



Mission to Russia

April Monthly Update



News from Church Plant in Gomel

The main emphasis of our church is on the development of discipleship. Every person who was recently baptized has a mentor with whom they can pray together, meditate and study the Scriptures. We want these relationships to inspire each other to reach their peers: at work, at school, and among their friends. We see this happening in a number of ways.

Several people from the church read the Bible with their unbelieving friends.

One of our young brothers was allowed to hold an Easter meeting with students at the dormitory of a local university, and he now has permission to start a student Bible study group.

A lady in our church has two biological and three adopted children. She leads an active lifestyle among the foster-parent families, and now she has a group of mothers with adopted children who meet at her house, and study the Bible together.

Currently we are renting the facilities for our meetings. This room is already too small for us and we begin to pray for another, more spacious room. Since, much of our church are students and schoolchildren, it is not easy for us to pay rent. Of course, the economic situation in the country also forces our families to be in rather cramped conditions. Therefore, I want to express my gratitude for the assistance you provide. This is a very big blessing for us. With God's help, we continue

News from the Church in Mogilev

Over the last two months we held several outreach projects, which brought a total of 6 people to repentance. Four of them are being disciplined now and two are getting ready to be baptized. Our women's club (pictured left) continues to attract new ladies.

I continue to minister in a local jail. The church there continues to grow. Over the last year and a half, 30 inmates have repented. Two of the inmates actively disciple others. We also have a great opportunity now to enter into local schools and colleges with anti-drug and anti-alcohol lectures.

One of the serious difficulties we face today is renting facilities for the church. Sometimes the church ends up meeting in our house. For this reason we still do not have a Sunday School for children. Please pray for us and God's will in this regard.

- Taniel Kvarazhelly from Mogilev, Belarus.

our work and believe that the Kingdom of God will expand in our country and throughout the world, until the Lord Jesus Christ returns.

- Uriy Plehov from Gomel, Belarus

Our Mission

TO MULTIPLY CHURCHES IN
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING NATIONS



Randy Jones is Named Full-time Ministry Director

Mission to Russia is pleased to announce that Randy Jones has been selected as the Mission's new full-time Ministry Director. Randy began his new ministry with MTR on April 1. He is no stranger to our ministry, having served as a member of the Board of Directors for a number of years. He has also served in ministries with churches in Oklahoma, Texas, and Missouri. Most recently, he served for twelve years as the Senior Minister with Mid-Rivers Christian Church in St. Peters, Missouri.

Randy brings many strengths to his new task. His ability to cast vision and develop sound strategies for ministry effectiveness will help MTR fulfill our mission of multiplying churches among Russian-speaking peoples. His organizational, mentoring, and administrative skills will help structure our ministry as it expands. His talent for networking and public-speaking will help MTR to coordinate our work with churches and ministries in Russia and the United States. We are blessed to have him join us.

Randy and his wife, Heather, have three daughters, Sarah, Keturah, and Abby.

Unity Association Annual Meeting



On February 23-25 Kostroma Christian Church hosted the annual Unity Association meeting. Eighteen church leaders from eight different Russian cities came to Kostroma. It is a time of great encouragement as the leaders share our experiences, joys, and hardships. On Sunday, the leaders took part in Kostroma's Sunday worship service in preaching, leading people in prayer, and in the communion meditation.

This is the last year that will conclude my 9 year-long presidency of the Association. I'm grateful to God and the wonderful church leaders that I had a privilege of serving along side with during all these years. This will free up my time and hands to focus on a new church plant and also provide an opportunity for new leaders to rise up and take over. Please pray for God's provision in this transition.

- Sasha Lukmanov, MTR field director in Gus-Hrustalnyi and Ilia Sheptunov, Kostroma Christian Church pastor

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