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ANNUAL REPORT

RENNER Ministries

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“What we thought  
would be one year  
has now turned to 25,  
and we plan to be  
here till the end.”  
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‘Welcome Home’

Denise and I recall our bold obedience in 1991 to relocate our family for one year to teach in the first aboveground Bible school in the former USSR. On day one, as I stood before students who were desperately eager to fulfill God’s calling, I heard these words that echo through my heart to this day: *Welcome to your new home*. We knew without question that God was directing us to permanently live and minister in this part of the world.

It’s wonderful to know that *wherever* the perfect will of God takes you, that place is “home” to you, a place where you will best benefit His Kingdom and be blessed in your personal life as well. Denise and I pray that divine destiny will be fulfilled for you as you purpose to walk in the perfect plan of God for your own life. And by faith, we say to you, “*Welcome home.*”

Rick and Denise Renner

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South Church



Moscow Good News Church and Affiliate Campuses

Before the arduous journey of building ownership had even begun for MGNC, God had already spoken to Rick about future plans for this immense city.

That journey for MGNC — which spanned nearly 14 years of seemingly false starts, endless paperwork, and other setbacks — was finally culminated late in 2014 when the church held its first-ever service in its permanent location in central Moscow.

As soon as that part of the vision had been fulfilled, Rick and Denise wasted no time beginning the next phase of the plan for MGNC: *satellite churches in eight additional locations in this city of millions.*

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Due to Moscow’s rapid growth and sheer size of approximately 18 million people, the transportation infrastructure cannot accommodate the hours of travel necessary for many to attend MGNC each Sunday. That’s why God gave the Renners a mandate to develop affiliate campuses. Almost one year to the day after the main church opened the doors to its permanent facility, the first satellite church became a reality in the southern region of Russia’s capital city. And in 2016, a location for the *second* affiliate church was secured in the northern part of Moscow!

The vision is quickly taking shape to establish new congregations in outlying areas. Believers continue to multiply and be strengthened as a result of the Renners’ obedience to “teach all nations” in this part of the world.



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Internet and TV

Rick and Denise started the first Christian television network in the former Soviet Union in 1992 after God spoke to their hearts to take trusted Bible teaching into homes throughout the region via television. No one had ever done this, and *no one knew how to do it*. But with the help of the Holy Spirit and their partners, the Renners launched the Good News network, which has broadcast the Gospel uninterrupted for almost 25 years!

Millions of people have heard God's Word and received Christ since the network's inception. Today the network broadcasts to more than 100 million potential viewers across the former USSR. Additionally,

millions more viewers watch Good News programs on satellite networks that broadcast to every corner of the earth. Also, RENNER Ministries assists in various ways to broadcast programs by Joyce Meyer, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, and Creflo Dollar in Russian.

The ministry's Home Group (www.rennerhomegroup.com) is thriving and has become very dear to Rick and Denise as they form deeper bonds with this Internet community. Denise's video teachings from her book *Who Stole Cinderella?* are having a huge impact, and the Renners' Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages continue to thrive. Rick even has a French Facebook site, which has more than 140,000 followers in just one year! A RENNER Ministries website in French is currently being developed to further minister to spiritually hungry people in the French-speaking world.

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House of Mercy

House of Mercy had its small beginnings in the streets of Moscow among the homeless — those attempting to survive in abandoned buildings, alleyways, and makeshift tents and boxes, scarcely shielded from the elements of harsh Russian winters. Lilit Gorelova had a vision to help, but she didn't hang a shingle and wait for the needy to come to her. Instead, she went to *them*, physically crawling through debris at times to find hungry children and adults and seeking for a way to shelter as many of them as she could.

From that humble start, Lilit and her husband have adopted, fostered, and provided safe shelter for *hun-*

dreds of young people who received a second chance at life and love. These youth have experienced the love of a natural family but, most importantly, they discovered the love of God. The children who live with the Gorelovas are being educated, schooled in the arts, and reinforced in their hearts that they can use their God-given talents to share with others the message of hope that comes through Christ alone.

Today the Gorelovas and their team do have a shingle — their ministry is called *House of Mercy*, and it is operated under the auspices of RENNER Ministries. People of all ages from the streets now come to them on a regular basis thanks to ministry partners who financially support House of Mercy's adoption and feeding programs. Each week, the homeless and hungry are fed, taught the Word of God, and ministered to with the same compassion that motivated Lilit those many years ago to "seek and to save that which was lost."

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Good News Outreaches

Every week, teams from the Moscow Good News Church reach out to the city with material goods as tangible expressions of God's love — and with spiritual goods that have the power to save.

It's no small task to organize the many visits to orphanages, drug-and-alcohol hospitals, mental institutions, and prisons on a

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weekly, biweekly, and monthly basis. There's the business of registering outreaches with the government, compliance with city rules and regulations, permissions from the

individual institutions — and sometimes these procedures have to be repeated multiple times just to bring ministries into these places.

But the favor the MGNC teams have enjoyed over the years has been nothing short of amazing — and the results they're seeing are astounding. People who thought God had given up on them are realizing His love endures and abides, and they are learning to yield to that love and to accept His healing, deliverance — and, most importantly, eternal life through Christ His Son. Not only are they realizing God's love for them is a constant, abiding force — they're also impressed that RENNER Ministries is also “there to stay” as a consistent presence in otherwise dismal circumstances.

To those who are destitute, the gifts of Bibles, hygiene products, children's clothing, scarves, mittens, socks, and small food items are like cool, soothing waters on a scorching hot day. Ministry to these precious souls — forgotten by society, but not by God — is possible through the generous support by partners of these Good News Outreaches.



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Golden Age/Vitamin Club

In response to Rick's deep concern for the eternal well-being of Russia's senior citizens, the Holy Spirit downloaded in Rick's heart a plan for ministering to these seniors' unique needs and winning them to Christ.

The first event God led Rick and his team to hold for this elderly group of old Communists was a huge undertaking. Favorite singers and musicians from the past were invited to perform in a large concert to which thousands of Moscow's elderly were invited. After the event, grocery bags filled with food, tea, over-the-counter medications, and *vitamins* were given to each attendee.

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Golden Age is like a holiday to me. I come here to my dear friends. The ministers are always friendly, polite, and attentive. I get a boost of energy when I come here.

Thank you all for your invaluable work and the delicious tea. Preaching the Word and the prayers for us are especially important to me. Nothing like this has ever happened in my life. It's like balm for my soul. My health and well-being have become better, and I want to move on and serve God despite the hardships. — *Farida Naumovich*



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Good News Training Center and IMPART Pastors Fellowship

When a man has served God in the ministry more than 35 years, moved his family across the world to minister to a nation for 25 of those years, pioneered three thriving churches, and written more than 30 books from his knowledge of the Bible and ancient Greek — he becomes uniquely qualified by God to speak into the lives of other ministers and to those aspiring to enter the ministry.

When one pours into the lives of ministers, who will in turn reach others under their spiritual care, the exponential effect is difficult to fathom. Since 2002 when the training center was started, 768 students have been graduated to pursue their ministry callings around the world. Only Heaven will reveal the true impact RENNER Ministries has had on those of “every kindred, tongue, people, and nation” through both the Good News Training Center and IMPART Pastors Fellowship.

“Our passion to reach and to disciple precious souls in this part of the world has not waned but, in fact, grows with each passing year.”

— Rick Renner



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