

THE WORK IN RUSSIA

September 2008

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.

MY FAMILY.

The first of September is the beginning of the new school year in Russia. Dasha went into the fifth grade (it is the secondary school). Unfortunately our text books are very heavy. This year she has more subjects and textbooks than the previous year (in primary school). Her school bag is very heavy and as usual we carry her bag to school in the mornings.

WEATHER.

The beginning of September was very cold and rainy. But there was a spell of fine sunny weather in late September which we call Indian summer (when the sky is clear and full of bright colors. The ground is covered with fallen leaves, and the trees are red, brown and golden.).

THE CHURCH AND THE PEOPLE.

Anatoliy (the scientist) - Anatoliy at last returned from abroad, Burma. He was on a business-trip in Burma and worked there about a year. Now he returned to Moscow and he is looking for a new job. Unfortunately he did not find the church in Burma and he missed the congregation, but at the same time he continued studying the bible abroad. When we met we talked more than 3 hours about the Bible and I think he will be a Christian this year. Please, pray for that.

Leva - Leva returned from Armenia and began to visit the church mostly in the evenings.

He told us about hard life in Armenia. The people are very poor there. The payment for the job is very low and that is why a lot of young people go abroad to earn money to support their families.

He took the bible with him to Armenia and as he told us he read it every day.

Michael (security) returned from his vacation.

In September I taught "The church and Worldliness". I think it is very important that the line of distinction must be kept clear between the Church and the world in order a Christian can determine what is permissible as Christian recreation and what is worldly, harmful and therefore wrong.

I want to close this report with sincere thanks for all those who had fellowship with in this work.

May the Lord bless and keep you,
Natasha, Dasha and Alex.