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**CHURCHES IN BELARUS KEEP GROWING IN SPITE OF GOVERNMENT POLICIES**

Slavik Radchuk, Christian Aid Mission's field director for the former Soviet Union, says that indigenous ministries in Belarus are seeing "many more people come to the Lord than they have in a long time."

This encouraging news comes even as reports continue to emerge from the country that government leadership is becoming ever more dictatorial in nature since the country passed the most repressive religion law in Europe.

Government policies include severe restrictions on evangelical churches. All religious groups are required to register with the government, yet the registration process is so difficult that only Russian Orthodox, Roman Catholic and Jewish groups are eligible.

Non-registered evangelical churches are not allowed to construct church buildings unless they have at least 100 adult members who have signed official forms. Many churches struggle with facilitating growth since open-air evangelistic meetings are illegal, as are house-church meetings with more than five people in attendance. Government policies also prohibit it or make it difficult to rent space to evangelical church groups.

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**Re: Churches in Belarus grows in spite. . . , on: 2004/11/19 15:13**

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