Andriy Murzin, from Kiev, Ukraine, estimates he has distributed or presented Third Millennium materials to at least two or three thousand people. That’s quite an accomplishment for someone who was born into a typical Soviet atheist family and in his words, “was raised and educated as a full-scale materialist.”

Needless to say, God changed Andriy Murzin’s priorities. When Andriy was in his early twenties, he heard the gospel through the ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ and eventually was baptized in a local evangelical church in 1991. After becoming a Christian, he worked closely with several missionaries to understand the gospel more clearly. He was invited to study at Ukrainian Biblical Seminary and graduated in 2000. He went on for further study in the United States at Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, graduating in 2003 with a Th.M. degree in intercultural studies.

Andriy then returned to Kiev. He is an exception since more than 92% of international students trained in U.S. seminaries don't return home. But Andriy felt a strong call to bring the gospel to the people of his homeland. He is currently a teaching elder at the Evangelical Church in Kiev, a church he has served faithfully for the past 15 years. On occasion he is called to teach modular courses at schools such as Kiev Theological Seminary, Donetsk Christian University, and Odessa Christian Humanitarian-Economic University.

In 2008, he was invited to teach an Old Testament survey class for a small group of Christians in the town of Velyka Michailovka, Odessa region. The class was scheduled for only two Saturdays, and Andriy wondered how he could possibly present the information adequately. His solution was to introduce the subject on the first Saturday, then leave the group with Third Mill materials to study until his next visit. He returned two months later and found that they had watched the Third Mill DVDs with enthusiasm, filled in the study guides, and discussed the review questions. “They had lots of meaningful questions, which showed me they really grasped the ideas! … It was a great blessing!”

He also uses Third Millennium videos to lead two weekly evening Bible studies, which he describes as “very theological.” According to Andriy, Third Millennium materials have helped Russian speaking Christians develop a theology that goes deeper than the popular focus on an egocentric conversion experience. Third Millennium materials have also helped Andriy personally:

“Third Millennium has shaped my own theology. Whenever I teach and preach, IIM influence is there. Third Millennium is a very good ministry. It meets one of the greatest needs of the church worldwide: to provide Christians, especially ministers, with sound Biblical teaching. I can testify that IIM has greatly improved my own understanding of God and His Word. And I know hundreds of people who benefited from it.”

Andriy Murzin continues to distribute Third Millennium materials in Ukraine and in other Russian-speaking countries. He does so as a volunteer.
At Third Millennium, we know that by ourselves we cannot reach every pastor who needs our curriculum, and we seek to enhance our distribution through partnerships with churches, missionaries and other organizations.

Recently, we attended Atlantic Canada’s Jesus to the Nations conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Jesus to the Nations hosts missionaries and other evangelicals from Canada and around the world who desire to hear more about, and participate in, what God is doing globally. While at the conference, we met with several global ministry leaders, including Dr. Jack Wytock, Director of Haddington House Trust. Haddington House Trust has a long history of equipping the world church by partnering with local seminaries around the world.

Dr. Whytock currently is affiliated with more than 13 seminaries around the continent of Africa, and he quickly realized the value of our curriculum. According to Dr. Wytock, he “emailed one college in Africa immediately … suggesting that they strongly look into Third Millennium to enhance their current curriculum holdings.” We thank God for Christians such as Dr. Whytock who realize it is only through partnerships that the spread of the gospel can be realized.

If you or your organization would be interested in partnering with Third Millennium, please email Len Hardison at Lhardison@thirdmill.org. Together we can provide Biblical Education. For the World. For Free.

If you’ve been to our website recently, you may have seen the Sneak Peek pre-release version of our latest series The Gospels. This series focuses on the first four books of the New Testament — Matthew, Mark, Luke and John — commonly known as the Gospels. These books explain the life and teachings of Jesus, and are the basis for most of the distinctive doctrines of Christianity. The series will be released soon with interviews from several respected professors from around the world. In addition, two more English language series are in production, and six other scripts are currently being written.

Not only has our English department been busy, but our other languages have also made great progress. In early 2011, our Arabic team released Father Abraham and just this month also completed The Book of Acts. Our Chinese team is now distributing The Apostles’ Creed, and our Spanish team released the final lessons of Making Biblical Decisions just a few months ago.

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EXTENDING OUR REACH

Third Millennium recently joined with Redeemer City to City in Manhattan to help train pastors and church leaders around the world. Tim Keller and others at Redeemer Presbyterian Church began City to City in 2009 to build gospel movements for the renewal of cities. City to City believes that transformation of cities is critical to the spread of the gospel and seeks to do this by planting new churches and extending resources to equip leaders. Third Millennium assists in this new partnership by providing free seminary curriculum to church planters and other church leaders throughout the world who are working to bring the power of the gospel into every aspect of life. Through City to City, our materials are now available to even more pastors in Asia, Africa, Europe, North America and South America. We are thankful to be a part of this dynamic ministry.

Moving Forward

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