

2023 ANNUAL REPORT

*Divine Surprises,
Provision, and Revelation*



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A Word From Joel Renner

Chief Executive Officer
RENNER Ministries

At the end of 2022, my father Rick Renner heard the Lord say, “The year 2023 will be filled with divine surprises, divine provision, and divine revelation for those who will receive it!” When Dad told me about what he’d heard, he went on to explain that our part is to *receive* it — in other words, we have to *take* the divine surprises, divine provision, and divine revelation by faith.

In 2023, one of the main **SURPRISES** of the year for RENNER Ministries was receiving our license to broadcast our federal Good News Channel (GNC) in Russia. We are the first and only channel to be given a federal license to air Christian programming 24 hours a day, every day, all over the vast nation of Russia!

In 2023, one of our main **PROVISION** moments of the year was dedicating our Moscow TV studio. There were many divine-provision moments that occurred along the way during the construction of this studio — and if you gave financially to our Ministry Expansion Project to help us build it, we as a ministry and family want to say THANK YOU for doing this work with us! From this studio, the truth of the Gospel — the

trusted teaching of the Bible — will be shared with multiplied millions of people via this media platform.

In 2023, one of our main **REVELATION** moments was filming at Noah’s Ark. A small filming team traveled to the mountains of Ararat to what are almost certainly the remains of Noah’s Ark. And, *WOW*, what a revelation that was for us! We are so excited to share with you in our TV programs what we learned while we were there. The Bible is not a book of theories and philosophies — it is the real Word of God, and this site is just one more proof that the Bible is real and true.

In this annual report that we have prepared just for you, we want to showcase what our partners are such an integral part of — and how, *together*, we are making a huge difference around the world!

Yours in Christ and for His Gospel,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Renner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J'.

Joel Renner

House of Mercy

Russia is home to more than 144,000,000 people, but millions and millions of these individuals and families live on an income that is at or below the poverty line. For many people, this presents a large challenge that affects several aspects of their daily lives.

More than 25 years ago Lilit Gorelova decided to respond to this need, and the House of Mercy was founded. Every week she and her husband Sasha minister to those experiencing homelessness by providing them fresh clothes, feeding them a hot meal, and presenting them with the Gospel — the saving power of Jesus Christ. With the help of volunteers, they have ministered to and fed thousands of men, women and children through this outreach. Lilit and Sasha have also taken in and provided refuge for more than 350 children over the last two decades, and they recently established a working farm to help men transition out of homelessness and into a life of purpose. RENNER Ministries is proud to support this remarkable couple in all they do to serve the people of Moscow and to show the love of Christ to so many. ■





Emergency Relief Project

More than one year ago, nearly 5,000,000 people in our part of the world were displaced, and immense relief was needed to provide basic necessities to those whose lives were suddenly uprooted. Due to your generous response to this need, we have been able to provide boxes and boxes of aid to these precious people, and we will continue sending this relief as it





will be a long-term need. Each box includes food, personal-care items, a blanket, a Bible, and a printout of Psalm 91. Your prayers and support have truly empowered our team to be the hands and feet of Christ, showing the tangible love of God to so many.

We have also been able to send 21 mission teams from our church to affected areas, and the results have been amazing! With each visit, thousands of people were and still are being touched by the love of God. In addition to these mission trips, our ministry is also continuing to work with churches across Europe to help care for these refugees who are scattered throughout Latvia, Poland, Romania, Hungary, Czechia (Czech Republic), Moldova, Estonia, and Russia.

We don't know when this project will end. The need continues. We *do* know what the Bible says in Matthew 25:40: "And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Let's keep helping people and spreading the Gospel together! ■

The Traveling Ministry of Rick and Denise Renner

For more than 30 years of ministry in the former Soviet Union, Rick and Denise have been committed to taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the nations of the world, bringing *teaching you can trust* to those near and far. Part of this important work includes filming TV programs, writing books, and traveling to speak and minister publicly.



RICK RENNER

Rick's gift for teaching the Bible along with his commitment to obey God's call on his life has resulted in 33 books being published to date, including his 2023 releases of *Apostles and Prophets* and *My Peace-Filled Day* — with more to come in 2024! God has truly honored His word to Rick in 1978, "Write, write, write, and I will prosper what you write." Many of these books have also been translated into Russian, among many other languages, and placed into the hands of people who are hungry for the Word of God.

