

REPORT FROM RUSSIA

July 2008

I sincerely hope that this report finds you doing well in your labors on behalf of our Lord's Kingdom.

MY FAMILY.

We are fine. Grandmother took Dasha for 4 days because Natasha and I plastered the walls in the flat. It was very dusty and we decided to send her to our grandparents for a while.

WEATHER.

The weather in July was typical for this season. And sometimes the heat got too oppressive and we often went to the swimming pool to get refreshed.

THE CHURCH AND THE PEOPLE.

Natalia and Veronica (sisters) are diligent Bible students, they continue to want to know more about the Bible but at the same time they say that they are not ready to be baptized. Soon Natalia is going to Europe, to Belgium and then to the USA. Veronica stayed in Moscow but she attended the church not regularly because she has dacha near Moscow and during the summer time she and her husband often went to dacha for the weekends.

Michael the new comer (who started to visit the church in June) attended the church in the evenings but not regularly because of his new job. Nevertheless I taught him the bible two times a week. Even when he missed Sunday we met and I taught him the topic.

BENJAMIN

About a year I met with Benjamin and I taught him the bible. Very often he tried to pay his attention to other topics rather than religious. I had patience with him trying to persuade him that it was necessary to study the bible. But nevertheless his interest was how to make money with my help. Several times I gave him some money because he asked me to help him materially. And when he again asked me for more money (without returning the previous sum) and I refused to give it to him he refused to continue to study the bible with me. Unfortunately we lost him.

VISITORS ABROAD.

In July Greg Steel came from America on a business trip to Russia. I wrote about him in my previous letters because he had visited us several times before. On the 27th of July Greg visited the church. He is our friend and he always encourages us to be strong and faithful. He brought letters in papers to Dasha from the children of the church from America. Dasha answered them and Greg brought them to America. He promised Dasha to bring new letters from America when he comes to Russia again.

In June and July I taught "Scriptural teaching".

I am sure that prayer changes things and we appreciate all of the prayers that are offered for the church here in Moscow and for my family.

In Jesus Christ,
Natasha, Dasha and Alex.