

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

PASTORS' MEETING

The first in this year pastor's meeting of the Pacific Coast Association took place on January 19. The meeting proceeded in a now familiar format, which has become a new standard of meeting over ZOOM. The participants shared information about the lives of their churches, discussed pressing current issues, and shared their thought on other things. For more information, read <u>in an article by I. Mileyev – click this link (in Russian only.)</u>

MOMS IN PRAYER INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER



For over 35 years now, the army of mothers has been praying to the Lord and interceding for children, teachers, and schools. On January 13, 2021, there was an International Day of Prayer of the Moms In Prayer International Ministry. Christians in over 150 countries united for a joint prayer. For more about what this looked like in our Association, read an overview by Olga Drovorub

who is the head of Moms in Prayer Ministry in our Association – <u>read her summary on the</u> <u>website (in Russian only.)</u>

WOMEN MINISTRY LEADER'S MEETING

On January 21, there was an online meeting of the leaders of churches' and Association's women ministries, during which the women ministry issues were discussed. The women shared their joys and sorrows, and the problems that they run into in their ministry. Part of the meeting was set aside to discuss the qualities that the ministry leader must possess. There were also plans for the upcoming events of this ministry. For more information read an article by E. Mileyev who is the leader of the Association's Women Ministry (in Russian only.)



During the Meeting

YOUTH MINISTRY - PLANS FOR THE YEAR

The year is well underway, and the youth ministry is making their plans for the year. Retreats, regular youth gatherings, study of the Scriptures – this is what is in a regular list of activities of the youth ministry. Read more about the plans of the ministry in an article by P. Makletsov—click here (in Russian only.)

ORPHANS, WIDOWS, AND THE LONESOME MINISTRY

Despite the impossible limitations, the ministries continue over ZOOM, Skype, and phone. However, people still miss in-person fellowship! Especially for those who in light of the current status are already lonesome and **are** already in anxiety. That is why the ministry associates decided to have a Christmas evening at the Bryte Church. This was such a great source of encouragement to the women! Read more about this <u>in an article by T. Senin, who is the leader of this ministry (in Russian only.)</u>



Event Organizers

On January 9, the Montebello Church had their study session in the The students were instructed out of the Old Testament. There was also another teaching session at the Bryte Church campus in the master's and bachelor's programs on January 15 and 16. Sergey Tarasenko taught Exegesis of Romans.

During the same dates, there was another teaching session at "Light to the World" church, where they were taught on biblical



counseling. On January 23, the instruction took place in San Francisco and Concord. The instruction there was done through ZOOM.

Please pray for God's blessing for further teaching sessions in Spain. In January, we are planning another session over ZOOM, but the students are expecting an in-person interaction, which is at this point impossible.

GOD'S VINEYARD NEW ISSUE RELEASE



Many churches have already received the new issue of this colorful magazine. The magazine has encouraging articles, updates from the Association's ministries, thoughts on the pandemic, interesting stories, and much more. There is a lot for both adults and children. For more information, read an article by the magazine's editor, L. Pavlyuk – click this link (in Russian only.)

THE HAYWARD CHURCH'S DECEMBER NEWS UPDATES

Slavic Evangelical Christian Baptist Church of Hayward has officially been renamed. Now it is The Mission Boulevard Baptist Church.

Here is more information about this church:

Address: Mission Bible Church, 27787 Mission Blvd. Hayward, CA 94544

Website: https://www.mbchayward.org

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/CVYouth
YouTube: http://www.joutube.com/cvyouth/deo
Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/cvyouth/

Time of Service: Sunday 8:45 a.m. - English; 11:00 a.m. - Russian, Friday: 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Denis Gerasimov shares about the life of the church in the December's newsletter – read his update on the Association's website.

GRACE AVE BIBLE CHURCH - A UNIQUE CASE

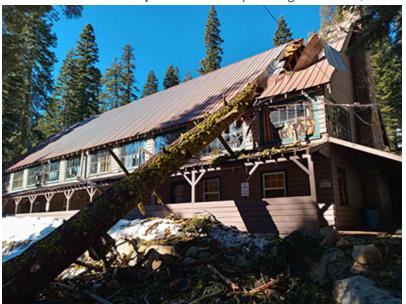
This is not often seen in our churches: an American pastor serving in a Slavic church. And that's exactly what happened at the Grace Ave Bible Church. Gary Ball is a teacher, mentor, and has done missionary work in India. Gary with his wife Jan, a certified family counselor, have served as an excellent example of self-sacrifice and love for the Lord at

Grace Avenue Bible Church for five years. They are now moving to Idaho, where the Lord will use them in new serving capacities. In his interview with David Karkhut, one of the leaders at Grace Avenue Bible Church, Gary Ball shares his personal testimony on his journey of faith, his understanding of the mission field, and about the importance of mentoring and training up young preachers who would continue his vacancy.



