

# Church Starts International

## *Literature for the Whole World*



**Peter Legcun, Bishop of North Region of Moldova,  
Pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Balti, Moldova**

“It is a great privilege for Balti Baptist Bethany Church and for the Baptist Union of Moldova to be a close friend of CSI. CSI and Bill Davis were sent by God Himself to Moldova because God knew the need of the pastors who at that time had neither special preparation, nor the required education for leading a church, for spreading the Word of God in a world where it had been forbidden for so long. They interpreted the Bible and taught the people just the way they understood it. We had no other Christian literature at hand at the time. CSI’s strategy and materials were just the thing the Christians of Moldova needed. Many churches could learn how to do personal evangelism. Many pastors found out how to preach and how to teach the church to be active and to go into the world to teach the lost just as Jesus taught. Since then the number of churches has considerably increased in the North of Moldova from 59 churches to 146. The CSI strategy and materials have tremendously contributed to this evident growth.”



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 4,998 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. *Bishop Peter Legcun*

Bishop Peter Legcun, leader of Baptist work in northern Moldova, testifies to the importance of Church Starts International literature in his nation when scarcely any other Christian literature was available. This illustrates the enormous advantage CSI has as a strategic force for missions throughout the world.

Imagine the difficult work of Christian churches that have no literature available to them in their languages for evangelism, Sunday school, Bible study, worker training, family guidance, daily devotions, etc. Bishop Legcun writes of a time when practically no Evangelical literature was available in either the Romanian or Russian languages. The availability of Bible-based CSI literature has much to do with the



rapid growth of Evangelicals. Even today, in new and daring efforts to reach new communities, it is CSI literature that is being used.

CSI literature is uniquely advantageous wherever it is used, including even the USA. Its origin is the mission field itself and does not bear an American cultural stamp but is easily understood by Bible readers anywhere in the world. It is brief and simple, very easily used with little or no training. A woman Bible teacher among prisoners said recently, "You can take it, use it and understand it without any training at all." This is what has given such rapid growth to the Philippi prison ministry in which prisoners, themselves, have taken the ministry to over 50 prisons, mostly without any outside help. It is this same quality that has sped the weekly teaching by volunteers in over 1,000 school rooms weekly in Guatemala and Central America.

CSI literature has two other valuable and unique characteristics: It is brief and interesting. These interactive Bible lessons are for adults as well as children. They are largely based on Bible stories, inviting the insights of the students as they converse about their practical human and spiritual applications. For these reasons, CSI literature meets a need throughout the whole world.

There is yet another reason CSI should dedicate itself to the world-wide distribution of its materials - electronically primarily but also in printed form. There are over 400 languages of the world with more than a million speakers in each! In perhaps one-half of these, there is no Christian literature available to the courageous pioneer Christians laboring there. In addition, there are 6,500 more languages that have less than a million people and the great majority of them have no Christian literature at all, including, in many cases, the Bible itself. CSI began its ministry in Henrietta, Texas, but its ministry is potentially invaluable for every nation of the world.

CSI, its partners and supporters, have a great opportunity as leaders, workers and investors to have a glorious part in a great spiritual awakening in nation after nation across our needy world.

*In Christ Love, Bro. Bill*