



## 2010 REPORT



## ANNUAL REPORT 2010

**Challenged by the Word** January 1<sup>st</sup>, the Rubicon and Plymouth Rock call what to mind? A line crossed? New beginnings?

A day arrived when Joshua told Israel to pack up. "Three days from now we will cross the Jordan." Everything changed. The manna stopped. A war began. Their wandering ways were over. Were Joshua's thoughts that night muddy as the flooded Jordan? Did a feeling of anxiety, maybe terror tickle his spine?

What does God remember about 2010? Does the One who brought down the walls of Jericho with an earthquake and held time or the earth still for a battle, make plans to increase Leading Edge's funding next year by 35% or 50%? Or does He say instead "cross the Jordan with Me; something new begins!"

### Reporting back from Eurasia

**Mission to the East** and **SLOT** teamed up this summer in Poland to challenge youth attending a music festival to rethink relationships with their neighbors from different cultural backgrounds. Just back from a trip to Afghanistan, Zb. served tea in the "Eastern tent" before discussing with his audience how the gospel can first gain a hearing, grab a foothold and then spread within another culture. Even unbelievers were stirred by his attitude of love and respect for other cultures. What a different picture than the media mantra that non Slavs are violent terrorists, untrustworthy traders or migrants set to take local jobs.



**Spasenie's** outreach efforts feature creativity, boldness and wise use of local resources. Working in the last country in Europe ruled by a Communist dictator, they have forged great relationships with local officials who also care about the future of Belorussian young people. Doors are wide open for their group to give concerts even in local schools. They have opened a music academy for local youth who will learn the craft of composing, recording and performing music. They raised funding for the center, the studio and instruments from several sources including the sale of their own recordings.

### **Missionary's Window**

"Sipping tea with lemon at kitchen tables in Russia last June, I gradually realized what is happening. The next generation is stepping up with their ideas, zest for life and love for the Lord. They will have their share of laughter and tears, but the children of those I met with in the 80's and 90's are moving ahead!

Whether caring for Central Asian traders oppressed by Russian nationalists or sharing the gospel in song to young people in schools or roasting lamb in the Caucasus for the "Adha" celebration with former Muslims who now follow "Isa", this new generation intends to become the last before Christ returns."

*Don Helmer – Leading Edge International, USA*

**Why work in Eurasia?** Four million Evangelicals live within the Slavic nations; six million in Eurasia. Their 261 million brother Slavs usually profess to be Christians and are baptized in traditional churches.

Today, Eastern Europe and Eurasia is a secularized culture. Christ is associated with art and old church buildings - not daily life. Adults who remember their history recall only that many wars were fought over Christianity and that corrupt politicians used the Christian "doctrinal squabbles" to increase their power.

***The Critical Tasks for Eurasian Christians are:***

- ***Call the sizeable number of Slavic cousins near to faith back to their "first love for Christ" and***
- ***Together share that faith with their 2 billion unreached neighbors just across their borders!***

Who better to equip for this huge task than Slavic believers like the ones highlighted above? Our partners are already working strategies to bring the gospel to outcasts like the Roma, refugees from Central Asia, orphans, youth, the marginalized, secularized and even the lost in the Caucasus, Central Asia and Africa.



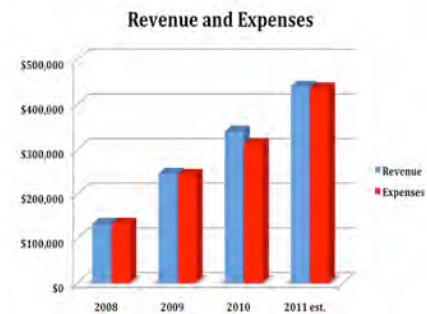
**What happened to Eurasia?** The Orthodox entered the Balkans from Greece barely a century before Islam arrived. The princes of Kievan "Rus" adopted Orthodoxy shortly before the Mongols invaded. Catholics evangelized Poland and what became the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Germans reformed the Baltics. Moravians reformed the Czech and Slovak Republics. But the Counter Reformation crush the latter effort. Mennonites entered the Russian Empire in the Ukraine and later British Evangelicals assigned to the czar's court started churches in of St. Petersburg. But the Communist Revolution blunted the impact of these efforts forcing believers to concentrate on survival. Are these repeated advances and retreats for the gospel a sign of God's sovereign "just-in-time" evangelism or the high level of opposition to the living Christ?

