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Russia

BASHKIR; Russia (1,600,000)

Give thanks to God! On March 27, 2015 the Bashkir New Testament was successfully presented at a roundtable discussion of the Institute of History, Language and Literature in the city of Ufa. It was later presented to the Bashkir diaspora in Moscow. **Praise God** for positive feedback from readers. **Ask the Lord** to open up effective channels of distribution among this large people group. **Pray** for a successful audio recording as this would increase the audience for the New Testament. **Pray** that many Bashkir will recognize God's Word as truth.

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LEZGI; Russia (670,000)

The translation team's goal is to publish the New Testament in the next three years. A translation consultant connected to the project broke her arm and leg last year; **pray** for a full recovery. **Praise God** that despite her health problems, she managed to successfully consult with the translation team. They completed 1 Corinthians and Revelation, and began work on Deuteronomy. The team's exegetical advisor and one of the translators also have health problems. **Ask God** to heal and renew their bodies. A few books are already published; please **pray** for effective channels of distribution. This is a difficult task in an area dominated by another religion.

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TATAR; Russia (5,600,000)

The full Bible is now typeset, **praise God! Pray** for the translation team to accelerate their proofreading so the Bible can be sent for printing soon. **Pray** for quality results from the print shop so that the Bibles will be easy to read and durable. **Ask the Lord** to raise up many readers among the Tatar so their lives can be transformed by the Living Word. **Thank God** that the local Academy of Sciences gave their official stamp of approval to the Bible. This is extremely important in this Muslim region and will make it possible to distribute the Bible openly.

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Ukraine

CRIMEAN TATAR; Crimean Peninsula (262,000)

The full Bible is scheduled to be published early in 2016. **Ask God** to open up effective distribution channels for the Scriptures. **Pray** that access to the Bible will bring life and encouragement to the Crimean Tatar people. Please **pray** for the political situation in Crimea. **Ask God** to bring peace to this region and reduce tensions between Ukraine and Russia. **Pray** that political difficulties will not affect the distribution of the Bible. And **ask Almighty God** to protect the translation team members from animosity by those who have opposed their work.

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