

December 2022

ear friend,

hank you for taking the time to read our letters and pray for the people we mention in them! As the year closes, we'd like to share some recent blessings, as well as some upcoming events.

ur annual church Thanksgiving dinner was well attended with a little over 70 people, including 3 first-time visitors. Two of these were a couple to whom we had handed an invitation on the street. It was exciting that they came! They expressed interest in coming to a service, and we are praying that we will see them soon.

n November, we were also blessed to have three people follow the Lord in baptism. Please pray for the continued spiritual growth of Vladimir, Svetlana and

Lydmila. We've also had visitors Anna and Leila in our Sunday services recently who need to know the Lord.

ou may recall that our children often take treats and tracts to



the local police station for holidays. Our daughter, Shastya, baked for the anniversary of 9/11 and Thanksgiving and will again do so for Christmas. Please pray that the love shown to these officers will soften their hearts for the Gospel to be received.

an continues his weekly Bible study in Queens, and Sherry just wrapped up another series of in-person ESL lessons with a small group on Sunday afternoons. We will have a service on Christmas morning, followed by refreshments and caroling in the Russian-speaking community of Brighton Beach. We will stand on a street corner as we sing while the church children give out candy, tracts, and scripture calendars in Russian, Ukrainian, and Georgian to passersby.

s we end this letter, we'd like to share the summary of a conversation Sherry had with one of our dear ladies at church. Nadia told how she recently had a video call with Olya, who moved back home to Uzbekistan in October. At the time, Olya was very homesick for our church here in America and was having difficulty connecting with a group of believers in her home country. Nadia suggested to her that they begin memorizing some passages of the Bible together for encouragement. It was such a blessing to hear of one Christian edifying another in this way! It is an answer to prayer that Olya has since begun attending a good church, although it is over an hour away from her home.

/ e have recently been blessed to add two new churches to our team of supporters. God has been so good to us in providing for our financial needs and giving us additional friends who will partner in prayer with us for Russian speakers in NYC. We thank you all for your service to the Lord and partnership with us in prayer and/or giving.

ay you all have a Merry Christmas and a Spirit-filled 2023!