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Eastern Europe

GO PARTNER BIO

European Christian Mission International strives to plant and develop churches throughout Europe. Stuart Rowell typically spends much of his time traveling throughout Eastern Europe as an encourager, taking time to come alongside ECMI missionaries, ministry partners, and national pastors and leaders as a listening ear and offering advice as someone who understands the stresses of ministry in the region. His role is to provide pastoral care and to mentor and coach Christian workers in isolated situations where Christian fellowship is limited and resources are scarce.

OUR MISSION

As we proclaim biblical truth, we cultivate relationships that are intimate with Christ, active in the Church, & loving the community.

VBC NEWSLETTER

Join our weekly e-newsletter! This email is sent each Friday and features thoughts from the pastors, up-to-date information on events and announcements, and community engagement opportunities. You will also find life group questions, a weekly Conversation Starter, and links to the Sunday livestream. Visit spokanevbc.org/events and click the "Subscribe to the Newsletter" button.

PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for missionaries and national pastors serving in these challenging countries. Many of them work with severely limited resources and strong opposition to the Gospel.
- Praise the Lord for the work He's doing in the Balkans!

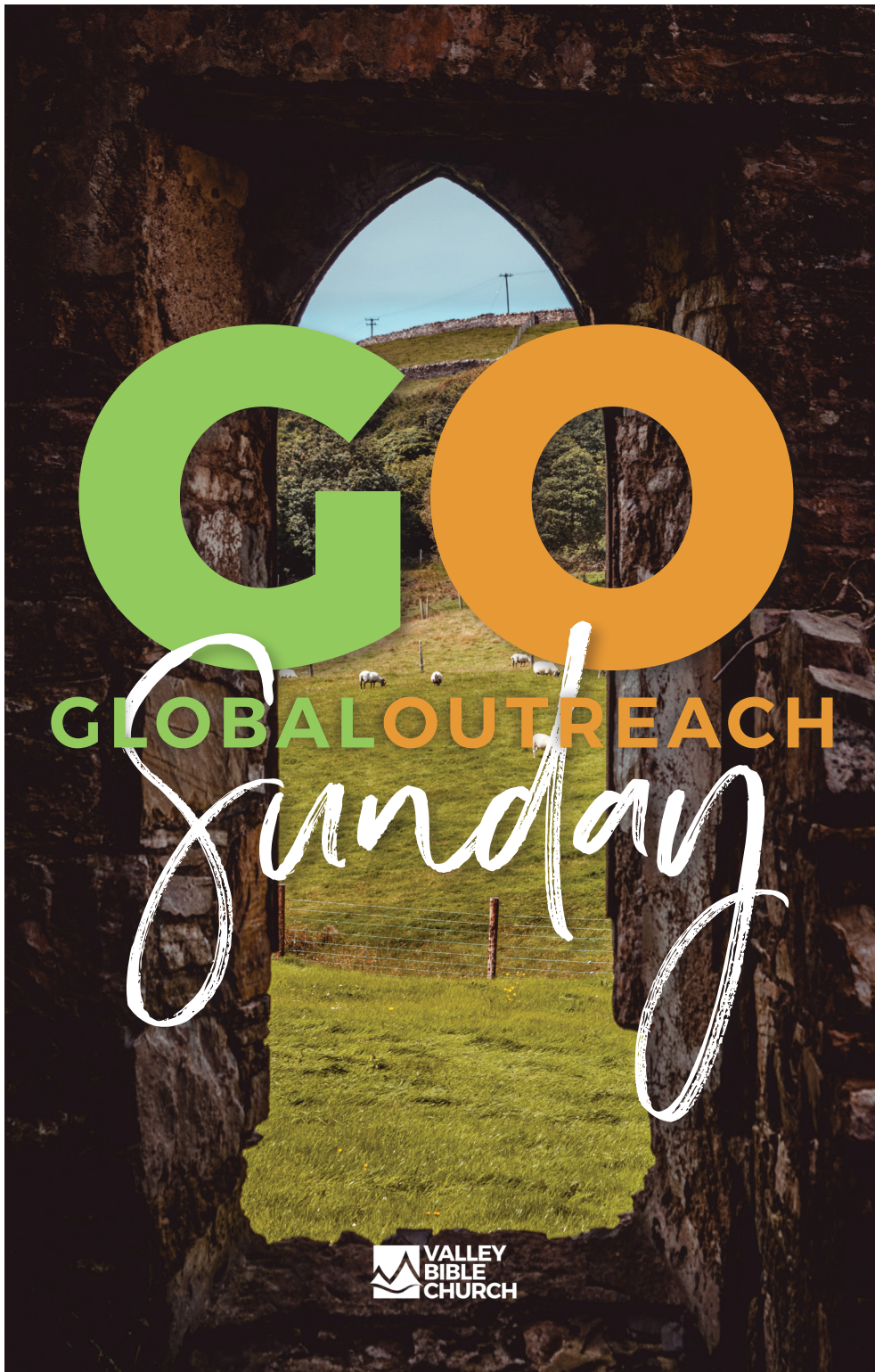
ABOUT EASTERN EUROPE

Countries Included: Russia, Belarus, Poland, Czech Rep, Slovakia, Hungary, Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria

