



# MTR International

May Monthly Update



## *News from Mogilev, Belarus*

Over the past few months, we continued to build up our leaders. We recently conducted a five-day conference aimed at improving teamwork, developing a pastoral heart, and training lifestyle discipleship.

As the weather has become warmer, we resumed getting together with the neighborhood children and their parents at the local school athletic fields. This outreach gives us a chance to get to know our neighbors better as well as invite them to our church and Sunday school.

## *News from the Field Director*

At the end of April, we were able to visit our former Church in Gus-Khrustalny and found that things are going well there. The congregation is still adjusting to our absence, but I was glad to hear that a group of men are meeting together every other week to discuss any ministry issues and cast vision for the future of the church.

Our small group continues to meet in our apartment. Some new people, Sergey and Mariya Polkin, joined our church planting team on Easter. They are planning to start another small group in their apartment this summer.

In early May, we were able to visit our friends in Saint-Petersburg. It was a great time of rest, refreshment and re-inspiration.

Thank you for your prayers and support. They are changing our lives and the world around us.



Lena and I are preparing for a seven-day family training event. Please pray for us as we get ready and also for the Church in Mogilev.

- Sasha Lukmanov, Field Director  
Nizhny Novgorod Church Plant

- Taniel and Lena Kvarazheli  
Mogilev Church Plant

*Our Mission*

TO MULTIPLY CHURCHES IN  
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING NATIONS



## News from Gomel, Belarus

In April, God provided a new place for our meetings. On Easter we held a special service, and many of our members invited friends who attended. We had a fellowship dinner after the service followed by a team scavenger hunt hosted by the youth group.

On May 6-8 our youth group attended a Christian conference in Brest, where they were encouraged to pursue deeper faith. We're planning a camp to be held near us this summer at the end of July to further build into our young people.

Over the past two months, we've had a few events for college students from several local colleges. We pray that this ministry can become more regular.

As far as my family, the Lord blessed us with the birth of our sixth grand-daughter in March. Her name is Emilia. Our son, Ilya, returned from Poland to undergo a medical examination. Due to health problems, he has been relieved from his duty to serve in the armed forces.

- Igor Tsirulnikov  
Gomel Church Plant



## Directed Prayer

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

- Praise for new people attending during Easter!
- Pray for the start of a new small group this summer.

Pray for the church in Mogilev, Belarus and its minister Tariel.

- Pray for the church's rented space. There are difficulties in securing the place affordably.

Pray for the church in Gomel, Belarus and its ministers Igor and Uriy.

- Praise for a new place to meet.
- Pray for a college-age ministry to develop.
- Pray for Ilya's health.