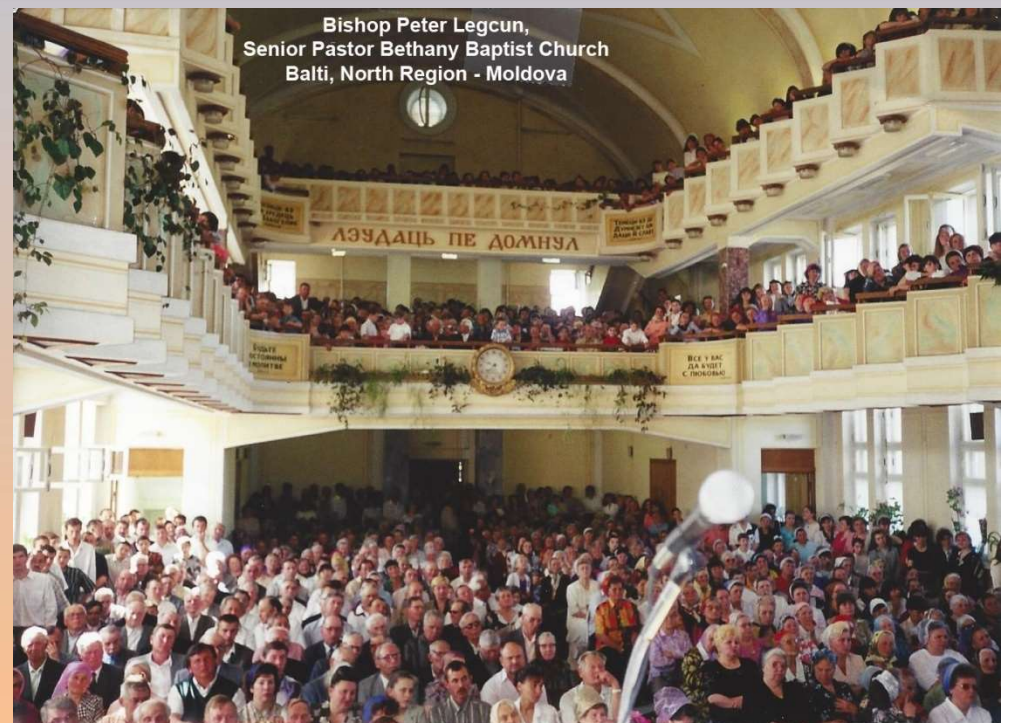
I am grateful to the Lord that the target of CSI for the moment is Moldova and Russia. Bro Bill has some contacts in the North of Russia and he plans to plant churches along the Trans-Siberian Railroad, which runs across all of Russia at a distance of 9,000 km, encompassing 240 cities which have few Baptist Churches and sending missionaries into the fields where the harvest is plentiful.

Another thing CSI is going to promote in Balti Bethany Baptist Church will be organizing Sister's meetings, with the participation of sisters from 146 churches of the Balti Region for training them how to use the materials for women and children.

I believe that God will bless these great plans and our dear brothers, Bro Bill and Ted Lindwall who are a great encouragement and support in serving Our Lord, Jesus Christ. I hope, some day to see the fruits of the great harvest gathered and ready for the second coming of Jesus Christ!

