



Apple of His Eye Russia

**But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;
But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.
(1Cor.1:23,24)**



Shalom from Moscow!

I'm so grateful to everyone for praying about our last seminar, which had taken place on April, 30th. As usual, it was attended by the representatives of different churches. It is always interesting for us to learn, what Christians from different churches think about such a difficult but very important issue as preaching the Gospel, especially among the Jewish people. Actually, this time there were only 10 participants, but our communication was very important and interesting:

on this occasion we were able to make audio records of the lectures and discussions. It became possible thanks to St. John Lutheran Church (Hamilton, TX), pastor Russell Nebhut, and especially thanks to our sisters in Christ Carolyn Kent and Jaci Barnhardt, who helped us to purchase the mixer console. Now we can make sound recording of higher quality and lay out our records at our Web-site www.aohe.ru.



Church life

It is interesting that the month of May, which is considered to be very calm in Russia because of the holidays (it is hard to believe, but almost 10 days are non-working), was very active for my congregation

– after 3 months of preparation and communication one of our brothers passed through confirmation, and the father of my former parishioner (Nicolay lives in Germany now) was baptized.



Apple of His Eye Man's camp



From 15th to 24th of May our mission together with my Moscow congregation organized a “male camp” in the village Verhniy Eruslan(Volga river region) . Our trip was very interesting, though we had to spend 23 hours in train in one direction, traveling third class... It is necessary to see that – about 80 berths in a railcar. If somebody passes by your berth, he will certainly brush against your legs... To tell the truth, I haven't traveled third class for 17 years already, so it was an interesting experience for me, though I'm accustomed to the Russian conditions of life. We stayed in the house of the Lutheran congregation, for which we're praying and trying to help them for a long time. This place is very interesting. Russian Germans had lived here before Stalin banished them to Siberia and Kazakhstan during the World War Second. Several millions of people perished then. The congregation in Verhniy Eruslan was the last Lutheran church, which was closed by the communists in the end of the thirties,



when the last pastor was shot. But the believers kept gathering together for praying and reading the Word in spite of the prohibitions of the Communist authorities.

In the end of the nineties the state made restitution of the church building, which was in a horrible condition at that moment. Even now, after having done so many things there, the divine service is possible only in summer, when there is a good weather. The congregation cannot repair the building by itself, because most of its members are elderly women. The repair is being financed by the private funds of my Moscow friend Andrey Pautov, who is constantly travelling from Moscow to this village, serving in the church and fulfilling the recovery work.

Our brothers and I didn't only spend time reading the Scripture and praying, but also tried to provide possible support in the repair. Our Web-master Alexander Lange, being a mountain-climber, helped to set the windows, and my parishioner Sergey changed the roof at a height of 100 feet...

During our trip we held the divine service for the congregation and our brothers. After that we communicated with the local believers and also held the separate service and the cemetery, where many members of this congregation had been buried. I reminded to the believers, that there aren't dead ones in Christ and that one day all of us, believing in Christ, Greeks (Germans, Russians, Finnishs, etc.) and Jews would arise alive and celebrated.

We also have big plans for this summer. We are editing the 4th issue of our "Apple of His Eye" magazine and the book by Risto Santala "The Midrash of the Messiah".

Now, during the summer time, we are trying to understand, what new horizons the Lord opens for our ministry. We are praying and looking for the new missionaries, who will be ready to preach the Gospel all over the world and, first of all, to Jews together with us... But our ministry won't be able to exist without your prayer and financial support, that is why we constantly ask the Lord to bless those brothers and sisters in Christ, who support it.

The new fiscal year starts now for the AOHE mission in Russia, and we ask you to pray so that the Lord would give an answer to our need. We need \$ 105 000 for the AOHE ministry in Russia and among the Russian-speaking Jews all over the world for the next year. Thanks to this money we will be able to continue and develop the following ministry directions:

- translation and edition of books and magazines;
- organizing seminars for the believers "Jewish roots of Christian faith";
- support and development of the Web-site of our mission;
- financial support of the missionaries.

We rely upon you, your prayers and support.

Let us follow the words of the Scripture together in preaching the Gospel to Jews first and then to Greeks.

If you want to support the AOHE mission in Russia or any of our projects, please, send your donations to the address of our mission in the USA with the "Russian ministry" note.

Yours in Christ,

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