



Uniting our efforts for the cause of the gospel.

**Greater Europe Mission--
eDOT
MAF--Learning Technologies
ABWE--Horizon
International Schools**

Connecting in Prayer

- Ask God to work through the team conducting a computer outreach in Kiev, Ukraine, April 6-12.
- Pray for Sue, an DOT staff member who will be visiting many of our eLearning Centers in April to see how we can encourage and help them be more effective.
- Praise God for giving us unity and vision in our Strategic Planning and Learning Alliance meetings in February.

See how God is using the Internet to open doors for the gospel. Find out how!

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**"But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way . . . Christ is preached. And because of this I rejoice."
Philippians 1:18 (NIV)**

Sharing Technology to Spread the Good News

For months, Ken worked on the development of a software program that could be used to translate the English version of eDOT's online Bible course into Russian. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this new technology tool could be used by other mission agencies in their online translation projects? Does it make sense for other organizations to develop similar tools - when Ken has already developed one?

Since its inception, eDOT, together with Moody Bible Institute, has taken the attitude of having kingdom rights instead of copyrights in all of our endeavors. We have joined forces with several other organizations including **Mission Aviation Fellowship's Learning Technologies (MAF-LT - www.MAFLT.org)** and the **Association of Baptists for World Evangelism's Horizon International Schools (ABWE's HIS - www.HIS.msites.com)** to expand our resources and efforts. Called the Learning Alliance, this group of partners met in Germany in February 2008 to review courses, discuss future initiatives, and appraise a variety of technologies that might be useful in their individual efforts in distance learning. Each organization brings a unique strength to the Learning Alliance which, when combined, enables the Alliance to empower a number of ministries that are passionate about advancing God's kingdom through technology-based education so lives will be transformed.

Greater Europe Mission's eDOT team has designed and globalized* a number of distance-learning Bible, theology, and ministry skills courses and assisted in the translation of courses into languages such as Russian, Italian, and French. **ABWE's HIS** has initiated the use of Moodle (<http://moodle.horizonintl.org>), a program which makes it practical to offer courses anywhere in the world where there is computer service and also enables courses to be delivered in the same format online and on CD. HIS has also conducted extensive research on what courses would best meet the needs of national pastors. **MAF-LT** has forged a trail in the area of technology in missions and course design. MAF-LT is currently developing a Moodle-type program that can run courses in areas where there is no Internet service.

Working together brings strength to our ministry. And now the Alliance is considering adding other partners to the group to enable us to accomplish even more for God's kingdom. Regularly scheduled annual meetings allow the group to share resources and



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and expertise. This type of sharing keeps us from duplicating efforts and also provides an example to other groups of the unity we have in Christ as we work together to further His kingdom. We join with Paul (Philippians 1:18) in desiring that Christ be preached - in every way.

**To globalize a course, an instructional designer makes it useful internationally, removing "Americanisms" and finding illustrations that are acceptable cross-culturally (For a previous story on this topic, go to <http://www.gemedot.com/culturallyrelevant.asp>).*