

# ALEX FROM MOSCOW

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Greetings to all in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Here is my report, which covers October and November.

## MY FAMILY

I am happy to tell you that everything is O.K. with my family. My daughter Dasha resumes going to school. Now she is in the 3rd grade. She wants to play the piano and we plan to hire a musical teacher for her. Natasha is O.K. too. She started teaching English to children privately at home. I continue reading and translating the children Bible with my daughter. During my Bible lessons on Saturdays and my preaching on Sundays Dasha sometimes doesn't understand the idea and I usually prepare special lessons for her (it's children's level). I plan Natasha will use my lessons for children in the church in the nearest future. And one more thing Mac and Shannon gave me religious materials on CDs and Dasha and I continue work with them too. And I hope to prepare a series of lessons for children, including the children Bible.

## WEATHER

The weather is warm in Moscow and Russian scientists say that the climate in Russia will be warmer and warmer every season.

## CLASSES

Basically I decided to use outlines and teach series on New Testament Church by Roy E. Cogdill in my bible classes. The lessons in this series are practical and usable and have been arranged that it is necessary to go to the Bible to search out the truths. It's important that the Bible should be the text to study and the book of outlines is a good guide book of the Bible.

## LESSONS AND PREACHING

In October I taught the following lessons The Called out Body and The Household of God, and preached topics which were based upon parables the Wicked Vinedressers, The seed which grows by itself.

In November I taught the lessons The Kingdom of God, The Body of Christ, The Temple of God, and The Vineyard of the Lord, and my sermons were based upon parables again The Lost sheep, The Lost coin, The Prodigal Son and the Wise and Foolish Virgins.

## VISITORS ABOARD

In October Bob Buchanon and Gert-Jan van Zanten came to Moscow. On the 18th of October Bob came from America and on the 19th of October Gert-Jan came from Holland. Usually I give advertising, people call me and I arrange a time for meeting and conversation about English Speaking Club and about the Bible. In October I met several people and among them were Amit and Kostya who came to the church, and their first visit coincided with Bob's and Gert-Jan's arrival. Bob invited people to the hotel on Saturday and Sunday.

## NEW COMERS

On Saturday the 21st Amit visited the church (he came from India to study at the University in Moscow. He is about 25, he married a Russian girl and now lives with her in Moscow). Kostya visited the church also for the first time (he is about 29, he came to Moscow from Kemerovo to look for a job here).

On Sunday the 22nd Amit brought his wife Lena and his mother-in-law Tanya. The new comers were very attentive and showed their true interest towards the topic which was called Jesus is a doctor.

Next Sunday the 29th Amit again came with Lena and Tanya, and Tanya in her turn brought her sister Irina (she is over 50), who came with her daughter Galya (she is about 20). After Sunday meeting we had a heated discussion concerning Lord's Supper between Galya and Tanya, on the one hand, and Bob and me, on the other hand.

During Bob's staying here Amit with his wife Lena often visited Bob and Bob taught them in the evenings. Once Amit invited Bob to the Baptist church and Bob debated there. In a word Bob worked hard here. Kostya also visited Bob in the evenings. Bob wanted them to come in different times because they had different levels of understanding the Bible and had different questions and I set them a time to come to Bob and helped them understand the Word of God. I know from my experience that it is necessary to have great patience while explaining people. I translated Bob's and Gert-Jan's lessons and gave them some pieces of advice how to adapt material better for Russian people.

From the 23rd till the 26th of October Bob and Gert-Jan were in Nizhni Novgorod. On the 27th of October Gert-Jan departed Russia.

Bob gave me a PowerPoint material of his lessons and I use them in my classes. Now I have a lot of PowerPoint materials in my computer from the brethren for about a year or so to work. On the 2nd of November Bob departed Russia.

After brethren's departure I meet with Amit, his wife Lena and Kostya and we study the Bible together. Please pray for them that they will come to a sound knowledge and understanding of God's truth and be baptized and become good Christians.

Kostya is very close to be baptized. Bob and I talked to him a lot about baptism. To my mind He understands and agrees with what Bob and I talked with him but nevertheless he delays to be baptized. I think he needs time. In spite of the fact that I tried to help Kostya find him a job here in Moscow (I offered him to work as a guard because I have an experience in it) he has changed his mind and is going to India to work there as a translator.

The number of people who are interested in the Bible is growing. And I hope and pray that sooner or later they will become Christians.

In His Name, Natasha, Dasha and Alex.