In addition to serving as bishop over the Moscow Good News Churches and hosting TV programs that can be seen around the world, Rick, along with Denise, continues to maintain an active public-ministry schedule. The Renners' itinerary includes visits to the United States for approximately 6 weeks every year as well as to many parts of Europe and *wherever the Lord leads them!* They prize every opportunity the Lord opens to them to teach and preach the Gospel and to strengthen God's people. ■

DENISE RENNER

Denise has written and published five powerful books that have been translated into multiple languages, with her sixth book, *Jesus Wants To Heal You*, to be released in 2024. She continues to hold *Who Stole Cinderella?* Bible classes, teaching women how to be godly wives and to understand their value as daughters of the King. And on her two programs, *TIME With Denise Renner* and *Questions and Answers With Denise*, she uncovers biblical truths about love, strength, and freedom to encourage both women *and* men to live in their God-given identity. Whether in historic concert halls or new places where she is invited to minister, Denise also regularly ministers in music, using her voice to bring Christ's burden-destroying anointing to those in need of His touch. ■



Spreading the Gospel

We are taking the Gospel near and far through the following media:

- RENNER TV
- Social Media
- Internet Church
- Home Group
- Media Mir
- GNC Satellite TV
- Book Publishing
- Teaching Letters
- Time With Denise TV

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the most important message we will ever have the privilege of sharing, and there are billions of people in this world who need to hear the Gospel in a language other than English. RENNER Ministries is determined to do our part in responding to this urgent need.

Many of Rick's and Denise's books have been translated into Russian, Portuguese, French, Japanese, German, Indonesian, Swedish, and many other languages — and more than 1,000,000 books have been given away to people who are hungry for the Word of God! We have had the honor of providing people around the world — even in places where getting a Bible is very difficult — with access to these Bible-based teachings.

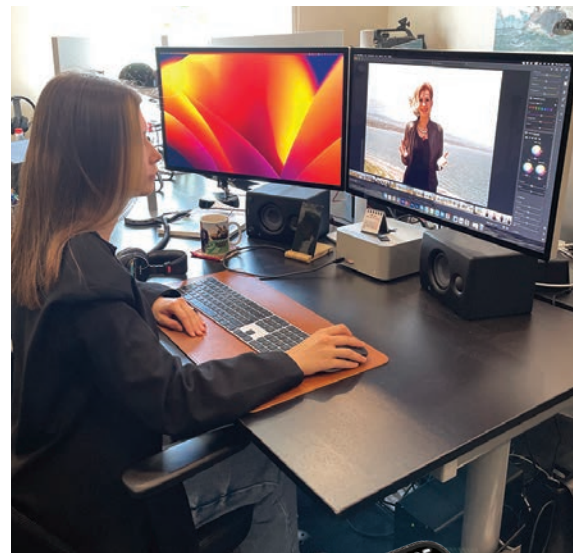
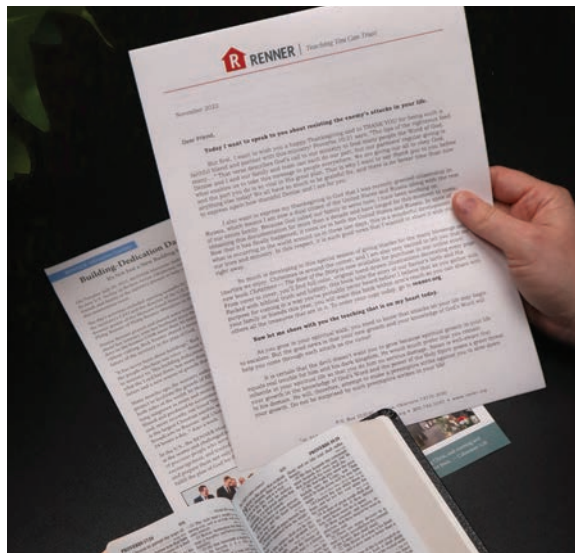
God has also made a way for RENNER Ministries to bring the Gospel to people across the globe via TV and the Internet, and because of this opportunity, we have been able to take the Gospel to places we may never be able to go in person. Today Rick can be found on a growing list of television networks and several digital channels that reach the U.S., Canada, the UK, Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. It is the >



Renners' desire to see a revival of the Bible take place in people's hearts all over the world, and TV is one way to do just that.

RENNER Ministries has continued to take advantage of the different forms of media outreach opportunities that have become available as technology and culture evolve. More people are present on social media now than ever before, and they are hungry for more than what this world has to offer. Proverbs 10:21 says, "The lips of the righteous feed many..." and we believe that as we preach the Gospel on various platforms, many people are being fed. We know that as we are obedient to the call of God on this ministry, the Word of God will surely perform its mighty transforming work!