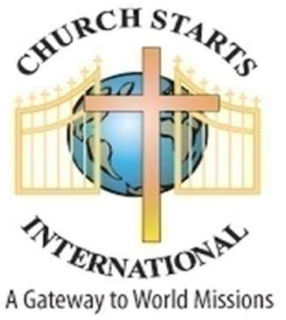
*In Christ, Peter Legcun,*

*Bishop of the Baptist Union of the Northern Region of Moldova*

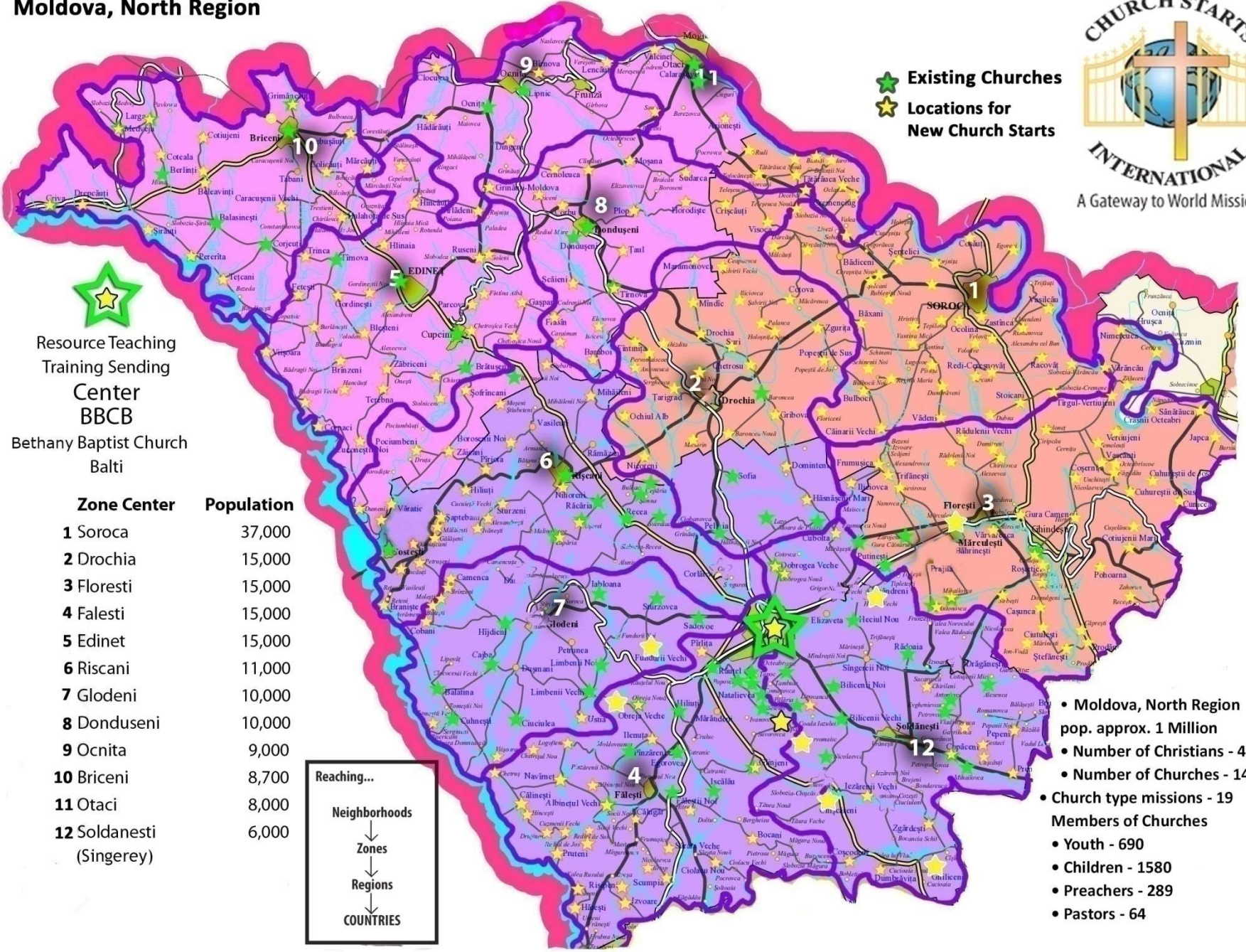




# Moldova, North Region

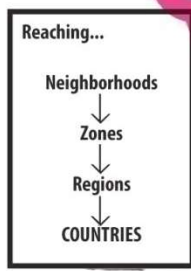


- ★ Existing Churches
- ★ Locations for New Church Starts



Resource Teaching  
Training Sending  
**Center BCB**  
Bethany Baptist Church  
Balti

Zone Center	Population
1 Soroca	37,000
2 Drochia	15,000
3 Floresti	15,000
4 Falesti	15,000
5 Edinet	15,000
6 Riscani	11,000
7 Glodeni	10,000
8 Donduseni	10,000
9 Ocnita	9,000
10 Briceni	8,700
11 Otaci	8,000
12 Soldanesti (Singerey)	6,000



- Moldova, North Region pop. approx. 1 Million
- Number of Christians - 4998
- Number of Churches - 146
- Church type missions - 19
- Members of Churches
  - Youth - 690
  - Children - 1580
  - Preachers - 289
  - Pastors - 64

## **Moto of the conference:**

**You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.**

**(John 15:16)**

# Objectives of the conference

1. To introduce CSI strategy – as an instrument of fulfilling the Great Commandment of Christ.
2. To challenge women to start teaching the children which surround them the Bible truths.
3. To train women how to use CSI materials.
4. To motivate women open Bible clubs.