**Manager's Report** We celebrated last fall the one millionth dollar delivered to a Leading Edge partner! In 2010, \$338,000 was donated - a 28% increase over 2009. That's encouraging!

We praise God for providing enough to sustain:

- 4 missionary families living in Eurasia and 2 who travel
- 13 partners active in 10 Slav, 3 African & 2 Central Asian nations.

How will the "Joshua lesson" shape our plans for 2011? Do we ask God to continue a straight line growth? While the door in Eurasia is so open I suspect this is a "Jordan River moment"? Instead, let's ask God for a game-changing advance of the gospel in this region.



By His grace,

Donald Helmer - Manager

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## Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2010

	End 2009	Change 2010	End 2010
<b>ASSETS</b>			
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	15,872	23,214	39,086
Other Current Assets	5,092	-1,301	3,791
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>20,964</b>	<b>21,913</b>	<b>42,877</b>
<b>Total Property and Equipment</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>20,964</b>	<b>21,913</b>	<b>42,877</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Accounts Payable and accrued Expenses	6,590	-5,344	1,245
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>6,590</b>	<b>-5,344</b>	<b>1,245</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			
Operating	792	2,435	3,227
Temporarily Restricted			
Leaders	6,445	-1,719	4,726
Partners (Org)	7,138	26,541	33,679
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>14,374</b>	<b>27,258</b>	<b>41,632</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>20,964</b>	<b>21,913</b>	<b>42,877</b>

## Statement of Activities

January through December 2010

	Unrestricted	Temp. Restricted	Total	% Income
<b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>				
Support	\$4,376	\$331,743	\$336,119	100%
Revenue	\$149	\$0	\$149	0%
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$4,526</b>	<b>\$331,743</b>	<b>\$336,269</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>NET ASSETS RELEASED</b>				
Administrative Assessments	\$16,653	-\$16,653	\$0	0%
Purpose Restrictions	\$290,267	-\$290,267	\$0	0%
<b>Total Net Assets Released</b>	<b>\$306,921</b>	<b>-\$306,921</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
<b>Program Services</b>	<b>\$290,267</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$290,267</b>	<b>86%</b>
<b>Supporting Activities</b>				
General and administrative	\$17,163	\$0	\$17,163	5%
Fund-raising	\$1,581	\$0	\$1,581	0%
	<b>\$18,744</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$18,744</b>	<b>6%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$309,011</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$309,011</b>	<b>92%</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,435</b>	<b>\$24,822</b>	<b>\$27,258</b>	<b>8%</b>

## Statement of Cash Flows

December 31, 2010

<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>	
Change in net assets	\$27,258
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Advances	\$1,301
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(\$5,345)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$23,214</u>
<b>Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents</b>	<b>\$23,214</b>
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	<u>\$15,873</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<b><u><u>\$39,087</u></u></b>



