

# REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2007

November 15, 2007

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

## Family.

Some words about my family. Natasha is fine but Dasha is constantly ill. Since we moved to our new flat which is not repaired yet (no ceiling, no wallpaper, no floor – everything is in concrete and that is why there is a lot of dust in the flat) Dasha began suffering from her asthma badly. You know I wrote it in my previous letters that several years ago we lived in the east of Moscow, our flat was on the first floor, there was very cold there that is why Dasha got asthma. The doctor gave us many different recommendations, and one of them was to change the district and the first floor (because of moisture and cold in winter time). Now we changed the district but we haven't finished the repairing and the problem of her health is still remaining.

## Visitors abroad.

### Sergey.

On the 2nd of October Sergey (a preacher) came from Moldova to Moscow. He called me and we met on the 3rd. We talked about the work here in Moscow and in Moldova. Earlier Sergey lived here in Moscow and studied at the Moscow University. As I understood from our conversation he was one of the first Christians in Moscow. He was in Moscow on his business trip (officially he works as a scientist in Moldova). He wanted to share his experience as a preacher with me. I invited him to my flat and on the next day he came to me. He gave me some of his PowerPoint materials of his lessons. We discussed the work of the church here and in Moldova about 4 hours. I was very satisfied with the meeting.

### Bob.

Bob (a preacher from America) arrived in Moscow on the 16th of October. He stayed here (October 16-17-18). On the 19th, he went to Nizhny and from there he went to St. Pete. Bob returned to Moscow on the 25th. (25-26-27-28-29). He departed from Moscow on the 30th. Bob and I met people as I usually do besides Saturdays and Sundays. Unfortunately we could not meet with three students from Zambia: William, Sippopa, and Richard and Benjamin (a young man of about 26 from Moscow). But at the same time we met with Nadir again (a man of about 30 from Uzbekistan who works here), Vyacheslav (a man of 28 from the Moscow Area), and of course Bob met with his old friends: Amit and his family: his wife Lena, his mother-in-law Tanya. And as usual we talked about the Bible.

### Nadir.

Nadir continues studying the Bible and he has prepared many questions to Bob and at the same time he asked several questions about the differences between the Bible and Koran (as I mentioned in my previous letter Nadir came from Uzbekistan where he studied Koran).

### Vyacheslav.

I met him several months ago and we started to study the Bible at my flat. But for some reasons he missed several classes and I couldn't reach him by phone. But at the same time I went on calling him but his telephone number was not available and at last I reached him and we continue to study the Bible. When Bob met him he liked his eagerness to learn the Bible.

Amit, Lena, and Tanya. They are Bob's friends and Tanya studies the Bible for years, she can quote some passages by heart but at the same time when we meet and discuss some passages from the Bible she to my mind is far to understand the Bible in the right way and tries to interpret the Bible in her own way. That is why Bob's prepared a good lesson which was called "Can We Understand the Bible Alike?" The lesson was very interesting and easy to understand, and I hope and pray that Tanya, Amit, and Lena will understand the Bible alike!

Anatoly. Recently I met Anatoly (a man of 40), he works here as a manager. I baptized him several years ago when I lived in the east of Moscow. When I moved to another part of Moscow I lost him. And now we met accidentally and I invited him to the church and he was very happy to meet me (so was I) and he continued attending the church. He is a good bible student.

## Rise in prices.

There was a great rise in prices since September. I don't know the reason of it. The price for so to say necessary goods as dairy produce, bread, etc rose for 60%. The majority of Russian population has a very low income and now they are making both ends meet. And now the government froze the prices (the prices that we got already) till the Election Day. What is going to be after it???

In spite of the difficulties which we face the church here in Moscow lives and strengthens. Please, pray for the church here.

May God bless your efforts in Jesus Christ,  
Natasha, Dasha and Alex.