# Participants: 130 women from the Churches of the North of Moldova



## Program leader: Nadejda Zlipca, Bathany church



In Moldova the women's ministry is coordinated by the Main Sister. The women of the Baptist Union of the Northern part of Moldova are lead by **Zlipca Nadejda**, a sister who has been walking with Christ for the last 65 years. She faced persecution and privations for Christ under the Romanian and Communist regimes.

Today she is happy to see the freedom for which she and her parents suffered a lot.

Sister Nadea, (this is how women call her) opened the conference with a word of greeting.



**Peter Legcun, The Bishop of the BU of the North of Moldova, made a speech about the importance of fulfilling the Great Commandment of our Lord Jesus Christ**



Sisters were very much encouraged by bro Peter's call to go and teach the world





# CSI strategy and training was presented by Stella Gorbani, CSI coordinator and translator





# Stella' presentation included such issues, as:



- CSI's strategy and vision for evangelism.
- CSI materials and the interactive method of teaching them.
- The importance of Teaching Children the Bible truths.
- The essence of Bible Clubs and how to organize them.
- How to teach a lesson from Bible Stories for all ages.



# Women enjoyed the materials and the interactive method for its simplicity in use

These women received instructions and materials for the first 6 studies from “New Testament 1, Lessons 1-6” “Bible Studies for All Ages”. This is enough lessons for each of the women and for the churches and church-type missions to have 5 copies of each of the 6 studies.



РАСКАЗЫ  
ИЗ  
НОВОГО ЗАВЕТА

Серия 1:  
**Иисус приходит  
в мир**

Библейские рассказы для всех



Народная кампания по чтению Библии

Каждое селение мира заслуживает иметь Новозаветную церковь

Российский Библиотечный Фонд



# Structure of a lesson from “Bible Stories for All Ages”:

1. Title of the lesson
2. Bible truths of the lesson
3. Reference to Bible verse
4. The Bible story
5. The rubrics with questions:
  - Talk about the story
  - What would you say?

## Назови его "Иисус"



### Великие Библейские истины:

1. Нет ничего невозможного с Богом.
2. Мы - слуги Божьи и Он использует нас во благо других людей.

### Луки 1:26-38

Бог послал ангела Гавриила в город названный Назарет. Гавриил принес новость от Бога женщине по имени Мария. Она не была замужем, но была обручена с молодым человеком по имени Иосиф. Ангел пришел к Марии и приветствовал ее, говоря: «Благодатная! Господь с тобою; благословенна ты между женами». Мария испугалась и не могла понять, почему Ангел посетил ее.

Ангел продолжал, говоря: «Не бойся Мария, ибо ты обрела благодать у Бога. И вот, зачнешь во чреве, и родишь Сына, и наречешь Ему имя: Иисус; что значит «Бог - Спаситель». Он будет велик и наречется Сыном Всевышнего; и даст Ему Господь Бог престол Давида, отца Его; и будет царствовать над домом Иакова веками, и царству Его не будет конца».

Мария же сказала Ангелу: «Как будет это, когда Я мужа не знаю?» Ангел сказал ей в ответ: «Дух Святый найдет на Тебя; посему и рождаемое Святое наречется Сыном Божиим».

Мария не понимала, как все это могло произойти, тем не менее, Мария сказала: «Се раба Господня, да будет Мне по слову твоему». И отошел от нее ангел.

### Обсудите рассказ:

Ваше мнение: Почему Мария испугалась, увидев ангела?

1. Что обозначает имя «Иисус»?
2. Как вы думаете, почему Бог решил назвать ребенка «Иисус»?
3. Люди говорят, что «Иисус это С \_\_\_\_\_ Б \_\_\_\_\_».
4. Чьим царем будет всегда Иисус?
5. Что ответила Мария ангелу Гавриилу?

