HISTORY OF OM EAST/GE EURASIA SUPPORT TEAM (OM EAST), PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS GREATER EUROPE (GE)

BRINGING HOPE TO THE LEAST REACHED



1968

VISION LAUNCHED

1968 vision launched to smuggle Bibles and Christian literature into Communist Europe and the Soviet Union. Dale Rhoton starts Greater Europe (GE).

OM co-founder, Dale Rhoton, meets **Pastor Richard Wurmbrand** in Communist Romania, shortly after the pastor's release from prison in 1964. Wurmbrand's testimony and believers' desire to receive Scripture even at great cost, spurs Rhoton to mobilise a team to take resources behind the Iron Curtain.

1968 – 1989 Bible smuggling



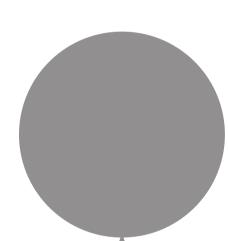
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CREATIVE WAYS TO SMUGGLE BIBLES

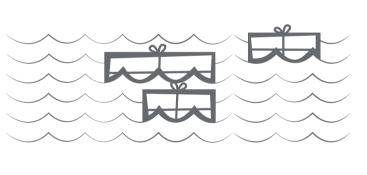
With God's help there is no risk too great, no idea too crazy...



Concealing Bibles and Christian publications in altered vehicles containing secret compartments.



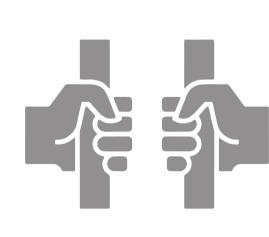
Sending gospels by air via weather balloons, released from OM's ship, Logos, aiming for the shores of Communist Albania.



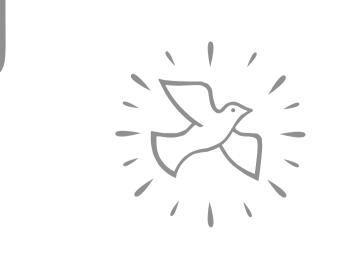
Sealing gospels in bags and floating them downriver from Greece and Yugoslavia into Albania.



1983-1989 Delivering hundreds of thousands of publications by stowing them inside prefabricated wooden huts transported from Finland to Greece, dropping off the hidden load in Communist Romania.



For some OM team members, being caught carrying books considered as "dangerous goods" results in confiscated vehicles, deportation, blacklisting or temporary imprisonment.



OM workers witness miracle after miracle as they succeed in transporting Christian literature into Communist Europe and the Soviet Union.



Early 1980s GE begins in-house publishing to strengthen local believers and help them share their faith.

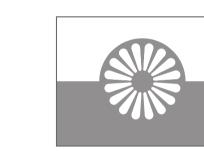
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CREATIVE WAYS TO PRESENT GOD'S TRUTH

Making the most of **new freedom and new opportunities**, OM outreach teams intensify distribution efforts. GE expands and develops publishing ministry, working with local partners.

> 2007 GE becomes OM EurAsia Support Team (OM EAST), producing resources in the heart languages of people groups throughout Eurasia.

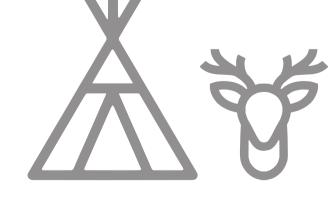
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The hope of Christ is brought into segregated Roma villages in Eastern Europe and the Balkans. First Scripture portions are made available in



Publishing leaflets and booklets written and designed specifically for those trapped in prostitution in Central Europe.



Bible storybooks reach indigenous groups in Siberia, such as the Nenets living on the Yamal Peninsula, Siberia – "Yamal" means "The end of the earth".



begins in 2005, equipping the

church to respond to physical

addressed to the parents.

needs in Muslim villages, often

enclosing evangelistic literature

Developing digital media, including downloadable eBooks, to distribute more widely.



Producing comics in Arabic and Farsi, which communicate the gospel message among refugees arriving in Europe.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

"As literature and media has gone out over the past 50 years, a lot of seeds have been sown. This milestone represents the Lord's faithfulness, which continues into the next 50 years - one day we will see a great multitude standing before the throne of God!" - Edwin, OM EAST Field Leader

OM EAST continues to experience that with God's help, there is no place too hard, no people too far and no language too difficult; we believe the gospel has the **power** to **change everyone and everything**. As individuals meet Jesus at their point of need, lives are changed and communities transformed.

1985 – 2018 Literature and Media



publication completed

every 8 working days









downloadable eBooks for specific people groups

"...so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will

accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

Isaiah 55: 11 (NIV)

