

“This I do for the Gospel’s sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.”
(1 Corinthians 9:23)

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Evangelism

The voice of Christ’s witnesses never stops. The work of evangelism continues everywhere. Evangelists, often risking their health, go to people with the Gospel. They are convinced that for the Word of God there are no bonds, no obstacles, no quarantines and no restrictions.



Odessa region, Ukraine



Evangelism along the Yenisei River



Astrakhan, Russia

Prayer Needs:



A great tragedy befell a large Fedyanin family from the church of Kungur, Russia: the father of the family, Pavel Fedyanin, a God-fearing believer and church preacher, fell ill with a coronavirus infection and, after treatment in intensive care, went to be with the Lord on 08/22/2020. The funeral took place on 08/25.

A large family (a widow with 11 children - 9 girls and 2 boys) was left without a father and breadwinner. The eldest daughter is 22 years old, the youngest is 1.5 years old.

Dear friends, the Fedyanin family needs our prayer and financial support.

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

*“For he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.”
Mtt. 5:45*



**Dear friends!
Dear brothers and sisters in Christ!**

In this season of Thanksgiving, it is gratifying to think again and again about the great goodness of

the Lord. Every morning it refreshes itself in the rays of the rising sun, in transparent dew drops, in refreshing streams of rain. All vegetation begins to grow, bloom and bear fruit. And all this great bounty of God is available to everyone, without exception: both to the evil and good, to the unrighteous and the righteous.

What does this picture of abundant goodness teach us? It teaches us to have a good attitude towards everyone! This is what makes the child of God different. “For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so?” (Matthew 5:46-47).

The further we enter together with all of humanity into the last days, the more often we will encounter human aggression, rejection of goodness, inadequate reaction, and outright anger... This is where we need to remember this important Biblical

lesson: your attitude towards another person should not depend on their evil nature; it should not depend on their reaction to you. Your attitude towards another person should reflect your renewed nature as a child of God.

The more confusion we encounter around us, as we try to minister to our neighbors, the better we should understand this truth. Our perseverance and diligence in the ministry is not the result of encouragement or appreciation by others. Rather, it is a manifestation of our born-again nature, it is because we can do no other, no matter what! It is this invariably benevolent attitude towards a person, in word and deed that can draw the attention of the most evil person to Christ.

Do not be troubled, dear friends! Neither by the indifference of the people around you, nor by their inability to appreciate your ministry. Look at the generous, gracious Lord, Who, in spite of everything, this year also blessed everyone with the fruits of the earth and His great longsuffering.

Happy Thanksgiving!
With love in Christ,
Rev. Vladimir A. Okhotin
REM’s Founder and President



310 newly converted Gypsies were baptized. Transcarpathia, Ukraine. 2020

Baptisms



Nikolaev, Ukraine



Tiraspol, Moldova



Kursk, Russia



Mogilev, Belarus

"And are not afraid with any terror."

1 Pet. 3:6



It is a great blessing that God's people did not succumb to the public sentiment of fear. Entering into this challenging season, churches continued to live a full spiritual life. In the fall, many congregations baptized new converts.

In August, an annual conference was held in the Ural tundra which gathers nomadic members of the Nenets church. A baptism took place, and a local believer was ordained for ministry. Many edifying sermons were preached to build up believers in the Arctic church.

The most numerous baptism this year in the formerly persecuted church took place in Western Ukraine: 310 Gypsy believers entered into a covenant with the Lord through the water baptism.

A children's camp was held outdoors in a picturesque place in Western Ukraine. Deshkovitsa, Ukraine.

Church Life

Due to the pandemic and related restrictions on public gatherings, a number of large-scale events for children, youth, and missionary outreach that are traditionally planned for the summer were cancelled in Russia and neighboring countries. A number of those events, such as gatherings, conferences, and camps were scaled down and held in family settings.



Family Fellowship. Borovichi, Russia



Youth camp. Brest, Belarus