God's Word contains the power to bring salvation, healing, rescue, and deliverance to all who will take it into their hearts. That is *good news*! Our desire is to preach that Good News — the Gospel of Christ — and make an eternal impact on the lives of the people Jesus loves so dearly.

Many doors continue to open before us as we run with our God-given vision to “take the Gospel both to our nearby world and to the ends of the earth.” The year 2023 was, indeed, a year filled with divine surprises, divine provision, and divine revelation! ■



Moscow Good News Church

September 7, 2023, marks 23 years since our very first Moscow Good News Church service was held in the Hotel Russia. And since that day, we have continued to share the Good News with the precious people of Russia and have seen lives drastically changed for the better by the power of our mighty God! Every year we see marriages and families restored, children dedicated to the Lord, and leaders raised up and trained to walk in the call of God on their lives!





As founding pastors of the Moscow Good News Church (MGNC), Rick and Denise actively minister for many months of the year to the Moscow congregation. The Renners' oldest son Paul now serves as the senior pastor, and he is committed to reaching as many people as possible with the love of Jesus. The main campus and affiliate locations continue to minister to the homeless population in Moscow, Russia, and Riga, Latvia. In addition to their regular church services, each facility also hosts Easter and Christmas outreach events, weddings and baptisms, special conferences, and many other outreaches to the communities. By hosting clothing distributions, back-to-school giveaways, ministry to special-needs children and their parents, and other outreaches in cooperation with the local government, MGNC is truly a light in darkness. ➤





In Moscow — a city of more than 20 million people — the Renners' vision to *bring church to people* has come alive, reaching spiritually hungry people through the affiliate MGNC campuses and the Internet Good News Church (IGNC). Through IGNC, viewers are able to access Moscow Good News Church services and teaching resources and even communicate with a pastor or counselor online. More than 200,000 people — many in remote places in Russia where no church exists — consider IGNC their church home. We treasure their connection to this church, and we know God has placed them in our spiritual care.



Moscow Good News Church and the Internet Good News Church have thrived in 2023, and we have a great expectation for God to increase our reach and our impact in the Russian-speaking world around us in the coming years. We will continue to proclaim the Good News and see the power of God move in the city of Moscow, Russia. *Our best years are ahead!* ■

PASTORS PAUL AND
POLINA RENNER



Golden Age

MINISTRY TO SENIOR CITIZENS

The term *Golden Age* originated with early Greek and Roman poets. It was used to refer to the latter years of a person's life when his greatest achievements were made and the quality of his life was celebrated. It would be difficult today to find any society whose senior citizens would define their sunset years as optimistically as the ancient Greeks and Romans. In fact, these latter years are particularly difficult for those who have emerged from life under socialistic-communism, poverty, and oppression.

That is why RENNER Ministries created Golden Age — a ministry for the senior citizens of Moscow that serves to enhance their quality of life and remind them their lives still matter. For more than 20 years, RENNER Ministries has held weekly concerts, distributed vitamins and other necessities, and shared the message of Jesus Christ with this underserved generation. Week after week, they come from near and far to receive every ounce of love and attention offered to them. Thank you for helping us embrace these remarkable and cherished people with the love of God. ■



Ministry Expansion Project

In 2023, RENNER Ministries continued the Ministry Expansion Project — a three-phase project to help increase our productivity and effectiveness in proclaiming Christ around the world.

In Phase 1, construction started on the new TV studio in Moscow, and we purchased the new U.S. facility. Our team has since moved into our new U.S. headquarters (photo above), and construction on the foundation and exterior walls of our Moscow studio was completed.

In Phase 2 of this project, we completed the interior construction of the studio in Moscow (photo right), and with great joy and excitement, our staff began moving in. We also began decorating, hanging the studio lights, and getting the cameras in place. We even did several live broadcasts from the studio to invite our viewers to see the progress.

We are now in Phase 3, which is dedicated to retiring the debt on the Broken Arrow building. And due to the



generosity of our partners and friends we're making great progress. We are in the home stretch of what God began in 2021 — *God is so faithful!*

The Ministry Expansion Project is *not* about buildings. It's about having space to create solid, Bible-based programming that will change people's lives — and space from which to

minister to the increasing number of people God is sending to us. When the ministry facility is paid in full, we will be able to take the Gospel further and faster to those needing to hear the truth of God's Word. We are incredibly grateful to the members of our giving team who have linked arms with us to see this project through to the finish line. ■



Addiction Rehabilitation

DELIVERANCE FOR THOSE WHO ARE BOUND

We were created to worship. But if we dismiss the privilege of worshiping God, we *will* worship something — even if that “something” leads to our own harm or demise. So many people in the world have lost their way, and as a result, they have turned to drugs or alcohol in an attempt to soothe their troubled hearts. RENNER Ministries works closely with a

local group in Moscow that reaches out to those bound by addiction, shares the love and power of Jesus with them, and gets them back on their feet and into society again. God has a plan and purpose for *everyone*, and we are being intentional and purposeful to see those plans fulfilled in the lives of as many people as possible. ■



PARTNER CARE

Meet Our U.S. Team!

