

# MOSCOW REPORT

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Dear brethren and sisters in Christ!

I pray that the Lord will continue to bless you and keep you in this new year. Without your prayers I wouldn't even have a chance! Our God in heaven is a truly great God!

## WEATHER.

Usually we have a lot of snow in the streets. But this year there is almost no snow. The weather is changeable in Moscow. Sometimes it gets warm and sometimes it gets cold. It looks as if I travel from one country to another. But in reality I live in Moscow and don't go abroad at all. The whole December children had no opportunity to enjoy skating or skiing.

## MY FAMILY.

My family is fine. Dasha continues playing the piano. But at the same time I worry about my daughter's health. She suffers from asthma and in the middle of the night she began choking with coughing. The doctor proscribed her two inhalers to ease breathing during choking fit. And it helps her a lot. In addition to asthma Dasha has scoliosis and the doctor advised her to go in for dancing to strengthen her back. And now she attends dancing classes. At her age of 10 Dasha grew so tall that she already wears clothes and shoes the size of her mother and sometimes she wears mother's clothes and shoes. We regularly read and study the Bible together. Dasha continues to want to know more about the Bible. And she is steady in her desire to learn more about God's word.

## THE CHURCH.

The church meets regularly. But sometimes people miss classes because they need to work even on Sundays. Most people who attend the church have low income and they need to have additional jobs to survive especially after the rise in prices which happened in September (I mentioned it in my previous letter). But nevertheless people continue attending the church.

## ATTENDANCE.

The 2007th has passed and I'd like to summarize my work in the past year. The average attendance here is about 12 people. Everything depends upon the season of the year and upon different holidays.

## DAY & TIME OF CLASSES.

We meet three times a week as usual on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The church meets regularly every Sunday at 11 a.m. and sometimes at 7 p.m. (if somebody asks me to meet in the evening). On Friday at 7 p.m. and on Saturday at 11 a.m. or at 5p.m. we have Bible classes.

## PEOPLE.

LEVA: A worker from Armenia continues attending the church in spite of the fact that he works as a builder here in Moscow. I am happy to report that he is still faithfully attending the church. He sometimes misses the classes because of his job.

NADIR: Nadir (from Uzbekistan) has changed his job again and unfortunately attends the church not regularly because now he works far from the place we meet. But in spite of this he continues studying the Bible and to my mind he is very close to be baptized.

BENJAMIN: Benjamin (a young Muscovite) regularly calls me and we discuss the Bible. To tell the truth I don't like the way we communicate but it can't be helped. As I mentioned before he has a claustrophobia and he is afraid to use the elevator (I live on the 15th floor) and that is why we mostly communicate on the phone (sometimes it lasts more than an hour).

VERONICA AND NATALIA: At last two sisters returned from their holidays and we resumed meeting and studying the Bible. We continue studying John. I remember them starting visiting the English Speaking Club when I first offered them to study the Bible. First their reaction was negative but nevertheless I managed to begin reading the Bible for a while. We read the Bible in English and translated it. I gave them home tasks and after reading it they had many questions and I answered them. Step by step they liked to read the bible regularly and now they don't imagine living without reading the Word of God. They read the Bible during vacation and they have many questions and now I explain them the difficulties from the Bible.

AMIT, LENA, AND TANYA: They mostly come to the church when somebody comes from abroad. I always pray that they come regularly.

MISHAEL: Michael (the security). As usual he attends the church when he is free from his job.

INNA: Inna is very rare here because she is a granny and she spends a lot of time with a baby while her daughter is busy with her job.

ANATOLY: Anatoly (the scientist) is abroad. But soon he comes back because his contract will be over.

TONIA AND ALEKSANDR: Tonia and Aleksandr attend the church when they are in Moscow.

VYACHESLAV: Vyacheslav (a young man from the Moscow Area) attends the church but not regularly. He is a student.

ANATOLY: Anatoly (the manager). He resumes attending the church in October and continues studying the Word of God with me.

Please, pray for all of these people to follow the Lord, to strengthen their faith. Please, pray for their desire to study the gospel in spite of different difficulties. Please, pray for weak Russian people that their hearts will be opened to God.

Finally, I humbly request your prayers concerning my family and the important work here in Moscow. Again, thank you so much for all your kindness and love and prayers.

Your servants in Jesus Christ, Natasha, Dasha and Alex.