### Ваше мнение:

Мария сказала, что она «Раба Господня». Хотел бы ты быть рабом Бога? Как бы ты мог служить Богу лучше?

## Call Him Jesus



### Great Bible Truths:

1. With God, nothing is impossible.
2. We are God's servants and he can use us to work for the good of others.

### Luke 1:26-38

God sent the angel Gabriel to a town called Nazareth. Gabriel brought a message from God to a young woman named Mary. She was not married, but was engaged to marry a man named Joseph. The angel came to Mary and greeted her, saying, "Greetings, you who are highly favored by God. The Lord is with you." Mary was frightened and wanted to understand better why the angel had come to her.

The angel continued speaking, saying, "Do not be afraid, Mary". God looks on you with much favor. You will have a baby and you are to call him Jesus, which means "God Saves." He ancestor, and he will reign over the people of God forever. His kingdom will never end.

"How is this possible," asked Mary, "since I am a virgin and am not yet married?"

The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit of God will do this. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

Mary did not understand how all this could happen. So the angel continued speaking, saying, "Nothing is impossible for God." Then Mary answered, saying, "I am God's servant. May it be with me just as you have said." The the angel left her.

### Talk About the Story:

1. Your ideas: Why was Mary frightened when she first saw the angel?
2. What does the name "Jesus" mean?
3. Why do you think God wanted the child to be called "Jesus"?
4. The people would say that "Jesus is the S \_\_\_\_\_ of G \_\_\_\_\_".
5. Jesus will always be the king of what people?
6. What answer did Mary give the angel Gabriel?

### What do you say?

Mary said that she was "God's servant." Do you want to be a servant of God? How could you serve God better?

Тогда Мария сказала:  
Се раба Господня, да будет  
Мне по слову твоему.  
Луки 1:38

"I am the Lord's servant," said  
Mary: May it happen to me as  
you have said."  
Luke 1:38



## Пастухи находят младенца

### Великие Библейские истины:

1. Господь направляет нас туда, где мы можем сделать того, что Он велит нам.
2. Мы всегда должны быть готовы ответить на Божий призыв.

### Луки 2:1-20

Подходило время Марии родить своего первенца, Иисуса. Римский император издавал указ, согласно которому все люди должны были вернуться в свои родные места для переписи населения. Это было не самое удобное время для путешествия Марии. Тем не менее, Марии и Иосифу пришлось пройти около 1500 километров пешком. Когда они наконец добрались до Вифлеема, оказалось, что город переполнен странниками, таких как они, и в маленькой гостинице не оказалось места. Единственным местом, где им предложили остановиться, были ясли гостиницы. В яслях, где галю животными, родился младенец Иисус, Царь Царей и Спаситель мира. Так исполнилось пророчество о том, что Тот Самый Спаситель, которого пошлет Бог, родится в Вифлееме.

Бог хотел, чтобы все люди в Вифлееме знали, что родился Его Сын. Итак, Он послал ангела Своего к пастухам, которые находились со своим стадом на холодном поле Вифлеема. Пастухи увидели яркий свет. Ангел Господень велел им не бояться. Он сказал, что принес им прекрасную весть: в Вифлееме, в городе, где родился Давид много, много лет назад, родился Спаситель. Сам Бог обещал послать Его людям. Они должны были пойти и найти младенца, завернутого в пелены, лежащего в яслях.

Внезапно явилось многочисленное воинство небесное, зывающее: «слава в вышних Богу, и на земле мир, в человеках благоволение». Пастухи поспешили в город, и нашли младенца с Марией и Иосифом в яслях, как им было сказано. После того, как они увидели младенца Иисуса, они пошли по всему городу, рассказывая людям, что они видели. Слышавшие эту весть дивились всему. Затем пастухи вернулись к своему стаду, сказав Господу за все эти события.

