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PASTORS CONFERENCE Sun Valley, California

The 2016 Shepherds Conference has come and gone. With your assistance, Encouragement International, Inc. was able to bring 12 Slavic pastors to the conference. They came from Belarus, Lithuania, Portugal, Moldova and Kazakhstan. They heard messages from the likes of **John MacArthur, Al Mohler, Ligon Duncan, Paul Washer** and others. They went to breakout sessions to hear about such things as *The Crescent and The Cross; Priorities in Missions: A Biblical Emphasis; Hope, Holiness and Homosexuality* and other topics. They departed not only refreshed but encouraged and reinvigorated for their ministries back home.

Thank you for your support to bring them to the conference. Each man went out of his way to express his gratitude and have me relay their appreciation to you. Iura, from Moldova said:

“I would like to express my gratitude for your help in bringing me to the Shepherd’s Conference this year. There were many wonderful messages and truths learned that were convictions of the heart that God made into me, there are resolutions and decisions I made to myself as a result of this conference, which I hope will change my work for the Lord to good. Thank you for making this possible!”

Iura went on to tell me that after one message he thought ‘Oh, this is why the Lord has brought me to the ShepCon’, but after the next message he thought, ‘Oh, the Lord also wants me to hear this message’ and after a third message he said, ‘The Lord is challenging me everywhere I go!’

Another pastor said:

“I could not even dream about such a trip, it was totally impossible for me, but for God all things are possible. Thank you very much for this wonderful blessing for me. God is using you for His glory. After this conference I will not be able to live as before. In my church I want to share those knowledge and blessings which God has given to me here.”

Without your support, the impact on these men in their churches would not be possible. By bringing these 12 pastors to the conference, you helped to impact over 1,000 people as they shepherd their ‘flock’. If possible, I pray that you will consider designating **now** a gift to bring a pastor to the 2017 Shepherds Conference. The conference will take place over a four day period to celebrate 500 years of the Reformation. This year **EII** had registration scholarships to cover 20 pastors but were only able to bring 12 men because of limited financial resources. We need the travel funds by December 31 in order to have the men begin the process of securing their visas to the USA (a three week process) and to find the least expensive fare to come to the conference. Would you consider making that commitment now? Thank you in advance!



PAT SULLIVAN UPDATE

Pat is well on his way to full recovery. In a conversation with him just before the conference, he mentioned that if he had his operation one week earlier he could have come to the ShepCon. He will be leaving in mid-April for a brief trip to Belarus to plan a construction STM with one of the churches where we minister regularly before he rejoins me in May for bible conferences in four Slavic countries.

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HLEB YERMAKOU UPDATE

Although he was disappointed not to be able to attend the ShepCon this year, he was busy with ministry and settling his family in Albufeirra, Portugal. The transition from Belarus is going well although he remains \$1,300/month short of the support he needs for he and his family.

FOR YOUR PRAYERFUL CONSIDERATION

Thank you for your continued financial and prayer support. We do not take the Lord's provision through you for granted! Please prayerfully consider partnering with me in 2016 for the following:

- \$6,000 (monthly) for EII's (monthly) ongoing administrative costs (*this is always a challenge*).
- \$16,500 for the May, July and October ministry trips to the Russian speaking churches of Europe.
- \$20,000 to bring 20 pastors to the Shepherd's Conference in **March 2017**. Now is the time to book the least expensive flights and to allow the pastors to get their visas to the USA. ***The pastors really benefit from this conference. One pastoral team went back to their church and hosted their own conference on Inerrancy, the topic of the 2015 Shepherds Conference.***
- **If you are led to give toward our needs, you may send your tax-deductible contribution to:**
 - Encouragement International, Inc. PO Box 8524 Northridge, CA 91327 Or,
 - through **PayPal** at: www.encouragementintl.com, Or, through **Amazon Smile**.

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