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ECMI-USA & NHI Growing Together

In 1971 an organization named New Hope International (NHI) began supporting Christian leaders behind the iron curtain. After the fall of Communism they began to focus on equipping local churches within Eastern Europe for ministry. Today they are integrating into ECMI-USA.

“NHI has had an exciting history of serving the Lord in Eastern Europe,” says George Brown, Director of ECMI-USA. “Their desire to collaboratively strengthen and establish local churches as they take the love of Christ into their neighborhoods and nations, and to reach the next generation for Christ makes them a perfect match for ECM.”



George Brown

Much work has been done to ensure that the missions and visions of the two mission agencies are compatible. Once the integration of NHI into ECMI-USA is complete, European Christian Mission International will grow by 10%.

Currently NHI focuses on ministries in Bulgaria, Ukraine, Romania and Hungary. Its largest work is in Ukraine where nearly two-thirds of its 900 volunteers live. They offer pre-marital and family ministry, public school outreach initiatives, youth work, a large orphan and foster care program, and they had more than 19,000 people enrolled in their Bible Correspondence Course in 2014. One of ECM’s missionaries to Poland, Saško Nezamutdinov, came through this very program.

These initiatives were recognized by Rev. Vyacheslav Nesteruk, head of the Baptist Union of Ukraine from 2006-2014, when he wrote: “You seek to be ‘on the front line,’ addressing the most difficult social and spiritual problems of Ukrainian society.



Saško Nezamutdinov

You have led the way in demonstrating that a vital relationship with Jesus Christ is the only way a person can be truly forgiven and whole... By modeling and by your excellent presentations in public schools and universities, as well as through your Bible correspondence courses, our partnership with you is giving the members of our 2,800 local churches throughout Ukraine the understanding that we can reach out into our society to share the love of Christ with those who might never otherwise attend a church service of any kind.”

One such example is Sasha Pavelchuk. By the time he was in fifth grade he was already smoking, skipping classes and drinking. In high school he began taking drugs and was soon addicted. Then he met a man, an NHI worker who said he had also been addicted to drugs -- until he met Jesus. Sasha began attending a weekly meeting this worker led. Eventually Sasha prayed to God to take away his desire for drugs. Sasha recalls, “God started working right away. I felt miserable after each use. It wasn’t long before I asked Jesus to forgive my sins, and He gave me freedom from the drug addiction without any medicine, rehabilitation, or withdrawal!” Today Sasha is leading NHI’s ministry in a university city, pastoring a church, ministering to local gypsy communities and reaching out to teenagers and young adults.



Roland Smith

British missionary Roland Smith is coordinating NHI’s integration with ECM at the field level. “Each time I meet another NHI worker I get more excited,” he says. “They’re dedicated and experienced men and women who understand their own cultures and local contexts, and desperately want people to come to Jesus. Plus, they love the church just like we do in ECM. Perfect!”