### Обсудите рассказ:

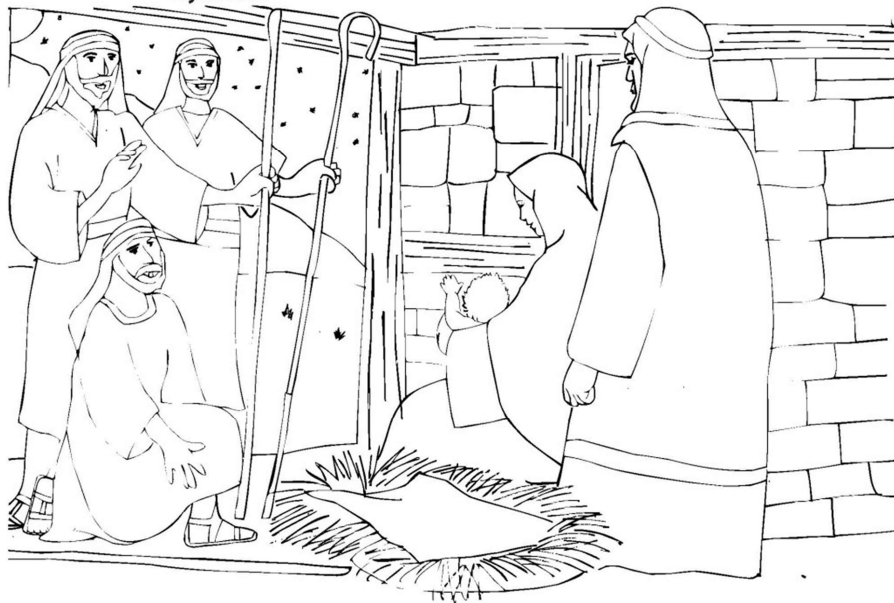
1. Почему пришлось Марии и Иосифу проделать такой дальний путь в то время, когда Марии пришло время родить?
2. Почему Бог допустил, чтобы Его Сын родился в яслях?
  - Бог мог определить лучшее место для Него
  - Бог хотел, чтобы Его Сын был бедным для того, чтобы каждый узнал, насколько Бог любит нас.
3. Как бы ты чувствовал себя, будь ты пастухом, когда ангелы пришли бы к тебе с такой вестью?
4. Как ты думаешь, почему Бог послал весть о рождении Иисуса именно пастухам?
  - Бог хотел, чтобы люди знали, что Иисус пришел для того, чтобы спасти каждого человека, включая бедных.
  - Может быть, Бог вспомнил о Давиде, который был мальчиком-пастухом на том же поле.
  - Бог верил, что пастухи будут достаточно добродушными и по простоте сердца своего расскажут другим о Спасителе.
5. Что сделали пастухи, когда ангелы покинули их?
6. Какая часть этой истории тебе нравится больше всего?

### Ваше мнение:

Верить ли ты, что Иисус пришел для того, чтобы быть твоим Спасителем? Почему да? Почему нет?

В этот день в городе Давидовом родился Вам Спаситель - Христос, Господь.

Луки 2:11



This very day in David's town your Savior was born - Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

## 2 The Shepherds Find The New-Born Savior

### Great Bible Truths:

1. The Lord sends us to the places where we can do what he wants of us.
2. We should always be ready to obey God's voice.

### Luke 2:1-20

Mary was about to have her first baby, Jesus. This was not a good time for her to travel, but the emperor of Rome declared that everyone had to return to their own town to be counted. So Joseph and Mary travelled 150 kilometers from Nazareth to Bethlehem. When they finally got to Bethlehem, the town was full of travelers like them and there was no room for them in the little inn. The only place they found to stay was in the stable behind the inn. In that smelly stable the baby Jesus was born, the King of Kings and the Savior of the world. This kept a promise in the Old Testament that the Savior God would send would be born in Bethlehem.

God wanted everyone in Bethlehem to know that His Son had been born. So He sent an angel to give the message to some shepherds who were sitting with their sheep on a cold hillside outside of Bethlehem. A great light filled the eyes of the shepherds, and the angel of God told them not to be afraid. He said that he brought them wonderful news: In Bethlehem, the town where King David had been born in many many years before, the Savior had now been born. He was the promised Lord, given by God Himself. They were to go find a baby wrapped in cloth, lying in a manger.

Suddenly, a great choir of angels came to the shepherds and sang, "Glory to God in heaven and on earth peace to men whom God would bless." The shepherds ran to the town and found the baby with Mary and Joseph in the stable, just as they had been told. After seeing the baby Jesus, they went all over the little town telling people what they had seen, and everyone was amazed. Then the shepherds went back to their sheep, praising God for everything they had seen.

