

ALEX FROM MOSCOW

April, May, June 2007

The Lord has blessed us with other months of good health and has allowed us to work among people in Moscow. We are thankful to all who have been praying for us here in Moscow.

MY FAMILY

All Russian pupils have summer vacation at last. Dasha has finished the school year very well. She makes a success in playing the piano, she participates in concerts. Natasha and I continue studying the Bible (the Bible for children) with Dasha. We use not only the book but also CD games, which brethren Shannon and Mac brought from the USA.

School year is over, teachers (as you know my wife and I are teachers by profession) also have vacation. It means that we have no this income item for the summer time.

WEATHER

The weather in May was very hot and broke all the records. But in June the weather was typical for this season. Everything is changing all over the world because of the weather affect. But nevertheless we were happy to have summer time, one month earlier than usual.

PEOPLE

Anatoliy

Anatoliy changed his job and is preparing for a long time business-trip to Burma. He has passed through the test in his profession (engineer-builder) and in English and he intends to work abroad. On the one hand, he is glad to get a well-paid new job and new projects, but on the other hand, he confessed that he would be lack of the church and friendship with us. He assured us that at his new job far away from Moscow he would not stop studying the word of God. We decided that our weekly meetings devoted to the Bible studying and discussing difficult points in it would continue through the Internet. By the way, is there the church of Christ in Burma? If there is one then please, send me the address of it, so that Anatoliy could attend the church there.

Leva

As I have already written in my previous report Leva was going to be baptized in March but he had to go to Armenia because one of his relatives had fallen seriously ill. In May Leva returned to Moscow at last. And he began to attend our worship and bible classes and one Sunday morning he asked if I would baptize him. We were talking about baptism for two hours. I wanted to be sure that he understood the serious step which would change his life. Luckily Leva's intentions were the same. We set the time and the day of his new birthday through baptism. This remarkable event was in the sauna on the 19th of May at 11 on Saturday. Every time when I am involved to help people organize baptism or baptize people, I am always happy that somebody becomes a Christian, and at the same time I feel responsible for that person too.

NEW COMERS

Evgeniy and Aleksandra. They are old Muscovites, husband and wife. They are retired now. Their son lives in America (California) and they sometimes visit him. Evgeniy worked in State Duma (it is a legislative body in Russia). He often went to business-trips including the USA. He told me, that when he was in American hotels, he always could find the Bible in the room, but he had no opportunity to study it. And now, being a pensioner and having more free time, he wants to understand the word of God. He told me that he read the Bible several times but could not understand many things in it. Can you imagine my joy when I saw a man whose heart is ready for the perception of the Word! He and his wife Aleksandra are interested in English, as they go to his son to America. That is why we decided to study the Bible in English. And now we began studying the Bible. Evgeniy studies the Bible willingly but his wife Aleksandra is suspicious to the bible classes because she is afraid to be involved into a so called sect. As you know there is a fear among Russian people towards different religious groups (which do not belong to the Russian Orthodox Church). The Russian Orthodox Church constantly reminds everyone by MASS media that different religious groups are sects and these sects want to take away children from parents and vice versa, bereave of property etc etc. But I hope to discard her suspicions soon.

EXPLOSION

There was an explosion in one of the flats in the house where we meet. Firstly they thought it was an act of terrorism. That is why Police, fire-brigades, a rescue party, Federal Security Service, ambulance came. But afterwards after the investigation I heard that the reason of it was careless use of gas-cylinder by one of the workers, who fixed a flat. The matter is that now it is very difficult to find good workers because people from different countries (mostly from former Soviet Union republics) work as builders. They come to Moscow in search of a job to earn money but they have no qualification and experience in building. That is why our flat's repairing is not finished yet. Our previous workers didn't observe technology and I had to do many things once again. The explosion happened in our entrance but several floors lower and our flat did not suffer. We are very glad that God got off the trouble from the church. And I continue preaching and teaching the Word as usual. I thank all who help me in my work, and most of all, to our God and Father, His Son, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit for all of their help, comfort, strength, and power.

Finally, I want you to know that you all are in my prayers. The work that I am doing here is made possible not only by your support of us in the Gospel, but also by the many prayers which I know that you offer on our behalf. I thank you for all the help and warm encouragement that you are to me in the work here!

Serving the Lord Jesus Christ, Natasha, Dasha and Alex.

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