

600,000 Russians in New York City need a church that speaks their language...



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Dear Friend,

“Christ is risen!” This is the traditional Russian greeting on Easter, and the traditional response is, “He is risen indeed!” This great truth is vastly more than a historical event to be marked on the calendar and remembered once each year. Because He lives, we can also be made alive.

The importance of Christ’s resurrection and all that flows from it cannot be overstated. Among other things, it provides a sure foundation for comfort when a Christian is taken from us in death. Dan’s mother, Regina, passed from this life to Heaven on Valentine’s Day this year a bit more than a month after her 83rd birthday. To God be the glory, she was ready to go.



Our oldest son, Christopher, came from Illinois to be a pall bearer. It was good to be with him, and we are glad to say that he has been to church a few times in recent days. Please do pray for him to commit himself to the Lord!

During our trip for the funeral, we were able to visit three of our supporting churches in the area. Dan preached twice for pastors who were glad to take a break due to sickness or other needs, and we were assisted by some old and new friends with some car trouble along the way. God

is faithful and kind.

Just before we left New York, our daughter Lacey had her braces removed. The Lord had provided these for us at very little cost, for which we thank Him. Now we are trusting Him to make a way for her to continue in nursing school.

Recent days have held several memorable events for our family. Symphony celebrated her 20th birthday this year in February. Kelsie turned five in March, and yesterday, she was excited to ride her bicycle for the first time without training wheels! Also in March, Emma turned eight, and Shastya became a teenager at thirteen.

On Easter, we again had three services, two in the morning and our regular evening service. When the day was done, 112 different people had taken part!

We have three ladies who will soon be baptized: a mother and her teen daughter who trusted the Lord together in January during the course of an evangelistic Bible study, and another who married into an excellent family in our church but whose testimony was unclear. Now she gives a clear testimony of trusting in Christ!

In April, we welcomed a senior class trip to New York City and to our church! The group was a good testimony to our people, and a help in the ministry here. We are looking forward to visiting them in June.

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In addition to Christ’s resurrection, Spring means different things to different people: to some, spring cleaning; to others, spring break; and to others, it means, “PLAY BALL!” (the beginning of baseball season). This year, our son Gabriel is playing Little League Baseball for the first time. He is enjoying it, but we enjoyed most of all that, last week, he asked if he could give tracts to his coaches and teammates.

Please do pray that these and other messages of the Gospel that have been given out would bear fruit in this city. Sherry recently spoke with a young Russian woman, who just began attending our services, concerning her salvation testimony. She learned that this woman received a gospel booklet, read it, believed it and prayed to receive Christ! Please pray for her spiritual growth.

May we all be faithful to our risen Lord!

Serving our Saviour,

*Dan, Sherry, Symphony, Lacey,
Shastya, Gabriel, Emma, & Kelsie*