

# GOOD NEWS

## END OF THE YEAR REPORT FOR 2014

**DARKNESS IS PASSING AND THE  
TRUE LIGHT IS ALREADY SHINING**  
1 JOHN 2:8

Threats on a global scale have dominated the news in 2014. From Ebola in Africa and ISIS in the middle east, to the expansion of Russia into Ukraine, our headlines have broadcast disturbing news of uncertainty and threat.

Let me add some good news to the mix. Jesus is King. In spite of man's mistakes and sin, Christ is advancing his Kingdom. In 2014 your prayers have resulted in many changed lives in Central and Eastern Europe. Listen to their voices as they tell you good news.



*"Away with the sin. I am  
ready to put my trust in God."*

– Miska, Slovakia



*"I found God at camp."*

– Neja, Slovenia



*"The local church is the hope  
of the world. I believe that the  
more pockets of hope we have  
in a country, the more hope a  
country has."* – Mart, Estonia

*"Why didn't you tell me this  
sooner?"*

– EXIT Tour concert attendee, Czech  
Republic, on hearing the gospel.



## 2014 EVANGELISM

**A MOVEMENT ON THE MOVE**

**2,435** non-believers at evangelistic camps.



**28,120** students heard the gospel through various ministries like EXIT Tour, Fusion Choirs, and English Camps.

**609** new professions of faith.

**225 million** people live in the countries where Josiah Venture staff serve.



**1%** are considered evangelical believers.

## 2014 DISCIPLESHIP

**BEING CONFORMED TO CHRIST**



**2,367** students being disciplined in 2014.



**1,350** students being disciplined in 2011.



# 2014 LOCAL CHURCH PARTNERSHIP



**918** short-term workers mobilized on summer teams from the US, UK, and Canada.



**415** local churches from 14 countries in Central and Eastern Europe are served by Josiah Venture.



**148** churches from North America are partnering with Josiah Venture.

# 2014 LEADERSHIP TRAINING

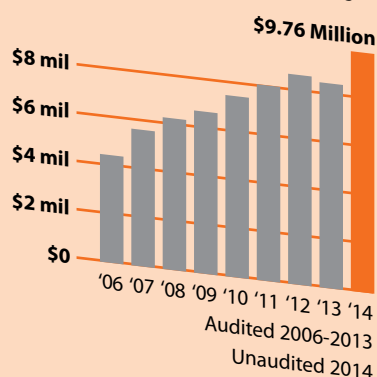
**5,700** leaders trained in 2013.

**6,334** leaders trained in 2014—an **11%** increase.

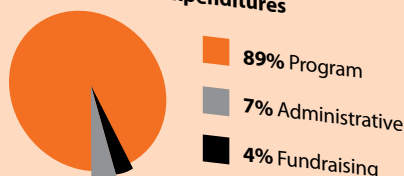
"This is growing me as a leader, as a disciple of Jesus Christ."  
—Andriy, Edge floorball leader in Ukraine

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Annual Donations and Revenues



2014 Expenditures



# WHAT IS AHEAD IN 2015?

With so many to be reached with the gospel in the 14 countries where Josiah Venture staff serve, we are continuing to focus on five bold faith prayers. We shared these with you last year, but want to give you more information about them now so you can join us in asking God for what only He can do. The enclosed magnet will help remind you of these requests. Use it on your fridge or on your desk to prompt you to pray.

*Our Vision – A movement of God among the youth of Central and Eastern Europe that finds its home in the local church and transforms society.*

## THE 99 LOST SHEEP

In the 14 countries where our staff serve, there is an average of just 1% evangelical believers. In the parable of the lost sheep, the shepherd leaves the 99 to go after just one who is lost. What kind of intensity do we need when only a few are in the fold and most are still lost? Pray with us for key breakthroughs that will allow us to significantly increase the number of young people who hear the gospel and put their faith in Jesus Christ. We are praying for doubled evangelistic fruit during the next three years.

## THE SPORTS HIGHWAY

Since there are no sports programs in the schools and few possibilities to engage in recreational sports in the community, many young people have no way to grow through participation in sports. One year ago Josiah Venture began a new athletic ministry called "Edge", which is starting church-based sports leagues to reach non-believing young people with the gospel. Pray that we are able to reach many thousands through this strategic new ministry.

## SOCIAL MEDIA INNOVATION

Just like their counterparts around the world, Central and Eastern European young people are connected online through social media and smart phones. Similar to the advent of television and radio, the connection of social media opens amazing new doors for the gospel. Pray for us as we build a team that will develop new strategies and tools for reaching this next generation through social media.

## 1000 NEW CHURCHES

Most churches in the region are small, averaging 50-100 people, and many communities are without a clear gospel witness. In order for the region to be reached, many new churches need to be planted. We are praying that teams of young people will be at the forefront of planting new churches and specifically that 1000 new churches would be planted across the region.

## 11 NEW COUNTRIES

Josiah Venture teams are currently in 14 countries, but we are praying for another 11 countries in the region. These include places like Macedonia, Montenegro, Moldova, Lithuania, Bosnia, Belarus, and five more. Pray with us for gifted leaders who can build teams and pioneer youth leader training in these 11 new countries.

Thank you for your partnership.

*Dave Patty*

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