

RUSSIAN REPORT

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Dear brethren and sisters in Christ, I am happy to write you this letter.

MY FAMILY:

My family is OK. Dasha had spring vacation for 7 days. As most of the children she was very happy to have a rest from school. Dasha is shortsighted but she is shy to wear her glasses and we decided to buy her contact lenses. She began to see the new world without any tension and any shyness. But every time when she puts them on she spends about 30 minutes because it is not an easy job for her. Dasha celebrated her 11th birthday. To tell the truth she doesn't want to be an adult but at the same time she is as tall as her mother already.

WEATHER:

In March Russian people celebrate Women's Day on the 8th of March. We as a rule congratulate our women on this holiday and give them flowers and presents. Usually the weather is good: the sun is shining, it is warm outside. But this year winter decided to come back for a while to surprise us with a lot of snow.

PEOPLE (STUDENTS):

Vasily Vitalevich. I teach him Romans. In the book of Romans Paul gives a very good presentation of doctrine in the Bible. I think this book is very useful for a new comer to understand the Word of God in the right way. Let me remind you that in Russia most of the people have never read the Bible at all. To my mind the form of question-and-answer which Paul uses is very easy to perceive the Word of God for a beginner.

Veronica fled abroad to her daughter and grandchildren. Once a year she usually goes abroad to see her relatives. But I gave her home-task to read the Bible and to prepare questions for me when she comes back.

Natalia, her sister, has changed her plan to go to Europe and now I don't know exactly when and where she will go. As you know she is a painter and she goes to Europe to organize her exhibition abroad.

LESSONS (+AND PREACHING):

In March I taught "The Identity of the church". Most of the people here in Russia can see the difference of the churches only by external attributes, ceremonies, sacraments, etc. My main purpose is to explain to people that it is necessary to follow God's plan revealed through teachings of Christ and Apostles, examples of churches of New Testament days. I am sure that every preacher or teacher of the Bible must maintain and preserve the separate and distinct character of God's church. One of my favorite quotations is Isaiah 55:8-9 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts." I hope and pray that my preaching and teachings will be useful and people who are still seekers will choose the truth and believers will strengthen their hearts.

Please pray for the continued blessings of God on the work I do and on the church here in Moscow.

Your servants for the Lord Jesus Christ,
Natasha, Dasha and Alex.