### Talk About the Story:

1. Why did Mary and Joseph have to travel so far just when Mary was about to have a baby?
  - God couldn't find him a better place
  - God was willing for His Son to be poor, so everyone would know how much God loves us.
2. Opinions: Why do you think God let His Son be born in a stable?
  - God wanted people to know that Jesus came to be everybody's savior, including the poor.
  - God may have been thinking about David, who had been a shepherd boy on the same hill
  - God believed that the shepherds would be good to tell others about the Savior.
  - God couldn't find anyone else to whom He could give the news.
3. How would you have felt if you were a shepherd and the angels came to you?
4. Opinions: Why do you think God sent the message about Jesus to shepherds?
  - God wanted people to know that Jesus came to be everybody's savior, including the poor.
  - God may have been thinking about David, who had been a shepherd boy on the same hill
  - God believed that the shepherds would be good to tell others about the Savior.
  - God couldn't find anyone else to whom He could give the news.
5. What did the shepherds do when the angels left them?
6. What is the best part of this story for you?

### Personal:

Do you believe that Jesus came to be your Savior? Why or why not?





**Ибо видели очи мои спасение  
Твое, которое Ты уготовил  
перед лицом всех народов.  
Луки 2:30-31**

**My eyes have seen your  
salvation, which you have  
prepared in the presence of all  
peoples. Luke 2:30**

Russian 6-15

## Иисус приведен в храм

### Великие Библейские истины:

1. Бог открывает Свои откровения тем, кто ищет Его.
2. Мы должны рассказать другим людям все, что знаем о Боге.

### Луки 2:22-38

Согласно еврейскому обычаю, через 40 дней после рождения Иисуса, Мария и Иосиф привели Иисуса в Храм посвятить Его Богу. Мария, мать, принесла в жертву всеожожения два голубя. Это была жертва, которую по традиции приносили в Храм бедные матери. Иосиф, Мария и младенец вошли в храм, как бедные люди. Наверное никто и не обращал внимания на них.

Тем не менее, великий человек по имени Симеон, пришел в тот день в Храм. Симеон знал, что придет день, когда он увидит своими глазами Мессию. Дух Святой сказал Симеону, что Мессия будет в Храме в тот день. Когда Симеон увидел родителей Иисуса, несущих Его в Храм, он очень обрадовался. Он подбежал к Его родителям и взял младенца на руки. Вокруг них собралась толпа, поскольку все знали Симеона и они все видели, насколько он был взволнован.

Симеон прославил Господа, говоря: "Ныне отпускаешь раба Твоего, Владыко, по слову Твоему, с миром; Ибо видели очи мои спасение Твое; которое Ты уготовал пред лицом всех народов, Свет к просвещению язычников, и Славу народа Твоего Израиля". Все удивились, слыша эти слова, особенно Иосиф и Мария. Симеон благословил их и сказал Марии: "Этот ребенок принесет падение и восстание многих в Израиле. Он будет знамением Божиим о том, что многие восстанут, показав свои истинные чувства. И оружие проникнет твою и Его душу".

Когда Симеон говорил, пророчица Божья, Анна, подошла и славила Господа и говорила всем о младенце. Она провозгласила, что младенец Иисус пришел дать спасение всему Божьему народу.

### Обсудите рассказ:

1. Почему Иосиф и Мария принесли младенца Иисуса в Храм?
2. Какую жертву принесла Мария?
3. Кем был Симеон и почему он обрадовался, увидя младенца Иисуса?
4. Что сказал он об Иисусе? Кем была Анна? Согласилась она или нет со словами Симеона?

### Ваше мнение:

Что чувствовали Иосиф и Мария, когда муж Божий, Симон, поспешил к ним и с радостью принял Иисуса? Что бы ты подумал, находясь там, услышав слова Симона и Анны об Иисусе?

English 6-15

## 3 Jesus Is Presented In The Temple

### Great Bible Truths:

1. God reveals his will to those who seek him.
2. We should tell others what we know about God.

### Luke 2:22-38

Following Jewish custom, about 40 days after his birth, Joseph and Mary brought the baby Jesus to the Great Temple in Jerusalem to be dedicated to God. Mary, as mother, brought a sacrifice offering of two pigeons, which was the offering poor mothers were commanded to give to God. Joseph and Mary and the baby came into the Temple, looking like the poor family they were. Probably, nobody paid any attention to them as they entered.

