

# REPORT FROM RUSSIA

April-May, 2006

Dear brethren, I am writing this letter on the behalf of the church in Moscow.

This report covers my activity during the period from April to May.

## WORK

These two months were very busy for me. On the one hand I was busy with the church: except Sundays I meet people on other days. I think that the closest friendship within the church is very important. We often go for a walk around Moscow, go sightseeing etc, etc. And on the other hand I was busy with the preparation to repair my new three room flat. I meet different companies etc, etc. to hire different people for repairing the flat. The future flat is without any conveniences and I need to find specialists for each work, among them electricity, bathroom fitments and different other works. I want to be sure that everything will be suitable for meeting with brethren and sisters in the nearest future. Natasha and I plan to make a sitting room specially for the church.

## MY FAMILY

Natasha and Dasha and I are doing fine here. Dasha finished the second grade almost excellently. And we are proud of her. The fact that we moved from one district to another and changed the school made her feel lonely because all her friends stayed at her former school. She experienced hard time but now she made new friends and she liked the school. We give praise and thanks to our wonderful Father who has blessed us in our new district, both spiritually and physically.

## LESSONS

During April and May I focused on the Family topic. I found my old topic which I had prepared several years ago and refined it. I started it with the Old Testament, the creation of a man and ended it with the New Testament, the responsibility of any man before God. God created the world and the family and that is why I think this topic is very important for people. The Bible says about the house of God and about its members the family of God. Once during my lessons concerning the family I quoted a verse from the book of proverbs 13:24 "He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." After reading it I saw astonishment on Dasha's face and after the lesson I explained her the meaning of this proverb. A child and any grown up to my mind must wisely use their time and their activities must be based upon the wisdom of the Bible, James 1:5 "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God." The Bible precisely explains to us how people must live. And if people don't obey the Gospel, then they are in trouble.

## PEOPLE

Little has changed since my last month's report concerning the situation of the church in Moscow. But nevertheless a new person began to visit the church, his name is Vasily Vitalevich, he is a clever man but he followed the tradition religion in the past, the Russian orthodox church and now with the help of God I try to open the truth for him. He showed his interest in the Bible but he has his own understanding of it as usual it happens with men who don't know the truth from the Bible. He thinks that God gives him personally some commandments etc, etc. He tries to see some things in the Bible which are not written, he tries to invent new religion, in Russia it is a common thing. I explained to him some conspicuous things about the word of God and he was surprised because they were new for him. And now I regularly explain to him what is written in the Bible. I quoted him some very important verses from Romans 14:7-9 "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. 8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living." And then we talked a long time discussing these verses. And I think these words made a great effect on him. And I hope and pray that he will soon perceive the truth and be baptized.

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

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