

JANUARY NEWSLETTER NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

PRAYER OF THE RIGHTEOUS CAN ACCOMPLISH MUCH!

Greetings to you dear friends! This newsletter is very special as it contains special updates about ministry and the life of the Association's churches. This issue is dedicated to the prayer needs concerning the needs and requests that we could take before the Lord. Even if we don't consider ourselves as prayer warriors, while you read the sections of this newsletter, take a minute to stop and pray after each paragraph. Please pray for the listed need and plead with God for His help and blessing. May the Lord bless you for your concerned hearts and for being involved in the joint prayer of the saints.



MANY ARE SICK AND A LOT ARE DYING

COVID infections affected all of our churches. Both believers and unbelievers alike even have their whole families being sick. People of all ages, including children, have been affected by the spread. Both vaccinated and unvaccinated, people of all ages, including children are now getting sick. Some have been sick for their second or even third time. There are many who are sick, and also there is quite a number of those who didn't make it, or those who are continuing to suffer as a result of this malicious virus.

We are in more need of prayer than ever before. We need to pray so that the virus will stop spreading. May God whom we put our faith in be our Doctor and Healer. May we be *grateful* to the Lord for all those who have recovered, and may we *pray* for His loving intervention so that He would heal our brothers and sisters, as well as those who are turning to Him for help.



SIERRA PINES CAMP AND PACIFIC THRIFT STORE

Our campground and the thrift store are experiencing some difficult times. However, by the Grace of God, and thanks to the dedicated service of the director and his team, this ministry is continuing.

Although fire caused a lot of damage to the surrounding area, by God's mercy, the campground did not have significant damage. Just like everything in the region, the level of activity of the campground was significantly limited. The government and the forest oversight teams have shut down the campground due to the instability of the earth in the region. The campground was inactive during some of the most profitable months of the year: December, January, and February.

The Pacific Thrift Store has also experienced some challenges as well. Somehow, it continues to stay afloat, although the staff of the store and the warehouse were either sick or are currently sick with COVID. The pandemic also affected the buyers. There are a lot less of them now. However, the store continues to open their doors to those who would like to purchase something.

Pavel Tsvirinko from the Second Slavic Baptist Church is overseeing the work of both the camp, and the store as well. This brother is selfless in serving in this difficult role, and he does what he can in order to rebuild the campground, and to make the store operations profitable. Not everyone is capable of handling such an enormous amount of pressure that he experienced lately. However, he continues to be encouraged and selflessly continues to do what he can.

Please join us in *thanking the Lord* for His blessings which He poured out on us through the ministry of the campground and store staff. Please *pray* that we would be able to rebuild the campground quicker; that God would prevent people from getting infected by the virus and other sicknesses and that the store would be able to resume their operations and be back in full swing providing financial support to our missionaries.

Please *pray* especially for Pavel Tsvirinko, for his physical and spiritual well-being, and for the strength for future ministry.



The Entire Campground is Covered by Snow

MINISTRY TO ORPHANS AND WIDOWS

«Thank you for your encouragement and prayers! », - are the tearful words of a widow who regularly fellowships with T. Senina and her husband P. Lysenko, who are in charge of this important and difficult ministry. The fate of the widow is very difficult, especially as it becomes unbearable during the pandemic isolation. It's great to have established group chats on Viber where everyone could share their problems, ask for help, and share their prayer requests. ZOOM is also very helpful since it allows group meetings.

Discipleship, mutual prayer, and active involvement in the needs of the participants, this ministry often is not noticed, but that is very important for every individual person, and for every lonely, suffering heart!

Pray for this ministry, for its leaders, and for widows and orphans who are in need of help. "Effective prayer of the righteous avails much." James 5:16.

NEW PASTORS AT CHURCHES

New senior pastors were recently elected in our churches: Vladimir Vasilenko in the First Slavic Baptist Church of Sacramento, Mikhail Cherenkov at the Revival Church in Vancouver, and Nikolay Larshin at the Slavic Church of Orange County, Irvine. We wish them God's blessings in ministry and *entreat* the Lord to make them successful instruments of God's grace both for the churches, as well as for the world around them.



ORDINATION AT THE HOUSE OF PRAYER CHURCH

On December 19, The House of Prayer Church in West Sacramento had an ordination service for Aleksandr Ivanov for pastoral ministry. The local church has observed the evidence of God's call and spiritual gifts in the life of this young minister who served as a deacon for many years.

Let us thank the Lord for sending more young ministers to our churches and *ask* Him to bless the ministry of the church's head pastor, Aleksey Delkhman, as well as the new pastor—Aleksandr.

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For more information and pictures, visit the Association's website - click this link.

NEW HEAD OF SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

The executive committee has approved Zhanna Yanovskaya as the new leader of the Association's Sunday School ministry.

After many years of service as the head of the department, Oleg Lakhno decided to entrust this ministry to the next ministry leader. For more information, <u>read on the Association's website in an article by I. Mileyev (in Russian only.)</u>

WOMEN'S MINISTRY UPDATE



«Many plans are in a man's heart, but the counsel of the LORD will stand." (Proverbs 19:21). While keeping this in mind, the Women's Ministry's leaders are *asking* the Lord to bless the upcoming plans for 2022. The majority of events will take place through the ZOOM meetings during which the women will study various topics, expand their knowledge of Scriptures, and grow in godliness, humility, and wisdom for everyday life.

To see the upcoming events, go to the calendar on the Association's

website. The printed version can be found here: <u>access for printing at home</u> | <u>for a</u> <u>publishing house printing</u>.

GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL CREATURES

This command was given to all of God's children. If the person is truly a child of God, then he will not be able to remain quiet. He will not be able to not share the Gospel of salvation through his deeds, through his words, and through the entirety of his being. Vasiliy Khripunov and Viktor Kovba, who were interviewed by I. Karkhut, are a living example of that.

Read more about them on the Association's website and *pray* for God's blessing for their ministry. Click these links to access the interview: <u>With Vasiliy Khripunov</u> | <u>With Viktor</u> <u>Kovba</u>. Both articles in Russian only.

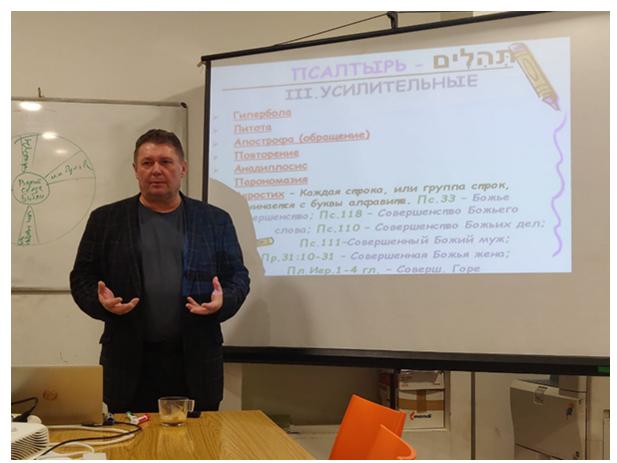


ANOTHER ISSUE OF GOD'S VINEYARD MAGAZINE

Thanks be to the Lord for giving the editorial staff desire, strength, and the ability to both gather and publish the issues of a spiritually edifying magazine. <u>In her article, L.</u> <u>Pavlyuk</u> provides a summary of the upcoming issue. *Please pray* for every copy of the magazine to reach a person who truly needs it, and who will be encouraged, and perhaps even saved as a result!

EDUCATION CONTINUES

Along with the Education Ministry, *thank the Lord* for the opportunity to continue teaching Theology not only in America, but also in Europe. For more about how and where the classes were held in January, <u>read an article by A. Pronin (in Russian only.)</u> Also *pray* for the students, so they could apply their newly gained knowledge of wonderful Biblical truths for the salvation of people.



Teaching Session in Valencia, Spain

REGISTRATION CONTINUES TO THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY FORUM! Registration Information Registration



NEWS OF OUR PARTNERS

SECOND MISSIONARY SUMMIT IN UKRAINE

On February 25-27, The All-Ukrainian Union of ECB Churches is planning to have The Second Missionary Summit in Odessa. Both the Ukrainian missionaries who serve in various countries, as well as other missionaries (Korean, Japanese, American, Chinese) are invited. The summit will be covering topics such as: "Church and Mission: How to Make Missions a Priority in the Lives, Ministry, and Church", "Mission and Missions", "Missions and Seminaries", "The Importance of Missions", "All from Him", "All through Him", and "In Partnership with Him". For more information about the program, click here (in Russian only.)



BIBLE MISSION MINISTRY

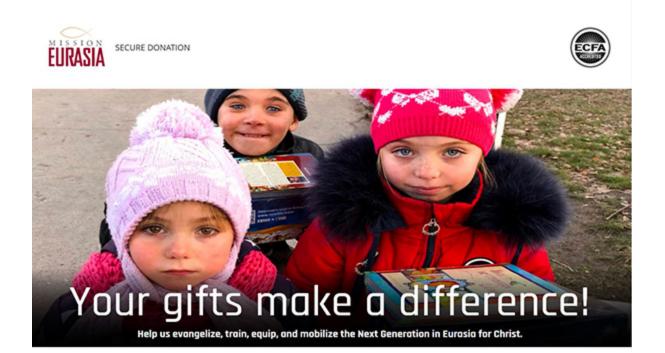


The Bible Mission is sharing their testimony of the wonderful work that the Lord is doing in various countries. There are a lot of conversions and miraculous healings by the prayers of average believers. To read more about all of this, please visit the Telegram Mission's channel: https://t.me/BMSIavic.

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

The head of the Eurasia Mission is encouraging everyone **to pray** for the de-escalation of the tension in the relationship between Ukraine and Russia. The staff of this Mission works in many cities of these countries and sees that the situation is becoming worse. The Mission is asking for help for the refugees from the war zones. Please visit the «<u>I care</u>»

program to make a donation. For more information, read <u>a letter from the Mission – click</u> this link



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

CREACENTER – EARTH



Very few of the Slavic population in America know about the website "Creacenter Planet Earth" which can be located here: <u>https://creacenter.org/ru</u>. The site's resources immediately grab the attention of anyone who is interested in scientific discoveries, information about the long standing debate between the Bible and science, as well as much more. «Was

there a Global Flood of Genesis? », «How Could a Loving God Send the World Flood? », «Legends of the Dragons – the truth behind the fairy tales», «One More Function of the Junk DNA», «The Artists of the Medieval Period Saw the Extinct Reptiles: New Evidence" – these are just a few titles of the articles. You must visit this website; you won't regret it!

GOOD LESSON FOR EVERY CHRISTIAN



At the time of war in Japan, this boy carried his dead brother on his back to bury him. Once the soldier saw this and told him to leave his dead body so as not to get tired. The boy said: "He is not heavy; this is my brother!"

The soldier understood and started to weep. Since then, this picture became a symbol of unity in Japan.

May this be our motto: «This is not hard for he is my brother... she is my sister». If they fall (your brother or sister), pick them up, and if he or she is unable to go on, provide support for them; if they are

weak, they are not too heavy to be carried.

«Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. » (Gal. 6:2)

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

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