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# **10 Years of Partnership**



This May is the 10-year anniversary of our ministry partnership with Maksim. We are very grateful for the partnership with many brothers and sisters from all around the world.

Unity in truth and teamwork has helped one man - pastor, missionary, evangelist, counselor, caring brother – plant seeds, nourish, and reap the fruits of his labor.

At age 24 Maksim committed his life totally to serving God and proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, the one true God, and the human Messiah, in any way that he could. His love and true compassion made him the caring shepherd of brethren, some even two and three times his age.

The fruit of Maksim's servant life is seen in the big and small things he does and endures. This past month he went from helping a dear brother after a bad accident and losing his leg, to visiting an elderly sister to help her with her spring yardwork, and this is all on top of teaching biblical truth and discipling people, as well as the many other things that he does.

How does one man do in 10 years what most churches don't do in 20?

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It starts with a love of God's truth and a willingness to serve and endure no matter what.

We know that the love of truth saves (2 Thes. 2:10) and <u>it is also the love of truth that motivates us</u> and strengthens us to serve, sacrifice, and endure.

Will a man give up his livelihood, future success, and family for a worship band or coffee shop in a church foyer? No. <u>We will only sacrifice our *whole* lives</u> because we love the truth and are passionate about sharing this saving Gospel of the Kingdom with those around us, and with the nations.

Maksim not only ministers to those in his own country, but he also preaches the Gospel and disciples people in many other countries. As a result, we have brothers and sisters in 11 different countries.

He has an intimate relationship with the brethren and stays in touch with them throughout the month encouraging them in their spiritual walk and he continues to teach and disciple them. He also travels thousands of miles to see them in person each year as he can.(*Thank you for helping make this possible!*)

Many people show honor to those serving in the military, sacrificing their lives for others, but how often do you hear people tell those serving God and the brethren, "Thank you for your service?"

Maksim, thank you for your service, and as they say in Russia, "*I bow low to you*."

May God continue to bless Maksim and the ministry, and may the fruit of his labor of love and in truth reap a rich harvest when Jesus comes! **Please pray for God's strength and continued opportunities.** 

# Over 3 Decades of Russian Ministry

As we rejoice in the 10 years of ministry with Maksim, I am reminded when God first impressed Russia upon my heart.

In 1988 I began planning a trip with a soccer team to Europe and Russia. After we returned in 1989, the Iron Curtain fell and the door was wide open for me to return. Because of the soccer trip I had made contacts which made it easier to go back, and thus God's work in Russia began.

Nearly 20 years later the groundwork had been laid and God had prepared me to work with the man that He now raised up and called to get the Gospel of the Kingdom out in Russia.

It is an honor and a privilege to be a full-time missionary and I am grateful that I can give my life wholeheartedly to Kingdom ministry and to the encouragement of the saints here in the USA and abroad.



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# Summer Ministry Trip

This summer I will be traveling to Europe to visit and encourage fellow brethren and ministry partners. Please pray for the planning and travel plans. More info next month.



### **Pakistan Ministry – Save the Faith**

Save the Faith is committed to not only saving the faith, but preaching and teaching it without compromise. Their main ministry is preaching and evangelizing. They are even invited to speak at trinitarian churches, and they evangelize in the "market places" and door to door talking to anyone who is willing to listen.

The booklets they use are very important when teaching on the unfamiliar topics of who Jesus is and what happens when we die. When talking with people and trying to convince them that Jesus is not God and the Kingdom will come when Jesus does, it is not up in heaven now, they often tell people to read it for themselves and not just believe them. But there is a problem... Haroon told me that when they say, "It is written..." People say that they cannot read. And this is why they started the school ministry for the brethren and others.

So even though preaching, teaching, and evangelism is the main focus of their ministry, the school work is also important now and for the future of their work.

Thank you to all who have prayed for and supported financially both aspects of this work. Please continue to pray for sister Sarah who teaches the children and feeds them several times a week when possible. Also pray for pastor Rafi, evangelists Parvez and Rashid, and brother Nazir.



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The men joined the lunch for the children and shared with them and the parents that the brethren in the USA are helping them get their education. **They are all very grateful!** 



Finally, someone doing comparisons between Islam and Christianity. Hopefully accurate toward both religion's holy books. (YT - "<u>A Brief Comparison of Biblical & Islamic</u> <u>Eschatology</u>")

Good point! I want to be where Jesus is going to be! Nice graphics. – So Exciting! I Cannot WAIT for that Great & Glorious Day to Come! Come Lord Come! (YT SHORT - "<u>Do You Want to</u> <u>Go to Heaven?</u>")

I appreciate your response. In Islam, the protection against Dajjal is pretty simple; "God is not a man". Christ/anti-christ neither one is God. (YT – "<u>A Brief Comparison Between the</u> <u>Biblical Antichrist & the Islamic Mahdi</u>")

Thank you for wise words and caring advice. Blessings to all who seek Gods wisdom. (YT – "<u>Proverbs 7</u>" (Series))



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