

### NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### THE ELECTORAL CONVENTION IS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT YEAR

On Friday, July 3, there was a special meeting of the Committee about the preparation for the electoral convention. After much deliberation and looking over various alternatives, the following decision was reached:

«Because of the demands of the PCSBA's bylaws and in light of the limitations due to the quarantine, the situation does not allow us hosting the electoral convention of October 2020, during which reports and additional voting to take place. The acting committee decided to reschedule the convention to October 2021. In the meanwhile, the present leadership of the Association will continue to serve in their given capacities as is presented in the bylaws."

#### MINISTERS' MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN REGION

On July 18, the Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church in Montebello held a pastors' meeting of the southern region. It was attended by the representatives of the six churches located in the span of the San Diego region until Los Angeles. For more about this time of fellowship, read in an article by I. Mileyev, published on the Association's website.



Meeting participants

# **ORDINATION OF A YOUNG MINISTER**

The Slavic Evangelical Baptist Church in Anaheim held an ordination service of Andrey Stebakhov for the deacon ministry. This was a grand and joyful event for the small church in the southern California region. The details about this celebration <u>are presented in an article on the Association's website – click here.</u>



Ordination of Andrey Stebakhov

### **ENTRUSTING THE MINISTRY**

On July 12, the Word of Life Baptist Church had a celebration service during which the office of the head pastor passed from David Khadzhiyev to Dmitriy Kruts. This was a time of expressing the gratitude to David Khadzhiyev who has faithfully served the church for many years, as well as the time of prayer and dedication to ministry for the new head pastor. Read about it here.



Prayer of dedication of the new head pastor

### **ALWAYS REJOICING AND BEING IN FELLOWSHIP**

That was the title of the article by the youth leader of the Association, P. Mekletsov. He shared about what is happening in the ministry that he leads. It is hard for the youth to go through all of the current restrictions. However, with the help of God, they are finding ways to continue serving and ministering. Read P. Makletsov's article – click here (in Russian.)



Fellowship out in the open

# THE FIRST RELEASE OF THE GOD'S VINEYARD MAGAZINE UNDER THE NEW EDITORIAL BOARD

The first release of God's Vineyard Magazine under the new editorial board happened in July. The magazine introduced several new sections. It began to cover more about the life and ministry of the Association, and the articles and answers to questions are more relevant to today's events. In the article published at the association's website, Lubov

Pavlyuk who is the magazine's editor provides more information about the content of the new issue.

For subscriptions **to** the magazine, contact <u>pcsba.divinevineyard@gmail.com</u>. Please visit the magazine's Facebook page - <u>https://www.facebook.com/divinevineyard</u>. The archive of the magazine's publications can be accessed at the Association's website: <u>click</u> here.

# TESTIMONY ABOUT THE MOMS IN PRAYER MINISTRY



Oksana Bugriyeva is one of

the active participants of the Moms in Prayer Ministry. Here is what she says in her testimony about this ministry at the time of the quarantine: "Moms in Prayer is about moms who are praying together for their children and who continually support each other through prayer. The quarantine did not stop our ministry; quite the opposite, it made us even stronger. The Moms in Prayer ministry is now more united than ever. During this difficult time, many came to the realization of how important it is to pray for their children, to pray

together, and to intercede for them."

Her full testimony published on the Association's website – read it here (in Russian only.)

# **NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

On July 10 and 11, Bryte church held the training sessions of the Master's and Bachelor's level. The students were taught Exegesis of the Gospel of Matthew by Sergey Barkov.

On July 18, there was a training session in Montebello. Michael Cherenkov taught on Christian Worldview.

A training session at Valencia, Spain, took place with the involvement of the instructor from Israel who taught on Hermeneutics. The meeting was held through Zoom over the course of a few days.

Please pray for God's blessing for the further training session during these difficult times.

#### **MISSIONARY NEWS**

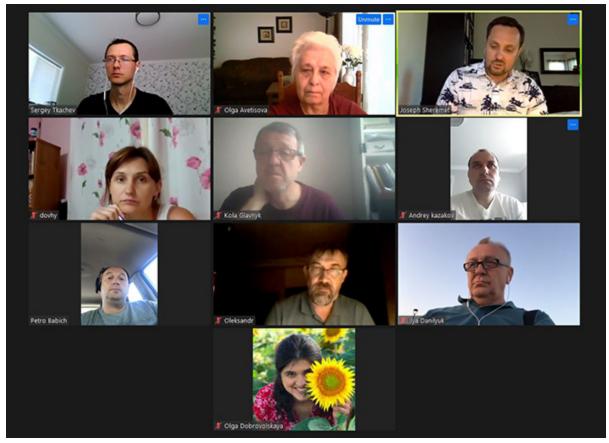
God continues to bless the ministry of our missionary brothers in Italy and Spain. For updates about their ministry, visit the resources at the Association's website:

Michael Terekhin in Spain: <u>letter with the ministry update</u> | <u>ministry report</u>



• Ilya Danilyuk, Italy and Europe - Newsletter

On July 11, there was a prayer meeting over ZOOM dedicated to the news updates and prayer requests about the missionary ministry in Europe. The meeting was attended by the Association's missionary department's members and brothers from Italy, Poland, and Russia.