## Program Results 2010

Submission Date: June 13, 2011

Prepared by: Donald Helmer

<b>PARTNER</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Mission</b>
ARKA	Poland	Zosia Lewandowska	Reaching Polish society through education.
CS Lewis	Slovakia	Daniel Butora	Bilingual Christian education for Slovak youth.
Daybreak	Poland	Adam Otremba	Counsel for Polish Christian leaders with difficulties
Integra	Slovakia	Allan Bussard	Business Solutions to Poverty
	Russia	Neil Lessman	Business Solutions to Poverty
Malaika	Kenya	Caulene Bussard	House and feed refugee children
Mission to East	Poland	Zbyszek Pawlak	Participate in lives, communicate Jesus Christ
Mirt	Russia	Roman Nosach	Develop Christian leaders who think.
Navigators/D3	Slovakia	Daniel Laco	Change the world 1 by 1 as Jesus did.
Parakletos	Czech	Pavel Raus	Counsel that strengthens and heals relationships
PR Slaveikov	Bulgaria	Blaga Popova	Licensed, Christ-centered education for children
SLOT	Poland	Andrzej Horyza	Summer Art Festival in Lubiaz
Spasenie	Belarus	Pavel Shelpuk	Concerts that honor Christ
Youth for Christ Poland		Bartek Jakoniuk	Change Polish youth through the gospel

### RESULTS

#### Faith in the Arts

- SLOT Festival attracted 6000 participants mostly aged 16-22. Besides enjoying music, dance and art participants discussed Free Trade and relating with immigrants.
- SPASENIE received a grant to go with local funding to open a music school. Besides instrumental and vocal lessons students will learn how to compose and record music.

#### Counseling and Discipleship

- Parakletos founder nominated among 20 most influential evangelicals in Czech Republic. Counseled 25 leaders. Created 4 seminars for pastors, presented Family ethics presentation at FEET conference.
- D3 is active in Romania, Slovakia and Bulgaria mentoring students.
- Daybreak added Wojtek to staff, who is assisting in ministry to pastors

#### Economic Development

- Integra Slovakia Coffee and Macadamia nut Fair Trade businesses helped 100's of farmers and their families in Kenya and Ethiopia. Expertise in enterprise development is now being applied for the deaf in Bratislava. 13 have started businesses. 43 seminars for 654 participants in Slovakia.
- 40 orphans in Kenya restarted their education through Slovak sponsorships.
- Integra Russia ran 8 "Master Classes" for more than 200 refugees, African students and at-risk women who are starting enterprises. 20 consultations on business problems.

#### Faith in Education

- Students enrolled in Central Europe now exceeds 800: 573 in Bratislava, 52 in Sofia and about 250 in Wroclaw.
- CS Lewis received extended lease for their facility and can now plan for improvements
- Arka and CS Lewis conducted training for teachers and school principals in the region.
- After school program taught how faith is put in practice in daily life.
- Bulgarian school included 7 children with serious disabilities in their program.

#### Evangelism and Mission

- Arka Israel trip included 54 travelers. 5 summer camps with Polish youth.
- Mission to East reached out to émigré Polish community in the UK and encouraged 20 women in Kazakhstan.
- Youth For Christ paired 18 children with mentors, ran several regular clubs, conducted summer and winter camps for over 25 kids and led several weekend conferences.
- Wycliffe Russia sustained 14 Russian missionaries and recruited 11 candidates to translate Bibles in Africa and Asia.

## Leading Edge Operations ANNUAL RESULTS 2010

Submission Date: March 17, 2011

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### LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Board Chair – Neil Lessman
  - Board – John McNichols, Jane Lessman
  - Special Advisor – Ralph Gatti
- Manager – Donald Helmer
  - Bookkeeper – Sheryl Helmer

### OUR MISSION, AIM OR VISION

*"David shepherded them with integrity of heart; with skillful hands he led them."* Psalm 78:72

We **aim** to increase the capacity of Christian leaders in Eurasia who are rebuilding communities of faith founded on relationships of love and trust. We **value** servant leaders who implement long term, sustainable strategies that are locally devised, controlled and resourced. The LEI operations team's **role** is to provide reliable, efficient and friendly service to our partners and their donors.

