

## Equipping and Sending Out Leaders

by George Carr, GLOMOS Director



It was my honor and privilege to recently teach the final module, "Leadership that Makes a Difference," for GLOMOS 2013 in the Ukraine, in Honduras and in El Salvador. As we developed

the curriculum, we thought it was important to make this subject the final module to remind our leaders that God is far more interested in them as His sons and daughters than He is in their ministry. In this module, we highlight the stages of spiritual development and the importance of being affirmed by God the Father in the areas of identity, security and significance. We also teach that Jesus is their role model for leadership and the key to ongoing leadership development. Ultimately, we emphasize that leadership needs to flow out of who we are in Christ more than what we do for Him.

This year we also added a day to the final module to teach personal evangelism through building relationships with the unsaved and presenting Christ in the context of an ongoing personal relationship. Evangelism was presented as the first step in discipleship with the purpose of making lifetime disciples, not just making converts.

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## Using Dentistry to Share the Gospel and God's Love

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Alexander (Sasha) Zhemchugov recently graduated from our GLOMOS pastors' training program in the Ukraine. It was a real joy to teach him in two different modules this year and to be present for his graduation. It is evident that Sasha has a heart for God. His hunger for the Lord and His Word, and his desire to lead and to be used by the Spirit was clear from the moment I met him. He was one of several students who showed up early before breakfast to pray for the impact of GLOMOS and the spread of the Kingdom throughout Ukraine.

Igor, our GLOMOS Coordinator in the Ukraine, and I enjoyed dinner with him before taking him to the train station for his all night trip home to his wife Angela and his children Lyuba (6) and Veronica (3). We heard his testimony, and as the purpose of the GLOMOS program is to equip pastors and local church leaders to better serve the Lord and the people to whom they minister, Sasha's life and ministry is a great example of the fruit of this program.

Sasha and his family live in the city of Kharkiv which is the second-largest city in the Ukraine. However, they are not just Ukrainian. Sasha and his family are also from the Gypsy or Roma people. The Roma are despised in Ukraine (and much of the world) because most are illiterate and are viewed as lazy and criminal. Sasha's parents, who were leaders among the people, were wealthy enough to send him to school. While studying to become a dentist, he was stricken with an illness that should have taken his life. Sasha viewed himself as an atheist at the time, but God used his near-death-experience to bring him to faith through an uncle who had come to Christ. Now, his parents and family are believers, though it has cost them wealth and respect in the Gypsy community.

Sasha heard about the GLOMOS program through his pastor at Holy Trinity Church, who was also a GLOMOS graduate. He asked Sasha to attend the GLOMOS training modules to gain more Bible training and ministry skills. This training complements his training as a dentist and is a valuable asset as he ministers to people who cannot afford dental care. He uses his skills and training as a dentist to meet their physical needs and uses what he has learned in GLOMOS to share the love of God to them with the Gospel.

Sasha told Igor that he serves the poor and the old people in different villages at his own expense. He treats them in clinics where there is available dental equipment. He is trusting God for mobile dental equipment that will allow him to extend care and the Gospel directly into the villages. He also treats the poor and



*Sasha during prayer time of the final GLOMOS module*

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At the end of the last module, I spoke at the students' graduations and celebrated their accomplishment of completing GLOMOS and beginning a lifelong process of study, growth and development in their relationships with God. We prayed over them as a class and individually to go forth in humility and in the power of the Word and of the Spirit to transform the world, one person at a time. The relationships they built with one another in GLOMOS are already producing unity and evangelism in their countries. Many are connecting with previous graduates for the good of advancing God's Kingdom.

Please pray for our graduates and for the recruitment of the right students for 2014. Thank you for your gifts and prayers that make GLOMOS a vital tool for equipping some of the 3.2 million leaders in developing countries who need biblically based practical training!

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Thank you for your continued support and partnership with GA to see more pastors trained and more churches started around the world!

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*Graduation of Pastors and Leaders in Ukraine - September 2013, Kiev. Front and center - George Carr (L) and Igor Grishajev (R).*

the elderly at his home using a cabinet of equipment he has set up in his basement. As he serves them as a dentist, he shares Christ with them as this is his primary goal.

He believes that God has placed him in the strategic city of Kharkiv and as God provides, GLOMOS training will be held there in the future. This multicultural city

has 1.4 million people of diverse cultures such as Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian, Georgian, Nigerian, and Indian populations. At Holy Trinity Church where Sasha ministers as an associate pastor, one will find Ukrainians, Gypsies, Jews, and Armenians worshipping the Lord. His wife Angela serves as a leader of the worship team. Together, they hope to extend their outreach ministry in surrounding villages and in the city.

Sasha asks prayers for his family and for the Roma people to be reached by Christ and for God to allow him to use his dental skills as an opportunity to bring people to Christ and to plant churches. He is very thankful to all who support the ministry of GLOMOS with their prayers and financial support. By God's grace, this will lead to the planting of more churches and the further spreading and advancing of the Kingdom!



*As of the time of writing this newsletter, Ukraine is going through a political turmoil over a decision to stop the process of Ukraine becoming a member of the European Union. For many this is a sign of Russia's influence and power struggle to resurrect the old Soviet Union with a new Euro-Asia Union. Pray for the peace of the country and for the spread of the Gospel!*



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