

Melting Divisions in a Cold Land

In Latvia, where ethnic and religious tension has triggered bloodshed in the past, missionaries Bob and Sharon Perry are calling the church to embrace reconciliation.

Taking Kiev by Surprise

The largest church in Europe today is pastored by a young Nigerian—a man of faith who won't let racism or harassment stop him from changing a nation.

Breaking The Gender Barrier in Russia

God is using Russia's first female Bishop to redefine traditional roles in her country.

It's not easy being a woman in Russia, a country where historical cultural values give men dominant roles and do not allow for the possibility that women can lead or teach men—especially on matters as important as whether a man born in Israel 2,000 years ago is the Son of God. Nor is it easy to be a charismatic Christian in Russia, where displaying the gifts of the Holy Spirit is often greeted with deep skepticism

if not outright hostility.

That means Bishop Natasha Schedrivaya, president of the Moscow-based Calvary Fellowship of Churches, has her hands full in the world's largest country as she faces skeptics within and without her denomination.

Messianic Jews Face Organized Resistance in Russia and Ukraine

A Russia-born American rabbi has launched an aggressive campaign to warn Jews about Messianic outreach efforts

Pentecostals in Belarus Face Harassment

A government crackdown is using secret police and propaganda against believers

Threatened Church Wins Court's Favor in Russia

A Youth Explosion in the Ukraine

They call it vybukh, or 'explosion.' It's the best word to describe what the Holy Spirit is doing among youth in Ukraine, where most churches have been ill-prepared to meet the needs of troubled teen-agers.

Opposition Is Mounting as Messianic Jewish Groups Grow In Russia

Authorities Threaten to

'Liquidate' Pentecostal Church in Russia

Local officials are waging a smear campaign, using accusations that church leaders engage in brainwashing

Russian Pentecostals have cautious view of Vladimir Putin

THE NEW LEADER HAS SHOWN FAVOR TO CHURCHES, BUT AN AIR OF MYSTERY SHROUDS THE EX-KGB OFFICER