

**February 28, 2019**

Dear our co-workers in the field of God, dear friends and relatives! Peace and grace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ! Warm greetings to you from the poor but blessed country of Moldova!

The shortest month of the year has ended. It passed just as quickly as the previous months. Our ministry was marked by some events that we would like to share with you.



**On February 3, Sunday**, in our church, *Bethany*, Communion was observed. After the end of the service, Nina and I went to another church in Chisinau, *Buna Vestire* (Good News), which meets in the afternoon at the Grace Church premises. Sunday worship at *Buna Vestire* begins at 2:00 pm. The service in this church is in Romanian. However, I preached in Russian. Those present in the hall unanimously confirmed that they understand Russian and therefore I can preach freely in this language. This church is special because its pastor, Vasily Filat, and other ministers in the church are actively involved in serving the mission organization of Precept

Ministries Eurasia, which is engaged in teaching the inductive method of studying the Bible to believers both in Moldova and far beyond its borders - in many countries of the world. This mission also prepares workers for the



*One of the pastors of the church of Buna Vestire, Brother Andrew, conducts Communion.*

spread of the Good News through training at the International Missionary School, classes of which are held in Chisinau.

After the service, its participants were invited to chat in a free atmosphere over a cup of tea.

During this fellowship time, we met an interesting couple - Vyacheslav and Natasha. In the past they were both drug addicts. While in prison, they turned to the Lord and were baptized. The Lord freed them from narcotic dependence and restored their health. Before turning to the Lord, they did not know each other. They met each other in church, and they got married on December 23, 2018. They are expecting a child. Praise God for the power of His resurrection!



*Together with Natasha and Vyacheslav*

**February 17**, Sunday, I had the opportunity to preach in the church of Bethany.

**From the 20th to the 25th** of February, Nina and I were in Italy. The reason for the trip to this country was to participate in the Summit of Russian-speaking churches in Western Europe, which took place from the 20th to the 23rd of



*The building in which the Summit took place.*

February. I had the privilege to participate in the first Summit in 2011 in Austria. Over the years, the movement to establish Russian-speaking churches in Western Europe has expanded considerably. The missionary coordinator of the movement is currently Ilya Danilyuk, who came from Fresno, California, and is living in Naples, Italy, since 2012.



At the 9th Summit in Italy, which was held in the mountains, near the city of Florence, about 120 people attended from 12 countries. The program of this event included information on the situation in the churches of those countries whose representatives attended the Summit. Information on the state of affairs was

followed by a prayer for God's blessing of missionary work in each of these countries. Various missionary organizations also presented their ministry and some of their projects to Summit participants.

This fellowship of representatives of Russian-speaking churches from different countries has resulted in a demonstration of what God is doing today among our fellow immigrants in Western Europe.



*Pleasant meeting with fellow countrymen and fellow missionaries from Sacramento who are serving today in Spain.*

For Nina and I, it was a great blessing to be witnesses of how God is expanding His kingdom using those who are newcomers in a foreign country. My participation in the Summit was to conduct a seminar on the topic: “Will your son take your place in the service of God? How to pass the torch to the service to the younger generation in the context of immigration».

A photo report of the Summit and video recordings of ministries can be found using this link here: <https://www.spasenie.eu/news/109-9-summit-forum>.

Sunday, **February 24**, the service of ordination on a deacon ministry in the *Word of Life* church in Rome took place. The young, gifted brother Dmitry accepted this ministry. His wife, Valentina, blessed her husband for this work and promised to support him in the ministry.

I had the opportunity to take part in the service by preaching the Word of God and, together with Pastor



Service in the Roman Church Word of Life.

Ilya Danilyuk, we prayed with the laying on of hands for the blessing of Brother Dmitriy for deacon ministry.

After the end of the service, all those present were invited to a festive dinner, which was kindly prepared by the sisters, members of the Roman Church.



Our return from Rome to Chisinau, **February 25**, Monday, went with some adventures. The plane from Rome to Venice, where we had a transfer, was delayed and we missed our plane to Chisinau. We had to buy other tickets, fly to Istanbul (Turkey), spend the night at the airport and fly to Chisinau on Tuesday morning. Regardless of this unpleasant circumstance, which led to significant financial expenses, we were pleased with this trip and thank the Lord for the opportunity to meet with many of God's children, including our brothers from Sacramento.

My university ministry is going well. This semester, I teach the course of Intercultural Relations. In addition, sometimes I substitute for the teacher of the course Theology of Marriage and Family. Both the meetings with students in the classroom and personal contacts with them bring me great joy and blessing. I hope this is mutual. Getting acquainted with students, I learn about their past, about their culture, about the circumstances of life and ministry of churches in their homeland. The multinational character of the student body makes our university a unique place where intercultural relations are realized in practice, and students learn how to communicate and build relationships with people from other cultures.

Thank you very much to everyone who remembers us in prayers before the Lord! We need your prayers.

May the Lord bless abundantly each of you and may He be glorified by each of us through bringing forth abundant fruit for Him (John 15: 8)!

As a wish from us, accept the text of Scripture, recorded in John 15:16-17: ***“You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you. This I command you, that you love one another.”***

With love in Christ,

*Vyacheslav and Nina Tsvirinko*

P.S. Below are some photos taken in Italy.

Several pictures taken at the place of Summit







Some pictures of Florence









