

How We've Grown (2015 - 2017)

1st Conference: We held our first CSI Outreach Leadership Training Conference in Balti, Moldova on August 2, 2015. 121 women were trained on how to start a Bible Club and how to lead a Bible Club using CSI material Bible Stories for All Ages, New Testament 1. Each woman was given 10 copies of each lesson to take home and use for the first 13 weeks of the Bible Club meetings.

2nd Conference: October 3, 2015: This conference was different from the first, since we had special guests from Russia (Olga & her husband Andrey from Far East Russia and Stas & his wife Nadea from Yakutia, Russia) who are a great encouragement for the sisters and all of us. God provided other participants in the conference – the Sunday school teachers from Bethany church. We are very grateful to the youth team “SLOVO JIZNI” which means “the Word of Life”, Bethany Church who helped us sort out all the materials (60.000 pages) and make 800 portfolios with CSI materials.

This conference consisted of three parts. Part one was devoted to the work on the study “Is God Calling Me”. Stella Gorbani taught lesson 2 of the book, entitled “Investing Oneself” which is based on the story about talents from Mathew 25:14-30. The sisters liked the interactive

method of teaching and with much desire participated in the discussion of the lesson. Many of them looked thoughtful when we came to such questions as: “How do you use your talents? Or with whom of the three servants do you resemble?” Pastor Peter and other pastors who attended the conference said that these materials are very good since they make people apply the Bible truths to their lives, participate in the study, and find the Bible truths themselves. The sisters have been encouraged to teach these lessons to the sisters in their church, having been given 5 copies of each lesson, to help other members of their churches understand that God is calling each of them.



Conference #3: November 8, 2015 Falesti, Moldova. Gradually we start meeting sisters who have been in conference 1 or 2 and have already started to teach kids in the clubs which they have organized. Tanea is doing a wonderful work with our materials in Falesti. She is teaching between 10-19 kids every weekend in her Children’s Bible club. She spoke before the sisters and told about the effectiveness of Bible Stories for All Ages, New Testament 1. She shared and encouraged sisters to use them by adding songs and games. She mentioned the fact that the lessons are printed on 1 sheet of paper. She said that it is good for several reasons: 1. First because children can concentrate on only 1 topic and one event, which means that they will remember it better. 2. Secondly, if you give children a whole booklet



they lose it until next time, or they can read it beforehand and answer the questions which make them waste interest for the topic when they come. 3. Coming home they can expose the colored picture on the wall (this is what she challenges them do) for their families to see it.

Pastor's Conference: February 21, 2016 The day of February 21, 2016 was a blessed day for CSI Moldova and the Churches of the North Region of Moldova. Bishop Legcun invited CSI to make a presentation of the CSI strategy at the first Pastors meeting of 2016. The CSI Conference was organized for the pastors of the Glodeni zone which took place in the Village of Kuhnesti, just at the border with Romania. The CSI team was welcomed by the 25 Pastors, representing the Baptist churches of Glodeni zone attending the Pastor's Conference. Peter Legcun made an introduction about the Great Commission and the need of teaching Baptists how to evangelize the people who surround them, their families and friends.



Youth Conference: May 3, 2016 The conference was organized in the Summer camp, which drew plenty of participants from 6 of the 12 zones of the Balti region. There were 240 youth, among which we had 6 Super 13s. The Super 13s participated in the program, telling the way they teach children in their villages the Bible truths. The program was presented by Stella who spoke about the interactive methods of teaching CSI materials, ways of organizing Bible clubs with kids, and the program of such clubs' activity. Every youth received 5 copies of CSI materials for teaching kids in



the Bible Clubs. Today in Moldova it is a time of freedom; Christians can gather crowds of kids in the streets and tell them Bible Stories for All Ages, teaching them the love of Christ and about God, and His Salvation. The materials included "Bible Stories for All Ages" Old Testament 1 Lessons 1-6 , New Testament 1 Lessons 1-6, "Is God Calling Me?", "God's Eternity Quiz", and a guide which will help the youth remember the steps in the work with Bible Clubs. Tanea, a great helper for the CSI mission and a young girl devoted to our Lord, talked before the youth about the Bible Clubs opened in Moldova by the Women who had been in the CSI previous Women Conference in 2015. She showed the pictures of the BC and the happy kids who attend these BC in various villages of the North Region of Moldova. The youth were most encouraged to hear about the "Super 13". Six of the Super 13 were present in the conference and shared their experience of how much they love to teach the Bible Stories for All Ages in their native villages.



