

The Impossible Dream Becomes a Reality

After Michael Gott's first visit to the Soviet Union in 1966, he had a vision and a dream that he and many others would someday be able to proclaim the gospel to the entire fifteen republics that made up the Soviet Union, but especially he longed to evangelize the great population centers. There are over 200 cities in the former Soviet Union with a population exceeding 750,000! These, Michael Gott discovered, are the most spiritually needy and the most under-evangelized places in the former Soviet Union. Not the villages but the cities!

At first, the dream seemed impossible, but with the unexpected break-up of the Soviet Union over seventeen years ago, Michael Gott was quickly involved in fulfilling his vision. Michael's dream is still being fulfilled today as thousands of Eastern European Christians and leading pastors are helping tens of thousands of their fellow citizens to find hope beyond the depressing and corrupt political system which often still lingers on. With each of the Michael Gott evangelism events, reports are of large numbers of people from all walks of life telling how the message of Jesus Christ has given them rebirth spiritually and renewed their hope for the future. In each event Michael encourages written questions to be submitted. The questions often reveal the heart-cry of those who attend, mostly young adults: "What kind of life do I have today; is this all I can expect? Is there any hope for me? Where am I going, and what hope is there for my soul? Tell me how I can talk to God, please!" These are typical questions turned in by the thousands.

One person said, "I come every day, if for no other reason, that when I come to this Michael Gott event, there is hope, kindness, encouragement, and love—and I'm enjoying Michael's way of speaking very much. I come tired from work and leave smiling and refreshed."

The impact of these events in Ukraine picks up momentum as coworkers in the largest churches in a nation almost the exact size as Texas will contact and telephone people to attend, inviting them to the SMONCT concerts in April 2010, where Jesus Christ will be presented as the only true hope for a nation like this beleaguered country.

Michael Gott said, “Think of it, here are people who fluently speak three or even four languages, but at least twenty-five percent of them live on less than four dollars a day. On the whole, the dawn of democracy in the early 90’s gave many a brief glimmer of hope that life would improve. But, more than two decades later, life for the average person in Ukraine is very much the same. The problems are not solved—it is a situation that seems hopeless with so much corruption at the highest levels of life. But it only means the gospel of Christ is ever more radical and unique. In all the former Soviet republics like Ukraine, Belarus, and others, thousands are responding to the message that Jesus wants to make their life meaningful and fulfilling. There is hope!”

The evangelist and his wife, Jan, have done extensive preparation for SMONCT and the tour scheduled for April of 2010. They ask praying friends to band together to pray faithfully.