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## CAUCASUS MOUNTAINS, RUSSIA Valley Short-Term Mission Trip July 20-29, 2012

**Projects:** 1. Teach conversational English as a second language  
2. Teach leadership workshops to church leaders

**Trip leaders:**

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**Hosts:** Andrey Kravtsev, Valley-supported missionary with Russian Leadership Ministries

**Ideal # needed:** 6    **Participants:** Adults

**Skills desired:** Teaching skills (English curriculum will be provided) and Russian language

**Trip Expense:** \$2,000

Includes air fare, lodging, food, ground transport, insurance and visa. Guidance in raising financial support is available from Valley World Outreach office.

**Lodging:** Host homes    **Food:** Safe, local food & bottled water

**Why this trip?** In March 2012 many from Valley had the opportunity to hear the testimony and ministry vision of Andrey Kravtsev from Russian Leadership Ministries. Andrey leads the North Caucasus Bible Institute.

Operation World says the North Caucasus peoples remain some of the least reached on earth, living in Europe's least evangelized region. Most of the 50 or so ethnic groups have little in the way of Scripture in their language or churches among their peoples.

Andrey's vision is to train pastors and church leaders to reach out to this region. Besides strengthening evangelical church leadership, Andrey wants to challenge those from the Baptist tradition to reach out to Muslims. Valley is not only supporting Andrey with its world outreach budget it has also provided funds specifically to help Andrey develop a vision in the churches to reach out to Muslims.

The church leaders appreciate leadership training which will primarily be provided by John Guidry. There is also a strong interest in learning English, especially among young people. Conversational English classes will help the Russian Christians in the area and be a source of outreach as well.

**Comment on this trip from John Guidry:** *Short-term missions have played a key role in motivating me to become involved in church leadership at Valley. I was very impressed with Andrey Kravtsev when I met him at World Outreach Week 2011. I'd like to serve in a short-term capacity once again and be a resource to the advancement of the Gospel in the challenging region where Andrey works.*

**Trip member orientation:** Four to eight hours of training will be scheduled by trip leaders

**Immunizations required:** tetanus/diphtheria

**Application required:** Available at World Outreach desk or online at [valleycommunity.cc](http://valleycommunity.cc)

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