UPDATE FROM SIERRA PINES CAMP

The life of the campground is changing rapidly. There were changes in staff, an increase in the number of **campers** due to expanding to Airbnb, and the new benefits for the head



pastors and youth leaders. To find out more about this, read in an update by Vasiliy Stupin, which can be found on the Association's website.

However, along with the improvements of the ministry, there are also some challenges. On January 20, a huge tree fell on the roof of the main camp's building and caused a lot of damage. Because

of that, the leadership of the camp is asking to support them in prayer, volunteers, and contributions. If you have any suggestions or if you would like to help, contact P. Tsvirinko at 916-719-5071.

LIFE FOR CHRIST

Mission ministry is always difficult, but is also rewarding because God's ambassador is serving in a very important role on earth, which is given to him by the Lord Himself. He is to preach the news of salvation to those who are perishing. Two years ago, a young family of Vladimir and Eli Prizhbilov moved from Sacramento to Spain in order to serve the Slavic immigrants in Valencia so that they could hear the Gospel. For more about their ministry, read in an interview by I. Karkhut – click this link (in Russian only.)



During the Celebration

COMFORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT IN THE DIFFICULT TIMES

Last year has proven to be a very difficult year for many and it is uncertain what is in store for us. People are troubled and are looking for answers. Some of them are in fear of the

upcoming day. But we as Christians who are going through the same things have a confident hope in God and His promises. We know that we are not alone, and God will never leave us and He will lead us through all of life's difficulties. That is a reminder to us from God's ministers who are our church pastors, and who encourage us





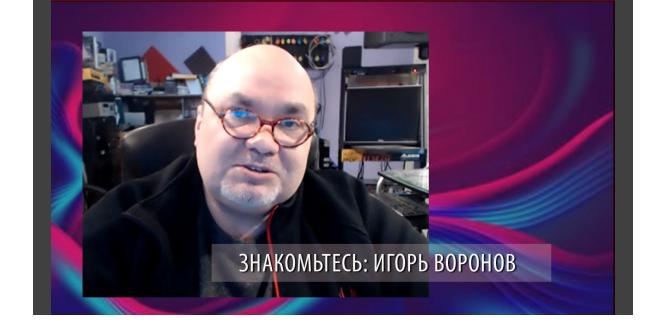




through their sermons. <u>The links to the sermons are given at the Association's website—click here.</u>

MEET IGOR VORONOV

A former soldier of the Soviet army in Afghanistan, a witness to the events of the overthrow of the communist regime in Russia, a radio and TV journalist, a Christian, a sacrificial minister - this is how Igor Voronov, the head of the Association's radio ministry, can be described. Watch an interview with him in this video recording (in Russian only.)



THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

Everyone is invited to the ZOOM conference, which will take place on Saturday, **January30 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM (PST)**. The theme of the conference is Inerrancy of Scriptures. Information about the speakers and the links to live stream can be found in an <u>article on the website—click here</u>. The conference will be in Russian.



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 - http://ethno.fm:8500/ethnofm.mp3.

<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.

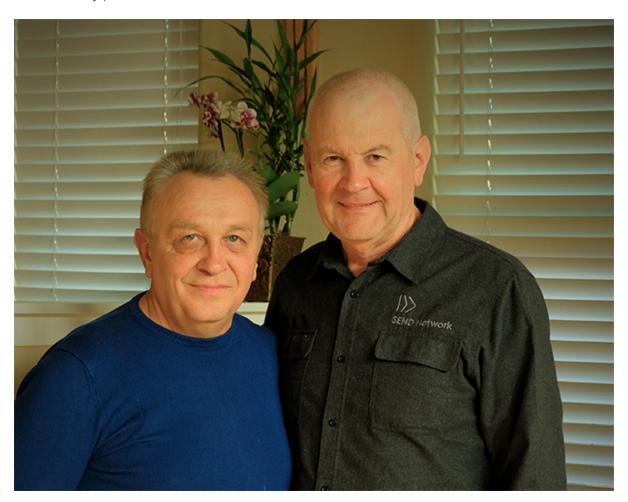
- How to live in the new year? I. Sheremet
- · Serving God means serving others. I. Mileev
- "Why is the word God masculine?" Answers to questions from listeners. D. Zherebnenkov