However, a great man of God named Simeon had come at that very moment to the Temple. Simeon dreamed that one day he would see with his own eyes the coming Messiah. Now, the Holy Spirit let Simeon know that the Messiah was coming to the Temple. When Simeon saw the baby Jesus carried into the Temple by his parents, he grew very excited. He rushed to Jesus' parents and took the baby into his arms. A crowd of people gathered around them, since Simeon was a very famous man and they could all see how excited he was.

Simeon praised God, saying, "Master, you will now let your servant die in peace, because my own eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared so everybody could see. This child is a light for the understanding of the whole world and for the glory of your people Israel." Everybody was surprised to hear this, especially Joseph and Mary. Simeon then blessed them and told Mary, "This child will cause the rising and falling of many in Israel. He will be a God's sign that many will oppose, showing their real feelings. And a sword will pierce your own soul as well as his".

As Simeon spoke, a very old woman, a prophetess of God named Anna, came and began to praise God and talk about the child. She announced that the baby Jesus was the answer for all those who were looking for the salvation of God's people.

### Talk About the Story:

Why did Joseph and Mary bring the baby Jesus to the Temple? What sacrifice offering did Mary bring? Who was Simeon and why was he excited when he saw the baby Jesus? What did he say about Jesus? Who was Anna? Did she agree or disagree with Simeon?

### What do you say?

How do you think Joseph and Mary felt when the famous man of God, Simeon, rushed to them and excitedly took Jesus into his arms? What would you have thought if you were there and heard what Simeon and Anna said about Jesus?

# Materials for conference

CSI has printed out 3,000 copies of each of the 6 different Bible study materials both in Russian & Romanian.

2000 copies of each lesson were sorted out and put into 200 portfolios, together with a box of pencils which will help women to start the work right away.

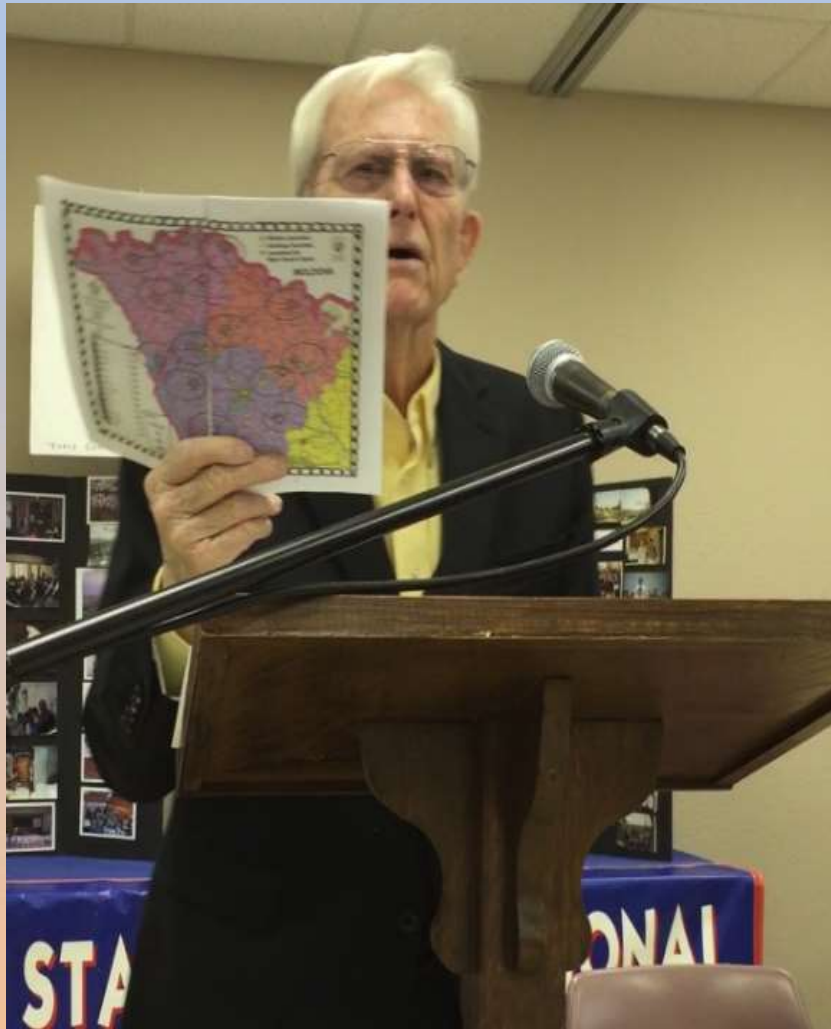
The remaining 1000-plus copies of each of the lessons were stockpiled in the Bethany Baptist Church and sent out as needed by the women or churches or through the mail.