### STRATEGIC GOALS ACCOMPLISHED

- Added 1 new independent member to board.
- Donation processing and receipting improved efficiency by 30%.
- Website drew 140 unique visitors per month

FUNDING	LEI Operations	Partner Funding
Total LEI Income	\$21,179	\$315,089
Less: Expenses or Grants Delivered	-\$18,744	-\$290,267
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>\$2,435</b>	<b>\$24,822</b>
2010 BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$94,500	\$5,286,400
% of Budget Received	22%	6%

### FUNDING RESULTS

- Processed 1317x gifts from 252 donors totaling \$341,936.
- Sent 16 partners \$112,431 and 6 missionaries \$177,836.
- Fell way short of target of 50 regular supporters for operations
- Assisted Spasenie Music School raise first US sourced grant

### ANSWERS TO PRAYER: *"Hearts of integrity and Hands of Skill"* Psalm 78:72

1. God brought John to join our board.
2. Sources found for training in HR, fundraising and communications.



Sheryl: Prayer and Gift processing Specialist



Don: visit with Pavel & Julia (Parakletos, Prague)

*We view each gift as a unique expression of love for Christ that should meet a practical ministry need.*

*Leading Edge takes seriously the trust you place in us to deliver your gifts as efficiently as possible. We also strive to select fitting projects and to deliver value and long-term sustainability for our mission partners.*

*Here are the current Leaders, Partners and Projects you may want to indicate your preference to support.*

**PARTNERS**

- Arka School--Poland
- C.S. Lewis School--Slovakia
- Daybreak Counseling Center--Poland
- D3 Navigators--Bulgaria.
- D3 Generations--Romania.
- D3 Association--Slovakia.
- Integra Group--Africa, Central Europe & Eurasia
  - Integra Africa (Kenya, Sudan, Ethiopia)
  - Integra Europe (Slovakia)
  - Integra Russia (Moscow)
- Leading Edge--USA
- Mirt Ministry Center--Russia
- Mission to East--Poland to Eurasia
  - Bartosz & Zhanna – Ukraine
- Parakletos Counseling Center--Czech Republic
- PR Slaveikov School--Bulgaria
- SLOT--Poland
- Spasenie Band--Belarus
- Spasenie Church--Belarus
  - Spasenie Pastors
  - Spasenie Missions
- Youth For Christ--Poland

**LEADERS**

- Mike Choby - Spasenie Band
- Ken & Karol Christie - Integra Group
- Juls Clegg – Daybreak, Mission to East
- Victor & Darla D’Ettorre – Kyiv, Ukraine
- Steve & Lidia Herrmann– Budapest, Hungary
- Don & Sheryl Helmer – Leading Edge
- Neil & Jane Lessman - Integra Russia

**PROJECTS**

- Arka Camp Scholarships – Poland
- Arka School Scholarships – Poland
- Arka Building Extension – Poland
- CS Lewis After School Program – Slovakia
- CS Lewis Scholarships – Slovakia
- Integra Central Asian Market – Russia
- Integra Financial Literacy (orphans) – Russia
- LEI MATCHING FUND – (leverages partner local fundraising)
- Malaika TAPA Orphan Scholarships– Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya
- Malaika MTE Children’s Center – Ethiopia
- Mirt Journal – Russia
- SLOT Art Festival – Poland
- Spasenie Music School – Belarus
- Spasenie Building – Belarus

**What is the “best” way to give?** EFT and Automatic Debit are fast, reliable and least expensive to process. We incur no charges to receive non-cash donations. Credit cards are convenient, but cost an extra 2.5% for merchant banking fees.

**METHODS OF GIVING INCLUDE:**

- Mail a Check** Use form below
- Automatic Debit (ACH)** Request Form at: [give@leadedge.org](mailto:give@leadedge.org)
- Online by Credit Card:** [www.leadedge.org/give.html](http://www.leadedge.org/give.html)
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or Bank Wire** Request instructions at: [give@leadedge.org](mailto:give@leadedge.org)
- Stock or other appreciated Non-Cash Item** Request instructions at: [give@leadedge.org](mailto:give@leadedge.org)

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**The Enclosed Check is for the work of:**

PARTNER - PROJECT	AMOUNT
Leading Edge General Fund	
<b>TOTAL</b>	





*We increase the capacity of local Christian leaders to rebuild communities of faith founded on relationships of love and trust among the peoples of Eurasia and their near neighbors.*

