

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



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Dear Friend,

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On Thursday, June 24, the 12-story Champlain Towers South condominium building collapsed in Surfside/Miami. Two days later, Dan received a phone call from Chris, a younger man whom Dan had gotten to know at the post office. Chris had begun dating a young woman whose best friend lived in that building. Neither the friend, nor the friend's young child, have yet been found. Chris, himself, needs to be found. He is a practicing Hindu who helps prepare the idols to receive sacrifices on Sundays. Dan has explained the Gospel to him, but he still needs to be saved. Please pray for him among the other hurting souls!

COVID restrictions have been greatly lightened, and a few more people have returned to church. But the Iakubenko family spent their last Sunday with us (June 27) before beginning their move to San Jose, California. Last week, Dan researched good churches for them, for another family in Florida, and was asked about good churches in Philadelphia. Our people are certainly mobile! We also received a nice text from Steven.

We have never met Steven. Katya Mamatkazina (mother of blind Iolanta) asked Dan to contact him last November. She said that he was alone, depressed, and she feared for his safety. He also lived in Pennsylvania. Dan reached out to him. Steven said that he had been recently saved, but things were not going well for him. He was not in church, but Dan was able to put a good pastor in that part of Pennsylvania in touch with him. Steven is now part of that church, and thanked Dan for connecting him with his new church family. Good news refreshes the soul, and a sincere "thank you" is always nice to receive. Perhaps you could encourage someone today. Every work for Jesus will be blessed!

Speaking of Katya and Iolanta, we are happy to say that Iolanta has followed the Lord in believer's baptism! Her public testimony was short and so sweet: *A few weeks ago, I prayed and asked to receive God's free gift. I know that Jesus died for my sin. I feel really excited; I feel like I was born!*

Along with this 10-year-old Russian girl were baptized two adults, Nuriddin and Olga, both from Central Asia. Also, Ruslan (Iolanta's dad) is now meeting with Dan each week to learn English. Please continue to pray for his salvation!



We have also been on the move lately. God blessed us with several days out West. It's a longer story than will fit here, but it was a great trip. While traveling, we had a really good conversation with a professional boxer, a nice encounter with a fervent Mormon family, and were thrilled to speak with a young man from Kazakhstan who is working in the United States this summer. On one occasion, Shastya gave a gospel tract to a cashier, who then told us with tears in her eyes how a vibrant Christian widower had brought the light of Christ to her family. We spent a wonderful day (uninvited) at a church in the area and met new friends who had also graduated from the Bible college that we had attended. We were blessed, and pray that God used us as well.

The Brighton Jubilee is again scheduled for the end of August, and we have our place reserved. Sherry spoke at a recent baby shower, and our daughter Lacey will be going to Uganda in October on a medical missions trip with Maranatha Baptist University, where she is a senior nursing student.

Whether at home or abroad, let us be faithful!

Serving our Saviour,

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