



# Mission to Russia

June Monthly Update

## *Introducing Our New Church Planters*

We are excited to announce our new partnership with Andrei and Katya Grushin to plant a church in Minsk, Belarus (pop. 2 million). They are mature believers who have many years of productive ministry experience. Among other methods of outreach, they will be teaching the Bible in English as a means to reach the lost. We are grateful to have them join the MTR team. Andrei and Katya are another example of how God is blessing us and expanding his kingdom among Russian speaking peoples. We could not do this without your partnership. I ask you to prayerfully consider financially supporting this endeavor through ongoing gifts, or a one-time gift. I know that many of you already give, and we are truly grateful. And so, I humbly ask you to consider an additional gift or an increase. Please make this a matter of prayer, and be open to how God may lead you. And however God may end up leading, we can be confident he will supply all our needs. Thank you for your partnership.

- Randy Jones  
MTR Ministry Director

## *News from Simferopol, Crimea*

By the grace of God, our life in Crimea has been blessed. We've found another dwelling, a house in a suburb of Simferopol which is a bit cheaper in rent. We have been living there for one month. We continue to integrate into the context of the local Crimean-Tatar culture. Once a week I conduct social and creative work with children and teens in the village of Lesnovka, as part of a social-cultural center organized by Christian brothers who work with Tatars. We're forming our team for further work on planting a new church in Simferopol. A pressing need is the relocation of Aleksey Volkov and his family to Crimea in July, and ensuring his transitional expenses. At the end of the summer, another family that will be part of our team is planning to relocate here. We also need a reliable car for ministry purposes. Please pray with us for these needs. Thank you very much for your help and love in Christ!

-Evgeniy and Sasha Kulikov  
Simferopol Church Plant



## *News from Minsk, Belarus*

Three weeks ago, when we gathered our team to discuss plans for the summer and the next academic year of the English club, I was very surprised. Usually 12-13 people attend our team meetings, but this time there were 25 people! It was a lively and friendly time of fellowship, family-like. Thank you for your prayers. Please, continue to pray that we can plant a new church on God's terms (we're taking this important step through the end of this year). Also, please pray for the health of my mother (heart problems) and our daughter, Lyuba, who is scheduled to have surgery on July 8th to remove her thyroid as her doctors recommend. We are not entirely at peace with this and need clarity and calmness. Thank you for your support!

- Andrei and Katya Grushin  
Minsk Church Plant

*Our Mission*

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## Fun with Sunday School Kids at Kostroma Christian Church

Last week our Sunday school finished this academic year and will officially be on vacation. It does not mean that kids will stop coming or that we do not do things with them in the summer. We simply do not stick to any certain curriculum, but do random lessons and have fun. Last Sunday we played all sorts of balloon games and had a Bible quiz to sum up all the material we studied over the year. At the end we had hotdogs and released balloons, which was everyone's favorite part! We praised our Lord Jesus for blessing us, prayed for a safe summer and gave thanks to our Savior for all the good things He has done for us.

- Helen Morozova in Kostroma, Russia



### Directed Prayer

Pray for the church being planted in Simferopol and its minister, Evgeniy Kulikov.

- Praise the Lord for a new house to rent!
- Pray for the outreach Evgeniy is doing with Tatar children.
- Pray for the formation of a strong church planting team.

Pray for the church being planted in Minsk and its minister, Andrei Grushin.

- Praise the Lord for greater than expected turn out for English team leadership meetings!
- Pray for Andrei's mother who is experiencing heart problems.
- Pray for the upcoming surgery of Andrei and Katya's daughter, Lyuba, on July 8th.

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