Major Religions: Eastern Orthodox & Catholicism 84%, Agnostic 8%, Muslim 6%, Other (including other Christian denominations) 2%

THIS WEEK AT VBC

- Mo Ignite Young Adult Group**
6 pm | 130
- We Women's Bible Study**
with Marlene Zeis and Phyllis Morgan | 9:30 am | 130
- Women's Bible Study**
with Jen Morton | 6:30 pm | 130B
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with Julie Baker | 6:30 pm | 135
- Youth Group 6 -12 grade**
6:30 pm | Auditorium
- Th Grief Support Group**
6:30 pm | 130
- Fr Operation Christmas Child Packing Party**
9 am-5 pm | 150
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9 am-5 pm | 150
- Su Prayer Team**
7:30 am | 130B



WELCOME TO VALLEY BIBLE CHURCH

October 22, 2023

VISITING?

We're glad you're here! Be sure to stop by the Welcome Counter to pick up a Welcome Gift, which includes a booklet that explains what you need to know about VBC. Communion will be served during today's service. If you require a gluten-free cup for allergy reasons, please contact an usher.

SUNDAY CHILDCARE & VBC KIDS

The nursery is available during all three services for ages 0-3 years. For 9:30 and 11 am Kids Sunday School, children may be checked in before each service starts at a VBC Kids Check-In station, then attend the singing portion of the worship service with you before being dismissed to Sunday School. For the 9:30 service, you may drop your child off at the beginning of the service for an informal introduction activity.

8 am Service

Nursery | 0 - 3 Years Old | 122

9:30 am Service

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3 Yrs - 5th Grade | VBC Kids Wing

- may be dropped off at beginning of service

11 am Service

3 Yrs - 5th Grade | VBC Kids Wing

- dismissed after singing in main service

9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

All Sunday School classes are offered during the 9:30 service.

Welcome to VBC: What We Are About + How to Become a Member (led by the VBC elders) meets in Room 130A, and *The Role of God in the Lives of the Devoted, the Disobedient, and the Dastardly* (led by Rick King) meets in Room 130B. *Middle School* meets in Room 150, *High School* meets in Room 151, and the *Courageous Conquerors* class meets in Room 152.

IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 23 - Ignite Young Adult Group

Oct. 27-28 - OCC Packing Party

Oct. 31 - Fall Flair

Nov. 1 - Youth Group Square Dance

Nov. 4 - Rochelle Singleton memorial service

Nov. 5 - New Sunday School class begins

Dec. 8 - Lighting the Path

Visit spokanevbc.org/events for more information

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing party is Oct. 27 and 28 in Room 150! Come anytime between 9 am and 5 pm on either day to help. To RSVP or for more information, call Pam Doi at (509) 869-4953.

IGNITE YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Ignite, a ministry for young adults ages 18-28, will meet tomorrow, Oct. 23, from 6 to 8:30 pm in Room 130. Dinner will be provided.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

If you are interested in attending the Weekend to Remember on Oct. 27-29 and are in need of financial assistance, please contact Chad Ingalls at chad@spokanevbc.org.

ROCHELLE SINGLETON MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Rochelle Singleton is planned for Saturday, Nov. 4, at 11 am.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Significant Periods in the Life & Teachings of Jesus: Beginning Nov. 5 at 9:30 am, Dr. Mike Powell will teach about the nine distinct periods in the life of Jesus.

VBC KIDS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- *Nursery*: We need nursery workers for the 8:00 service beginning in January.

- *Children's Ministry*: We are looking for somebody that will plan an outdoor movie night next summer for our Children's Ministry.

If you are interested in these opportunities, please contact Jennifer Dokken at jennifer@spokanevbc.org, (509) 869-6410, or indicate your interest on the back of your Connection Card. Applicants must be able to pass a criminal background check.

VOTING RESOURCES AND BALLOT INITIATIVES

It is our privilege and duty as Christians to vote in the primary election by Nov. 7. While not endorsing any candidates, webelievewevote.com is a locally-run website with several non-partisan resources available for review. There are also a number of initiatives available to view and sign in the church office, including I-2081 to Protect Parental Rights.

YOUTH GROUP SQUARE DANCE

The VBC Youth Group is hosting a student square dance on Wednesday, Nov. 1, in the auditorium. No experience necessary; we have enlisted a caller who will teach us all the steps! Don your Western gear and join us at 6:30 pm.

FALL FLAIR: A REFORMATION CELEBRATION

Join us for indoor community fun on Tuesday, Oct. 31, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Free for the whole family! Carnival games, bouncy castles, food, and more!

To make this event happen, we need volunteers! Here are some specific ways you can help:

- setup/teardown/cleanup crew
- decorations
- candy & prize distribution
- kitchen help for food
- game station volunteers
- food and candy donations

For a full list of needs, see the sign-up tables in the foyer between services.

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GIVING REPORT

General: October \$60,908, YTD \$849,557
Building Fund: Given \$47,437