- "New Heaven and New Earth". Revelation. Chapter 21. Chuck Smith
- Congratulations from the women's ministries of the Association. F. Avramenko, T. Senina, O. <u>Drovorub, E. Mileeva</u>
- Encouragement for the depressed. N. Bugriev
- <u>Is it possible to love an unloved husband? S. Sipko, O. Askalenok and V. Zuev</u>

UPDATES FROM OUR PARTNERS

MEETING WITH ILYA DANILYUK

On January 15, I. V. Mileyev met with the coordinator of the Russian-speaking churches in Europe, Ilya Danilyuk. Ilya was ordained as an evangelist by the local church in Fresno and then was sent out as a missionary for the Russian-speaking immigrants in Italy. In 2010, Ilya was one of the organizers of the Russian churches movement in Europe. For more about the meeting, <u>read in an article by I. Mileyev on the Association's website</u> (in Russian only.)



MICHAEL SAVIN - PREACHER AND MISSIONARY

Michael Savin is well-known in many churches of many countries, and not only in countries with Russian-speaking populations. This evangelist is preaching to Russians, Ukrainians, Mexicans, Cubans, and gathers thousands for the evangelistic services in his *Hope to the People Ministry*. How did he become a preacher and a missionary? What are some of the challenges that he faced? How did he receive the guidance from the Lord in what to do? Why is it that after many years of tent revival ministry throughout all of Russia, he left it all and moved to America? For these and many other questions, see an interview of the God's People program – watch a video on YouTube (in Russian only.)



MINISTRY IN CAMBODIA

Ukraine is full of sacrificial ministers, and Yevgeniy Evva is proof of that. Along with his wife and small children, he is ministering in harsh climate and physical conditions in order to preach the Gospel to the poorest population in Cambodia. Read his update <u>in a newsletter "Passover is over...year 2020" on his website—click this link (in Russian only.)</u>



On the Streets of Cambodia

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

"TIMES" - COLLECTION OF SPIRITUAL POETRY

This wonderful volume contains poems and prose of authors whose work encourages the sowing of the seed of the Gospel, and the lasting impact that it has. This volume contains poems of Aleksandr Savchenko, Marina Belovol, Natalya Shevchenko, Ivan Abramov,



Vera Kirichenko, stories and essays of Aleksandr Beluiskiy, Viktor Verkhovod, Ivan Leshuk, and many other Christian authors.

For more about how to acquire this volume, <u>read</u> on the Association's website – click here (in Russian only.)

USEFUL INFORMATION – WORLD STATISTICS

For those who are interested in the current world's events, there are many websites that present statistics of various topics and different categories of information. For example, one such website is WORDOMETER that has an always-updating information about the world population, health,

manufacturing, and much more. At this website, you can see the number of people being born, those who died, number of car accidents, number of abortions in the world, number of phones sold, things about various manufactured goods, and much more. To open the website, please click this link.

EVANGELISM IS WRONG ACCORDING TO HALF OF THE CHRISTIAN MILLENNIALS

According to the research of the Barna Group, 47% millennial Christians (those who were born between 1981 and 1996) think that sharing personal convictions with the intent to convert people is wrong. These Christians believe that the reality of their faith in Christ is the best part of their lives; they know that Jesus commanded to preach the Gospel, they are educated enough to share their beliefs with others, but at the same time, they think that doing so is wrong. That is a reason for concern, don't you think? Read the full article here.

Source: Barna.

PLEASE PRAY!

- 1. For wisdom for church pastors and their members in what to do and how to live in the world that is becoming more and more aggressive towards Christians
- 2. About peace in our country and the preservation of the freedom of religion
- 3. For the protection of the persecuted children of God

DON'T MISS IT, SISTERS! WOMEN'S ONLINE CONFERENCE

The ZOOM Women's Conference will take place on 20th February at 10 am.

The topic of the conference is "The Goodness of God".

To join the conference use ID 9937852084, passcode 232146.

For questions, please contact Nicole Gorban at (559) 285-0639.



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