**Materials preparation:** The 18.000 copies of lessons were sorted out and put into 200 portfolios by a youth team of volunteers from Bethany church, who became CSI permanent helpers in this work, preparing the about 700 folders for the 4 conferences conferences to come.





# A Challenge from Bill Davis, CSI President



**There is a great challenge I want you to see and to commit to today.** Your children are learning and gathering information now that will affect their lives and the way they live. You, as their mothers, their grandmothers, their friends, their teachers, have a wonderful opportunity to show them how much God loves them by investing your time and talents in teaching and sharing with them about God.

Your ancestors sacrificed to keep God's message going forward. You are the link in the chain to your descendants. Keep this chain unbroken, so they, too, can build their lives on the Truth of Scripture. Your children are the future of Moldova. God has given you this opportunity to make Him a part of the future of Moldova, also. With everything that is within me, I believe if the world is to be won to Christ, the Nationals of each country must take up this challenge, own the effort, and lead it with all their hearts as you will be doing from this day forward. You are an example for the whole world... to see and follow.

How excited I am to be a part of all you will be doing for God as you move steadily forward in Him. I promise to continue faithfully praying for you and to do all that I can on your behalf as you lead out in this exciting adventure. A call to urgent and persistent prayer for this effort is absolutely necessary--both in the USA and in Moldova. Surely, many from among our churches will be lifting you up in prayer. "Only eternity will tell the magnitude of the outgrowth of this glorious conference."



**Bill Davis has concluded with the following words:** Have you ever heard of anything like this? 146 Baptist churches and 19 church-type missions are represented here today. When I add your number of hopefully 200 sisters, this gives a total of 365 voices in training for Spreading God's Word through Bible Studies for all ages for mobilizing Bible Clubs.

What a privilege we have today that at our fingertips through this computer age, we can reach out to the whole world. You are setting an example for the whole world today as the first group to attend this conference. What a joy to be alive in this day and time!







Our first conference is over. It went on well. The sisters loved the program and the interactive method of teaching used. Some were very opened to share what they do with kids. It was very challenging that the conversation about teaching kids started even today. People in villages need such materials. The sisters from cities who are well provided with materials liked the sheets and were pleasantly surprised the studies were printed in Russian, Romanian and English.



A sister asked for more materials for a camp which they will have soon in their village. We shared our materials with her. It is good they want it. Unfortunately not all churches were represented. All in all 120 people turned up. It is hard to say what it was connected with. We believe that many young people are in camps and away in summer time. Some approached and said that in the next conference they will have more sisters from their church. One of our sisters who lives in America was present too. She asked for materials for her daughter who is teaching children in America. They live in Tacoma, WA.

The sisters liked the presentation and said that it is very up-to date. Others had their eyes sparkling finding something new about the work with kids.

The meal was very delicious. We had it outside in the open air. The Bishop said that for a start all was very good though he was surprised by the low rate of presence. In Christ, Stella challenging

*(Note: We were overjoyed with the 120 present – 113 women & 7 men. Please note also, there were no Americans present in the preparation or attendance for this August 1, 2015 CSI Outreach Leadership Conference. Bro Bill)*

Dear Stella,

Thank you for the emails and the wonderful, wonderful report on the conference. It looks like things are really going well there. We are so pleased to know the Bishop has such a clear vision, how great that the Main sister likes the program.

**You three what a trio of leadership!**

This is truly a great day in the life of Church Starts International and in my life personally. Thanks again for everything!

*Love in Christ, Bro. Bill*