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Student Bible studies



Chisinau, Moldova

The Christian student movement in Russia has a long history. From the early 20th century when it began in the Tsarist Russia by Professor Vladimir Marcinkowski and Baron Nicolai, this powerful movement reached many students with the Gospel. It is gratifying to see that this ministry continues today. Christian students invite their classmates to church for a Bible study, where they can hear about Christ, ask interesting questions, and talk with Christian students over a meal. This method of evangelism is aimed at a young audience and has shown to be very fruitful. Young men and women are turning to Christ.



Tiraspol, Transnistria



The construction of the church building continues in St. Petersburg, Russia. When finished, this church building will play a significant role in the life of churches of Russia's North West region. Much work has already been done. Teams of Christians from all over Russia have been laboring in earnest on this project. However, a considerable amount of work remains. And the remaining part requires help. This city is not only home to the Russian Revolution, but also the starting place of the Protestant movement in Russia, so completing this church building has a special significance.

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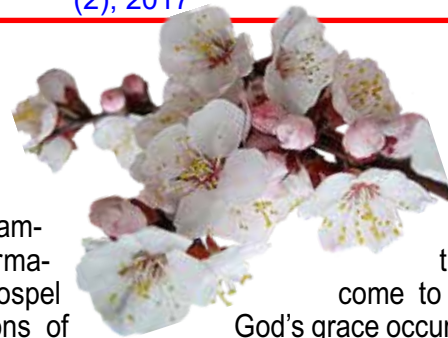
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Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!



Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord!

May I greet you with the words of our Risen Lord: "Peace be unto you!" On behalf of Russian Evangelistic Ministries, I would like to wish you a Happy Easter, the celebration of the life

How many examples of the transformative power of the Gospel come to mind! These manifestations of God's grace occurred at the time of the Apostles, and they continue today. Today the Gospel transforms entire nations who accept it! During 2016, dozens of Nenets joined the church through believers baptism. They abandoned their idols, became cleansed from their sins and vices, and decided to follow Christ. Is this not a modern example of the miracle of God's grace! And every one of us, as a follower of Christ, is a witness of the mighty power of God's grace that has transformed us!

And today the preaching of the Gospel contains the power capable of transforming sinners. It is this power of God's grace that is the essential and irreplaceable in the life of the Church! The Church's great mission is not to hide this power within, but to communicate it to the perishing sinners.

In this newsletter, we will share a number of ways in which God's people in the former Soviet Union share the Gospel. The missionaries, whose hearts are filled with the passion and love for the lost, find various ways to reach the lost. Let us remember them, and our shared undertaking in the Lord, in our prayers!

In Christ, Rev. Vladimir A. Okhotin.

San Diego, CA.



An evangelistic service at a Community Center. Western Ukraine

CENTRAL ASIA



Tajikistan

The Central Asian countries are situated in the part of the world that traditionally practiced Islam. However, during the Soviet period, many Christians from other parts of the country moved here to live. Today, these Christians try to fulfill their commission by sharing the Gospel with their local neighbors. Various evangelistic activities are carried out throughout the year by believers from the Persecuted Church. Despite a generally hostile environment, believers reach out to those in their communities with the Gospel. Please remember them in your prayers.



Badakhshan mountains



Sharing about Christ



On this picture, you see a remote northern village in Russia that is reached by the missionaries. The children who ran to look at the visitors do not have the opportunity to travel south or spend time on the beach. They spend their summer break here in the North. Their parents, too, never seem to travel anywhere. These children are accustomed to swarms of mosquitoes. They are cut off from the civilization, but thankfully not forgotten by God, Who sent them the saving news about Christ!

Door-to-door with the Good News.



When the missionaries reach remote Siberian villages, they bring spiritual bread for the hungry. People here live in harsh weather conditions and in dilapidated wooden huts. In addition to the Gospel, residents gladly take a Christian newspaper titled "Do you believe?" This woman is one of the local residents who gratefully accepted spiritual literature.

Eastern Siberia, Russia.

Children of Christian families gladly take part in the ministry of door-to-door evangelism. They become participants in the Lord's work from childhood. Strangers, who may otherwise be apprehensive, are deeply moved when they see the children offering them Christian literature.

Central Ukraine.



Evangelism in private homes.



From the days of the apostles, this method of evangelism was already in use. The believers gathered in the temple and at their homes. Various occasions are used to conduct evangelism at home: Christians invite their unbelieving relatives, friends, and neighbors to their houses to celebrate a birthday or a similar occasion. As a rule, it is easier to have cordial conversations about salvation at home than in a public setting.

Romania.

Everyone takes part in sharing the Gospel. This includes the missionaries whose lives are devoted to this cause; it is also the elderly in the church who visit hospitals and nursing homes, distribute Christian literature at public places; it is also the Christian youth who testify about Christ to their peers in their places of learning and invite them to church; it is also the children who joyfully help pass out Christian literature.

It is very important and biblically correct when the sharing of the Gospel is not limited to a few individuals in the church, but rather involves the whole church! The great commission is to be carried out by the whole church!



Evangelism in hospitals

When people experience physical suffering, they generally become more sensitive to the Gospel. This is one of the reasons we have seen more fruit from our ministry at hospitals. A seriously ill girl was taken out on the bed to the hallway, so she could hear about Christ.

Children's Tuberculosis Section. Chisinau, Moldova



Sharing the Gospel on commuter trains



A large number of people use commuter trains to travel to Moscow every day for work. Believers from the Moscow church use this opportunity to tell these people about Christ. Believers stop in every train car, sing a Christian song, preach a brief sermon, and pass out Christian literature.

Moscow, Russia.



Kharkov, Ukraine

