

MOSCOW REPORT FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH 2007

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Greetings friends and brethren!

I praise the Lord for His many works in life, and I thank Him for many blessings we enjoy. I am glad to report you that everything goes well here in Moscow. The church in Moscow continues to worship and conduct Bible classes.

MY FAMILY

Spring time affects my daughter Dasha very much. This is the season when any person I think is weak and lack of vitamins. Dasha has been sick for most of February and March with the flue or allergy (the symptoms are the following: coughing, sneezing, sore throat etc.). To know it exactly it is necessary to go through special tests but it costs a lot. Usually in summer time she stops being ill at all. The doctors say about another possible reason of her illness. She grows very quickly physically (the doctors call it acceleration). And that is why her body can't have time to adopt and her immunity is weak. She often misses classes and goes for different treatments to the hospital. In spite of these obstacles she is one of the best students in her class.

ENGLISH SPEAKING CLUB

I constantly give adds about the English Speaking Club and meet different people with whom we study English and the Bible. Unfortunately not everybody likes to read the Bible but nevertheless there are some people who show their interest.

Let me tell you about one of them. His name is Vadim. Vadim is a man of 24. He expressed his desire to learn English. And when we met and talked it turned out that he belonged to the Orthodox Church. I have been teaching him English lessons and Bible lessons for a month. We became friends. Usually we talk a lot of different things. He tried to tell me that there was no difference between different religions. I step by step explained to him that there were a lot of differences. I pointed out the mistakes they (people in the Orthodox Church) do during worship, their acceptance of so called "batushka" (the name of the person who works in the Orthodox Church) etc.

Sometimes we argue about that more than 2 hours for a meeting. In this matter I quoted to him the following verse Mtt. 15:9 "But in vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men". I teach people as brethren from America taught me. My teaching is based only upon the Bible and I try to quote as many verses as possible.

VERONICA AND NATALIA

On Fridays as I mentioned in my previous letters I conduct the English Speaking Club with Veronica and Natalia. But now I can say for sure that it is no longer the English Speaking Club it is Bible classes with the elements of English. At the beginning of our meetings we had about 60 minutes for just different English topics such as "my family", "my working day" etc and about 30 minutes for the Bible (we started with Genesis). Now we read, translate and discuss both Genesis and the Gospel according to John, and we have about 60 minutes for the Bible. In spite of the fact that they are ladies in age they are young bible pupils. And every time when we meet again I with great pleasure open a new, fascinating, and eternal world, the world of God's word to them. It is so great to watch as a person being an office worker or an artist turns into inspired pupil of God's word. They usually ask me questions and are interested in the Bible truly, and I believe that God will open the Truth for them.

Leva. Last month (in March) Leva asked me to baptize him and we appointed the day and the time, but one of his relatives in Republic of Armenia fell seriously ill and Leva went to his motherland for a while. He promised to come back to Moscow and call me. I wait for him with impatience. Anatoly (the scientist) decided to change his work. And now he is in the process of looking for a bit more quiet job because in the previous work psychological situation among the staff was not favorable and visiting the church and studying the Bible is very important for him and as he says he cannot imagine himself without reading the Bible every day. And in spite of the fact that he is busy at his job and sometimes he works at weekends, he always has the time for reading and studying the Bible.

NEWS ABROAD

Recently I've received a letter from Kostya from Thailand (first he went to India but turned out to be in Thailand). Kostya visited the church regularly when he was here, but then he went to India to work. I already mentioned about him in my previous letters. He knows English very well and he believes in God but in his own way as it is in Russia. Bob and I talked to him about the faith and it seemed that he would take the word of God and become a Christian but unfortunately he left Russia for a while. I keep good terms with him, and strongly believe that when he returns to Russia he'll become a good Christian.

I am glad that God gave me the possibility to work 2 months more. And in spite of a thousand-year tradition of the Orthodox Church in Russia people are illiterate in religion. And every time I have to explain the basic of the Bible. And I think it's good. It's better to teach people starting it from the very beginning. I hope that God will help me teach people the Truth.

Brethren, I would like to close this report once again by thanking all of you for your spiritual and financial support of the work here in Moscow. I appreciate the many prayers that are offered in our behalf, as well as those on behalf of the Christians in this country and those Muscovites that have not yet obeyed the Gospel.

In Christian love,
Natasha, Dasha and Alex.

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