

Greetings from Moscow

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Dear brethren and sisters in Christ,

FAMILY - My family is OK. At last Dasha has finished the fifth grade and now she is in the sixth grade. She is very glad to have summer vacation. Dasha continues studying the Bible and now she studies John with me.

Natasha and I decided to finish the repairing of our flat (at least we'd like to hope to finish it with the help of the brethren). When different people come to our flat (for Sunday's meetings and on week days for Bible classes) they meet different problems such as a lot of dust (there are no wall-papers on the walls, the floor and the ceiling are made of concrete, and they produce a lot of dust because we have no parquet), people dirty their cloths, some of them coughs, we have no doors and they are not at ease to use the restroom etc. etc. etc. and the result of it is that some of them stopped visiting Bible classes. That is why I ask you to help finish repairing the flat because I don't want to lose any person who visits the church.

ANATOLY (the scientist)-Anatoly recovered and now he stays at home. The doctor says that he should stay at home about a month or two. I go to him regularly and teach him. Hope soon he will start visiting the church.

MICHAEL (Misha) - Michael is a diligent Bible student. He continues to show his interest to the Bible but at the same time he is very expressive person and we often start with one topic and end with another one. Earlier he visited the Orthodox Church and the influence of it remains. I try to explain to him his mistakes step by step. The main thing I think is that he has a desire to learn more about God's word. Please, pray for his desire to understand the Bible and in the nearest future to follow the Lord.

NATALIA AND VERONICA - Natalia and Veronica continue coming to the church with great pleasure. And in addition to it I continue to study privately with them. Every week I come to Veronica's place where Natalia, Veronica, and I study the Bible together. On the one hand I am very glad that their desire to study the Bible is strong but on the other hand they are not in a hurry to become sisters in Christ in spite of the fact that we study the Bible about 2 years. The tradition that they belong to the Orthodox Church prevail on them though they don't visit the Orthodox Church. Please, pray for them to obey the Gospel.

These two months I preached a very big topic "Family." We Christians are the biggest family in the world and that is why everybody should understand his (her) relationship and responsibility to each other. All people have families and we are children of God and every child must be in God's family and God's family is the church. Those are the main ideas which I tried to teach people.

I regularly organize meetings in the evenings at cafs. We meet and discuss not only religious topics but also everyday life ones. I think these meetings draw us together and the people in the church feel themselves like members of the big family.

In Christ