Romania Conference: May 7, 2016 in Piatra Neamt, Romania where 60 women attended. Stella and Tanea along with Bishop Peter came from Moldova to help with the training. They presented Bible Stories for All Ages, New Testament 1 Lesson 1-3, Old Testament 1 Lessons 1-3, Is God Calling Me?, and God's Eternity Quiz along with how to teach others this material. It was a very blessed time and each of the sisters was encouraged to start and work for the Kingdom of God. After the Conference everyone was happy and all the faces radiated joyfully

because they had now a simple and a good tool which can be used by anyone. All the people were very grateful to God and CSI Organization.

2nd Romania Conference: May 8, 2016 in Bacau, Romania. 95 sisters gathered for Outreach Leadership Training. Stella and Tanea along with the Bishop Peter came from Moldova to help with the training. All the sisters paid a lot of attention and were very interested. Tanea talked about **"The Super 13s"** and told everyone how simple and useful CSI materials are, that even a teenager of 12 or 13 years old can teach young children. Sister Stella challenged a young sister from the congregation to come in the front of all the sisters and try to teach a lesson as an example. The person who received the challenge and came in front of the congregation was Sister Roxana. She asked for three sisters to be like children who are learning the Lesson. They read together the Lesson and answered the questions. It was a very interactive time and all the sisters enjoyed seeing how simple yet deep the Lessons are and how anyone can teach CSI's materials. All of the sisters were very encouraged about this Conference and many of them decided to start Bible Clubs with their children, nephews and other kids. Some asked for more materials. We believe that this CSI Women Conference was a great blessing from God to our Region and through this Conference many souls were awakened to work for the Glory of God!

2016 Conference in Far East Russia: September 10, 2016 Blagoveschensk, Russia God sent 130 ladies! There were also more than 20 brothers. Stas and Nadea came from Yakutia and Sasha along with Alexey and his wife came from Novosibirsk, Russia to help with and learn from the conference. CSI materials for the Bible study lessons were printed on the printer that CSI and Brother Bill provided us. We presented the Catalog and told about the interactive methods of studying the Bible that are little-known in our country. We had interpreters for the deaf. After that we involved the students into the interactive discussion on three lessons: lesson 5 from **People Who Knew Jesus**, lesson 6 on the **Bible Stories for All Ages, New Testament 3** and **God's Eternity Quiz**. The ladies commented about the atmosphere that reigned at the conference and many of them admitted that God made them reevaluate their attitude to the Great Commandment and their lifestyle.



Established Mission Points in Siberia, Russia: In 2016, 5 mission points in the Novosibirsk region were started. Each mission point was provided a computer and printer. The CSI material is loaded onto these computers. This allows distant areas and villages to have access to and print our materials. From the **Tomsk region** we recently received this report: *I conducted training for the ministers*

from Tomsk region. The theme of it was personal evangelism, using "God's Eternity Quiz". In a month, the ministers gathered together and testified about their work, using "God's Eternity Quiz". Many brothers in Christ continue to use it for family, at work. More than 150 people in the city of Tomsk use this method for evangelization. We also use CSI materials for small Bible study groups. I got acquainted with one young man from Ukraine because of the war. He and his fiancée studied the course "Faith Power" and now are preparing to be baptized. I am preparing them and training them to have studies at home. There is one family of businessmen, who consider themselves to be Orthodox. Now they study "People, Who Knew Jesus" course. We have regular meetings with them and talk about God. More families study this course today. I have personal evangelism in homes using "God's Eternity Quiz". Almost all CSI materials were printed and distributed to churches of Tomsk region. 2 youth groups are preparing



to use CSI courses. We plan to use courses for English clubs, seminars, and Bible study clubs. During this time, more than 200 were trained. Three trainings were conducted. We hope for further cooperation and success in the ministry. Thank you for your involvement and help in the ministry. We hope for new development in September. With respect, Your minister in Tomsk region.

