



MTR International

December Monthly Update



News from the Field Director

Things are going great in Nizhniy Novgorod. We continue ministering to several families in the context of our small home group. We've also started a small group for Christian students. We meet weekly to share a meal, study the Scriptures, and pray together. We pray for God to expand our church planting ministry with students.

Two weeks ago, we visited Kostroma and celebrated my parents' 50th wedding anniversary (in Russia we call this a "Golden Wedding"). They renewed their vows, and I was privileged to perform the ceremony for them. It was a great experience!

This past weekend, my team of volunteers and I hosted a training event for church planters, church leaders and their teams. We had a total of 70 people, representing 10 churches from Russia and Belarus. It was a time of training, worship, mutual encouragement, and prayer. Thank you for making it possible.



- Sasha Lukmanov

Nizhny Novgorod Church Plant



MORE LIGHT

A Fund raising Effort
for Discipleship and
Leader Training Events

**Want your Christmas giving to
make a Kingdom difference?**

People are waiting and willing to be trained in Russia and Belarus, yet we lack the funds to develop them. This Christmas, we ask you to prayerfully consider helping us enhance our efforts to disciple and train tomorrow's church leaders. Please know that 100% of your gift to More Light will go toward additional discipleship and training efforts in 2020. Will you donate to help us take our efforts to the next level?

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TO MULTIPLY CHURCHES IN
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING NATIONS

News from Minsk, Belarus



We recently celebrated an American Thanksgiving with our English Club. We discussed the history and meaning of this holiday. My friend Gregory, who joined our ministry team, cooked a turkey for the first time in his life.

There were about 60 people who attended, and most of the people were not from the church. Once again I became convinced of how spiritual and physical food can bring different people together.



Thank you for the prayers for Oleg, which I wrote about in the October update. I see positive changes in him and an ever-increasing openness to spiritual matters.

We have some good news about Denis. He has begun to attend classes on the basics of faith and baptism. He has not yet announced his decision to be baptized, but it is clear that he is thinking about it. Continue to pray for his wife Alena (my wife Katerina periodically meets with her), as well as for their children (Tadeuš - friend of our son, Amelia and Francysk).

I want to update you on my mother. I asked for you to pray for her upcoming complex operation. Right now, the doctors have decided to postpone her surgery for six months, and we're very grateful to God for this. Thank you so much for praying.

Sadly, on November 4, my wife's brother died unexpectedly. He was only 31 years old. It was quite a blow for Katya and her mother. We still need prayers for healing from this deep wound. Please pray for my wife and Tatyana, her mother. Pray that God will comfort their hearts, and that Katya's mother will turn to Him. She is still not a believer. I believe that everything that happens helps us to know our Lord closer, and to trust God more and more. Although sometimes it is not easy for us.

Thank you for your hearts, for your support and prayers. May the Lord abundantly bless you and your families!

- Andrei Grushin
Minsk Church Plant

Directed Prayer

Pray for the church being planted in Nizhny Novgorod and its minister Sasha, the field director.

- Praise for success in adding a college age small group ministry to students.
- Praise for a successful first church planting and leadership training retreat!

Pray for the church in Minsk, Belarus and its minister Andrei.

- Praise for answered prayers concerning surgery for Andrei's mom.
- Continue to pray for Oleg's decision of faith.
- Pray for Denis to choose to be baptized.
- Pray for comfort for Katya and her mother, Tatyana, in losing their brother and son.