Prayer Meeting

#### **CHURCH SERVICES ON THE FRESH AIR**

The restrictions of holding church services in the church buildings compelled the churches to find alternative solutions. A few churches began to host church services on the parking lots under the covering of canopies. Not every one of those who are now used to the comforts of our buildings liked such services. Some were cold, and some, quite opposite – were hot. However, those who have longed for personal fellowship adapted to the uncomfortable setting; they were sincerely glad that they can see each other's faces, greet one another, and have a time of fellowship.

Lord, help us not to grumble over the discomforts, and to intensify our prayers for the end of the pandemic, for the healing of the sick, and for a quick return to the regular church services at our churches.



Sunday service at Grace Family Church



# **RETREATS AT THE SIERRA PINES CAMP**

Sierra Pines Camp presents a perfect opportunity for family camps. The families can stay in the cabins, as well as outside, have various activities around the campfire, and much more. The camp can host up to 30 families. Each family must remain in a separate cabin. The campers themselves must bring in the food. For more questions about registrations, contact: (916) 290-2897.

# **ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month**

**ATTENTION**Twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday, from 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm, we broadcast on **87.7 FM**. You can also listen to this radio via the Internet using a direct link - <a href="http://ethno.fm:8500/ethnofm.mp3">http://ethno.fm:8500/ethnofm.mp3</a>.

<u>During the past month, the following programs</u> were aired on the Association's radio – see below. In order to listen to a program of interest, please click on its name. All recordings are in Russian only.

- House of Prayer Church at the time of quarantine. A. Delkhman and L. Bezinskiy
- On Friendship, G. Gavelovskiy
- News
- New Family Ministry of the Association. Interview with the ministry leader, I. Zhukov. Part 1 | Part 2
- How not to get lost in the virtual dimension. I. Mileyev
- On a new release of the God's Vineyard Magazine
- «Baptism for the Dead» What is it? Listener's question answered by Y. Sipko
- On Missionary Prayer Meeting

# **NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS**

Over the course of a few years now, the Hope for the People mission headed by Michael Savin is serving in Cuba, which was a completely closed off region not that long ago. God made a miracle and even now, despite the pandemic, new Bible study groups are continuing to be formed. The ministry has set a goal of distributing 100,000 bibles and through that plant 600 new churches. More information may be found on the mission's website — click here (in Russian only.)



#### NEWS FROM THE MOLDOVIAN BROTHERHOOD

It is amazing what the Lord has done in Moldova, which is one of the poorest European countries! Here is what is said at the website of the Union of ECB of Moldova: «The Ruzhenits, Okinsk region held a church service dedicated to the building of the House of Mercy where the church will provide help to over twenty lonely and old people. The house will be located at the same territories with the house of prayer and orphanage house of the family unit already built. The full information about this great project can be accessed here — click here. The same website also provides information about other interesting news of our Moldavian ministry partner.

# MOSCOW'S THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY RECEIVED A LICENSE

After a long period of inquiries and investigations, the Moscow's seminary, on May 28, 2020 has finally received the license to continue their ministry. The license was given by the Department of Education and Science of Moscow. The seminary has already developed some teaching materials, which will be implemented in the near future. More information can be found at the seminary's website – click here (in Russian only.)

#### **GOD ACCOMPLISHING GREAT THINGS!**



The Bible Slavic Mission talks in their newsletter of the incredible work of God. Because of the global pandemic of the 2020, it became impossible for the building teams from Germany and the U.S. to travel and enter various countries and missions' fields. However, armed by faith and boldness, the local churches began local building of the houses of prayer and Centers of Hope. They are trained and inspired by the previous building projects. The faithfulness and the unity of the brothers and sisters overcome the boundaries of countries and even continents. Read more about it here (in Russian only.)



Bozen, Moldova. Together, brothers and sisters build the house of prayer

#### **NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD**

# LORD, WHAT IS IT HAPPENING!?

Matthew Paul Turner, who is an American Christian writer of children's books, which are considered best sellers, who is a Christian with 30 years of "experience" and is a father of three children announced that he is gay and that he is divorcing his wife. In an announcement at Facebook and Instagram, Turner said that he is divorcing his wife Jessica in order to "embrace freedom, hope, and God as a gay man". The couple has been married since 2004, and they have three children. The author explained that it is hard to share this news, however, the divorce decision was made after "much thought, prayer, and counseling".

Surce: Christianity Today.

#### **CONTINUE TO PRAY!**

- For the churches to be allowed to gather at the church buildings
- For jobs for those who lost their jobs as a result of the pandemic
- 3. For the rebuilding of the economy, both of our country, as well as of the others around the world

ATTENTION! IF you would like to have events' announcements to be included in our newsletters, please email that information to <a href="mailto:pcsbaca@gmail.com">pcsbaca@gmail.com</a> no later than the 23rd of the current month.

Previous newsletter releases can be viewed here.

If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at pcsbaca@gmail.com.

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