Of the 3,000 men saved and baptized on the Day of Pentecost, perhaps half or more could not have understood the Gospel the day before. That was because no Christian could present it in the language they



understood, be they Parthians, Medes, Elamites or dwellers of Mesopotamia, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Cyrene, Rome, Crete or Arabia. The first gift of the Holy Spirit was the miracle that unlettered men of Galilee could proclaim the Gospel by speaking all these languages and more without even a trace of an accent. The Gospel meant life, in most cases, only to those who could hear and understand it in their own language. On most of the mission fields of the world, much less than 1% of the people are born-again Christians. Practically speaking, the only hope the great majority have of knowing Christ is to receive the message

in their own language. CSI must stretch out to reach new or under-reached languages where the people have been spiritually deaf for lack of hearing the Good News in their own language. The results are no less than thrilling, and we are just beginning to move! **And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born?" Acts 2:6-8.**

We received this report from the Northern Part of Altai Krai, Shelaboliha, Siberia, Russia: "I and other members of our Bible study group like the courses. Some people can't read. We were faced with problems not only in reading, but also in understanding what we have read and understanding of Bible Truth. I think that these courses are appropriate to us as they enable us to grow, particularly me as a minister. They do not take much time for preparation. So I can do my studies and prepare to do sermons. We are grateful to you for these courses and hope to use them in further work."

Started Bible Clubs in Moldova: In the fall of 2015 and continuing into 2016 CSI Moldova Team started 15 Bible Mission Clubs which teach the Bible Stories for all Ages to about 290 kids and youth in 10 villages. We have opened Children's Bible clubs which use CSI materials in the following villages: Sverdiac (2), Bulhac, Chapriya (2), Reutsel, Dobruja, Ciuciueni (2), Grigoresti (3), Putinesti, St. Falesti, and Catranic. This picture is the Bible Mission Club at St. Falesti. They started with 8 children and grew to 32 children during 2016. Karina is also teaching weekly 125 people (children and youth). Karina has a CSI computer and printer she uses for printing out the CSI materials she needs. In Putinesti, for example the Bible Club started in September, 2016 with 8 children and now they have grown to 27 children every Saturday. In Gregoresti three Bible Clubs started in 2016. One is for teenage girls (about 18), one is for youth (about 30), and one is for the street kids (50+). The Bible Clubs meet each Friday for Bible study.



Super 13 Bible Club Leaders: In Sverdiac we have 6 youth who participated in the CSI Youth Conference. 4 of them are teaching kids using Stories for All Ages. They teach using this material in their Sunday school (23 kids), Alina Romaniuc teaches a Sunday school classes and leads a Bible Mission Club. Irina Mazur teaches 5 kids in a Bible Mission Club in her native village of Chepariya where they use the Bible stories for All Ages.

2016 Started Bible Clubs in Yakutia: In 2016 we started 3 Bible clubs where we use the CSI materials:

- Ulakhan An village 140 km from Yakutsk where 10-15 children attend
- Namtsy village 80 km from Yakutsk where 10-15 children attend
- Yakutsk city where 15-20 children attend.

Stas prints the materials and sends it to 8 villages in Yakutia. When believers hear that the materials are in the Yakutian language they become excited and want to get them.

Started Bible Clubs in Ukraine: In 2016 CSI started 7 Bible Clubs in Ukraine. One of the Bible Clubs is in an orphanage. We received this report from one of the women leading a Bible Club: *As for the Bible club, it's a real blessing that old people and parents started coming with their children. We are surprised they don't know the Bible. But CSI materials help them to understand it. We pray that these adults will find their Lord and a church will start in this village. Keep us in your prayers. May all the glory be to God. Amen!"*

7 Bible Club Camps in Moldova Summer 2016: In 2016 CSI had 7 Bible Club Camps. 539 children were taught Bible lessons by 65 Youth Volunteers and leaders.

2016 Winter Bible Club Camp in Ukraine: Finally, December 24 has arrived and many children and adults came to hear the Christmas story at the Winter Bible Club Camp. We handed out the CSI materials.



2017 Winter Camp in Moldova: In Grigoresti, Moldova we had a Winter Bible Club Camp in January 2017 and had 90 children who attended the 4 day camp. At the end of the camp these children presented a Christmas program which was attended by 68 parents of these children, people from the world.

2017 Winter Bible Club Camp in Yakutia, Russia: The leader of the Ulakhan Bible Club Luba says:

The materials are very simple and understandable so we use them even with adults. Children like to listen Bible stories in their mother language. Once I've asked one of Bible club teens to read the lesson and ask the questions at adults meeting. It was little bit funny when adult men and women were trying to answer the questions from the New Testament 1 lesson. This is a picture of the Winter Bible Club Christmas Meeting in Ulakhan.

2017 - 10 Summer Bible Club Camps in Moldova: The summer of 2017 was a fruitful time of children's outreach for CSI Moldova. Starting in June and going through August, CSI had **10** Bible Club Camps (BCC) with adult leaders helped by **78** Youth Volunteer Leaders (YVL) in 10 villages and 7 zones teaching **768** children the Gospel using **Bible Stories For All Ages, New Testament 1 and Old Testament 1** series .

