

2012 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MORNING - Jan 29

9:15 & 10:45 Worship Services with Jeff Ceria (Russia)

MONDAY EVENING - Jan 30

6:00 International Dinner (FH) *Italian & Chinese Cuisine*
Reservations required - donations accepted

6:45 - 7:30 Adult Conference with Jeff Ceria (FH)
Kid's Conference with Mark (age 3-grade 4-VCR)
Nursery available (0 - 36 months)

TUESDAY EVENING - Jan 31

6:00 International Dinner (FH) *Mexican Cuisine*
Reservations required - donations accepted

6:45 - 7:30 Adult Conference with Mark (FH)
Kid's Conference with Jeff (age 3-grade 4 -VCR)
Nursery available (0 - 36 months)

WEDNESDAY - Feb 1

12 Missions Luncheon with Jeff & Mark OPEN TO ALL
(Sponsored by Prime-Timers) Reservations
required (Please bring soup or a dessert)

6:30 AWANA with Jeff ~ ONE80 with Mark

FRIDAY - Feb 3

6pm Family Night

GALS (grade 5 & up) with Jeff Ceria
Casserole Buffet with Salads & Rolls
Fellowship Hall - Reservation Appreciated
(Shower gift ideas for Jeff & Mark's wives,
Rebecca Jo & Kathy, are at the Info Center)

GUYS (grade 5 & up) with Mark Eikost
Steak Dinner @ YMCA (enter @ Sidner door)
Reservations Required ~ Donations Accepted
Basketball following (Y Membership NOT required)

CHILDCARE (age 3-grade 4) VCR
Kids will be fed chicken fingers/corn dogs, chips
& enjoy fun activities pertaining to missions.

NURSERY (0-36 mos) Nursery
Please feed your baby/toddler in advance.
Dinner will not be served to nursery children.

Nursery & Childcare are available 5:45 - 8:15pm
Reservation Preferred

SUNDAY - Feb 5

9:15 & 10:45 Worship Services with Mark Eikost (Bosnia)

Registrations Required for Conference Meals

Register on the Connection Card, @ the Missions Table or online @ fremontalliance.org

THE GREAT COMMISSION FUND

*All authority in heaven
and on earth has been given to me.
Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey
everything I have commanded you.
And surely I am with you always,
to the very end of the age.*

Matt 28: 18-20

Jesus' Great Commission demonstrates His extravagant and sacrificial love. The Great Commission Fund (GCF) helps the Alliance family share this love with a lost and dying world.

When you give, you partner with Alliance workers who shine the light of Jesus into the lives of those living in spiritual darkness. Through GCF-funded medical outreaches, micro enterprise projects, community centers and church planting, The Alliance is obeying Christ's command to "make disciples of all nations."



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2012 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 6

BE LIGHT

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light"

Ephesians 5:8

JEFF CERIA



Russia



Jeff & Rebecca Jo
Elianna, Julia & Nadia

Languages Spoken: Russian

Ministry responsibilities: We work with a Russian church planter in the Southern most part of Moscow - a region with over 600,000 people & only 1 small evangelical fellowship. We have been helping in the area of outreach through English Club, local theater & friendship evangelism. Alpha Course & an English camp are on our radar for the future.

Interesting & exciting events during the past term?

The birth of our identical twins (now 2) was the most life changing event. We are learning daily that being parents is the most difficult & most rewarding thing we have ever done.

We have been working with a very new church plant so every time we had events or outreaches or had the opportunity to share the gospel with someone, it was thrilling, encouraging & a fulfillment of what God has called us to Russia to do.

A funny language blooper? Every day there is a mistake with language or in how people (mis)understand us that make us laugh & reminds us how blessed we are to be here among people of different language & culture.

Events during term that brought joy or blessing? We were able to share Christ with someone who had never heard anything about Jesus. He prayed to receive Christ & started attending our fellowship - it was amazing!

Your life verse? "Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."
Ephesians 4:31-32

RUSSIA: DEMOGRAPHICS

Population: 143,420,309
Infant Mortality Rate: 15.4 / 1,000
Life Expectancy: 67.1

Capital City: Moscow (11,970,500) population

Geography: About 1.8 times the size of the United States, Russia (6,592,735 sq. mi.) is the largest country in the world. Spanning 11 time zones with every topography & climate except tropical.

Languages: Russian (official), Other

Ethnicity/Race: Russian 81.5%, Tatar 3.8%, Ukrainian 3%, Other 11.7%

Economy: Per capita income \$9,800, Inflation 11.5%, Unemployment 8.3%, Literacy rate 100% (2003 estimate)

Government/Political Climate: Constitutional federation. After the Russian Empire was overthrown in 1917, the Communists under Lenin seized power & formed the USSR. Multiparty federal democracy instituted in 1990. Recent years have seen erosion in growing democratic institutions.

Religion: Russian Orthodox, Muslim, Other

BOSNIA: DEMOGRAPHICS

Population: 4,500,000

Capital City: Sarajevo (450,000) population

Geography: Southeastern Europe, bordering the Adriatic Sea, Croatia, Serbia & Montenegro. The terrain is mostly mountainous.

Languages: Bosnian, Serbian, Croatian, Albanian & Romi

Ethnicity/Race: Bosniak 48%, Serb 37.1%, Croat 14.3%, other (including Tomi & Albanian) 0.6%

Economy: Lower middle income group

Government/Political Climate: Emerging, top-heavy federal democratic republic. The political discussion is still dominated by ethnic divisions.

Religion: Muslim 40%, Orthodox 31%, Roman Catholic 15%, Other 14%

MARK EIKOST



Bosnia



Mark & Kathy

Languages Spoken: Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian

Ministry responsibilities: We are helping Bosnians plant a church in the Sarajevo neighborhood of Ilidza, a city that saw a lot of bloodshed & destruction during the war. We plan to open a center for outreach; a place for the few Bosnian believers in Sarajevo to help their neighbors in practical ways (art classes, study center, cafe, etc).

Interesting & exciting events? It's exciting to see people come to Christ. Many are convinced of His lordship by dreams, visions & miraculous healings. Planting a church in a Muslim city, Ilidza, is both interesting & exciting. Some tell us it's impossible, but God is on the move here in Bosnia-Herzegovina!

A funny language blooper? Instead of asking a friend, "who's caring for your daughter?", I asked, "Who's shaving your daughter?"

An interesting food experience? Curdled cream (the consistency of glue) plopped into my coffee.

Your call to ministry? At an Intersarsity meeting the Holy Spirit showed me that I was selfish & proud - and that He wanted to change me & use me to bring the Gospel to others.

Events during term that brought joy or blessing? The evangelical church of Bosnia-Herzegovina became officially recognized by the government.

Your life verse? "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."
Philippians 1:6