

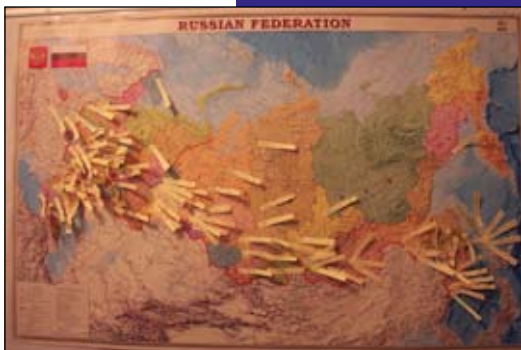
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In 1992 Vera Kadeva and two other Russian sisters knelt before the map of Russia pleading with God to provide training for the women of this vast land.

In November 1999 a fulfillment of their vision, “Christian Women in Partnership-Russia” was born. Twenty-one women, chosen by their pastors in the Union of Evangelical Christians-Baptist, traveled across Russia to Moscow three times a year to begin a six-year training course in a partnership of the Evangelical Union of Christians-Baptist, Entrust, East-West Ministries International, and Greater Europe Mission. These students came prepared with homework and the support and prayers of their pastors. Afterwards, they would return home to share what they were learning in their own churches through small groups. In October 2005 these amazing women graduated, entrusted with the completion of the goal to multiply women ministry leaders for churches throughout Russia. This milestone celebrated the completion of half of the project that God began in 1999.

God has taken these “timid church mice”—as they called themselves—and transformed them into strong, equipped servants of the Lord. They are from across the eleven time zones of Russia. While continuing their own studies, after two years they began teaching at seven regional training centers that stretch from Moscow to the island of Sakhalin off the eastern coast of Russia. Two years later, their students began twenty-three third-level centers training over 430 women representing more than 100 cities. By God’s grace and His provision we will continue to the 4th level of training with over 2,000 women being trained through over 100 training centers (see picture) that will blanket this immense country.

The impact and response of the project so far has been astonishing, prompting one observer to remark, “It’s like water-skiing behind a 747!” Most Russian church congregations are made up of between 80-90% women. Therefore, women who are trained to minister to other women can be a great asset to the pastors by helping to care for the women in their congregations.



Russia

Will you
prayerfully
consider helping
with the next phase
of this project?

*“You have taught
us well and been
examples to us.
I have learned
more about God
and have been
teaching this to
others. We now
take the baton
from you and pass
it on to others.”*

Student