From the earliest days of their ministry, it has been Rick and Denise's desire to provide heartfelt care and encouragement for those God has called alongside them to help them fulfill their ministry assignment. So when they say it is one of their highest honors to pray and stand in faith for their ministry partners, they really mean it! ➤

OUR VISION is to take the Gospel both to our nearby world and to the ends of the earth, proclaiming Christ, warning and teaching every man with all wisdom in order that we may present every person fully mature in Christ Jesus.

— *From Colossians 1:28*

As pastors, Rick and Denise take seriously the Lord’s mandate in Ezekiel 34 to take care of the weak, tend to the sick, minister to the injured, search for those who have wandered from the fold, and stand guard over and protect the sheep given to their charge. And they believe this mandate not only includes their Moscow congregation, but also the friends and partners God has given them all around the world.

Our dedicated U.S. team prays for our partners every day and communicates with them personally by writing letters, cards, and emails and by praying with them over the phone. Over these many years of serving our partners, we have seen incredible answers to prayer from miraculous healings to financial provision to broken families being restored. We believe that God is faithful to respond when we pray, and it encourages our hearts to see how He is moving in the lives of our partners and friends.

Whether taking orders, praying with someone on the phone, packaging resources, or managing our technology systems, our entire U.S. team sees each moment as an opportunity to serve those God has called alongside this ministry. ■





Testimonies From Russia!



I thank you for your prayer support. A few months ago, I asked you to support me in prayer for the healing of my mother's knee. She had such serious knee problems she could barely walk due to the pain and could not sleep. Today I thank God for having other plans for my mother! Now she is absolutely healthy, feels great, and moves freely. All praise to God!

I am sincerely grateful to you and thank God for you whenever I think about you and your spiritual and prayerful support. May God bless you abundantly.

Jean

I would like to thank you for supporting me more than once in prayer for my husband and our family. God has been merciful to us. My husband finally got a job after being unemployed for years, and now I wake up in the morning and go to bed at night with gratitude instead of fear. I know for sure that this is God's mercy shown through His children. Thank you!

Inna

I am grateful to you, Rick, and to your team for your hearts! I wrote to you about the pain I felt for my son and the many years of fighting with his drug addiction, and

the immediate answer I received from your team was like music to my ears! The Holy Spirit spoke right to my heart through those lines. He repeated what He had said before, but this time it was deeper. Now I have seen great changes in my son's life. Even though he is still mad at me, I don't cry! He lives far from me and doesn't talk to me, but the Lord gives me peace. My son goes to church, and I believe that the Lord will return his heart to me. I keep on loving, praying, and believing! I always keep you all in my prayers and bless you in everything you do. I'm deeply grateful, and I have forwarded the response you sent me to all the people who are also fighting for their children.

Natalia

I am very grateful to God for you, your family, and your team of ministers. Jesus' heart beats in you. Hallelujah! God performed a miracle in my life! I had a huge loan, but the bank recalculated my loan, and as a result, the amount of my debt was reduced ten times. All glory to our Lord!

Lubov

I am grateful to God for your ministry. There was a difficult period in my life when I was in deep depression and despair. I just wanted to "fold my wings" and give

up. I was disappointed in everything. It seemed that my life would never change, so it made no sense to resist the pressure. Besides, I did not have the strength to resist.

I called your ministry, and I thank God that you prayed for me. I felt your prayer, and when I received your letter, a miracle happened. The Lord strengthened me. I "spread my wings" and decided not to surrender and not to give the enemy my territory. I will fight and believe that with God on my side I will overcome everything!

Vasily

About a month ago, I called your ministry and shared my problems concerning my son. He had an alcohol addiction and lost his job again. For this reason, we had serious financial problems.

Your employee listened to me carefully and encouraged and inspired me with hope, promising to pray for my son and our financial well-being.

A week later my daughter came to visit us and said she got a raise. She gave us 7,000 rubles. Another week later she also paid our bills. And soon after that, my son found a job. It was a miracle! Thank you very much for your prayers!

Nina



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