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LHI Newsletter

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Russia

Greetings in the name of Jesus on behalf of Maksim in Omsk, Russia!

Maksim not only sends his greetings to his brothers and sisters here in America, but he sends a big thank you for those have supported him in being able to leave the government work and pursue his calling as a minister of the Gospel of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus. He is active daily pursuing God's kingdom work and devoting himself to prayer and study.

Maksim continues to minister by phone to Sister Irina and has visited her another time after baptizing her. He spent several days reading the Scriptures to her and encouraging her in her hope.

Weekdays Maksim is volunteering at several local hospitals helping patients with their needs. (In Russia people usually have a relative help with their care and many people don't have anyone to help.) In turn he is able to share the good news with those who are willing to listen. Please pray for Ulee, a man he has been communicating with. Sometimes they debate, but he is willing to continue their discussions.

Maksim also attends a "religious club" weekly where people gather to discuss religion and biblical ideas. He has met a man named Mikhail there who is open to investigate the truths Maksim is sharing. They have met several times outside the club to discuss things in more depth. Please keep Mikhail in your prayers and ask God to give him a heart to hear His truths and to seek God wholeheartedly. God is faithful!

We want to purchase Bibles and print some books for Maksim to have to give to people who are seeking God and His truths. He has already had many ask for them.

Maksim is in the process of registering the Church of God as a legal church in Russia. He has also been working the past month and a half with a company designing a Church of God website in Russian. Once this is done and approved he will begin a second website, Restoration Fellowship, and will begin translating many of those articles. He is also working on editing previous works we have had translated. His goal is to have printed material to give/mail to interested parties and to also have them available on the websites. He is offering classes and studies to anybody open to learn.

Maksim submitted his request the Ministerial Recognition Board (MRB) to be a licensed minister for the Church of God in Russia. He takes this very seriously and desires to not only serve God and evangelize as he can, but to serve his future Russian brethren as well. At General Conference, the MRB granted Maksim a license and during the prayer time for the newly licensed pastors, Rebekah Martin, LHI Board member, represented Maksim. MRB member Charles Bottolfs offered prayer.



If anybody would like to write to Maksim and encourage him, please write in English and he will translate it. His e-mail is: unitarian_christian@ro.ru
A big thanks to the St. Cloud Church in MN that provided funding to be able to call Maksim weekly and fellowship with him and encourage him. I rejoice that now that Maksim is living in the city he is able to use Skype and that is how I communicate with him now. He looks forward to meeting many of you this way in the future.

There are needs the LHI Board would like to support with your help in order for Maskim to actively further the ministry God has called him to in Russia. Please consider how you might prayerfully and financially support God's work that Maksim is doing in Russia. Here are the needs:

- \$818 to pay off Maksim's school debt
- \$1,700—development of website
- \$1,000—Computer/printer
- \$400—Monthly rent/utilities/internet access

In the service of the King and for His kingdom,

Tracy Zhykhovich

P.S. Here is the address for the Russian website: www.unitarian.su

Haiti

Here is a message we recently received from Pastor Lesly Bertrand:

Greetings to you from Haiti ! I pray this E-mail will find you, your family and your ministry well and safe. Please receive my apologize for taking so long to communicate with you. There is an epidemic fever in Haiti and in all the Caribbean region by name of Chikungunya. It's not mortal but it give a lot of strong pain in your bones and joint and make people weak. I see on line now it gets Florida, South Carolina, and New York. Please go on line and look for Chikungunya. All my family, the children at the orphanage and I have been also infected by this fever. For at least one month I dealt with sickness of the children at the orphanage. I thank God everything is well and I am whole now.

At the end of this month I will send to you the Haiti missions report and the pictures that you asked me. Once again thank you for help and support to our missions work in Haiti. May God continue to bless you abundantly in the Lord Jesus. I look forward to hearing from you very soon. Blessing !

In His mercy,

Pastor Lesly

Tanzania

Last year, Pastor Nathan who served one of our churches in Tanzania died. We have been providing some financial assistance to his widow to help with the education of their children. \$300 was sent recently.

Board Meeting

The Mission Board will meet for its annual meeting in Atlanta September 26 and 27.

Other News

From the best of our knowledge, it appears that no deaths have occurred in our churches from the plagues that were reported in the Philippine Islands and Tanzania. We are grateful for your prayer support.

Pakistan

Pictured is a recent prayer meeting in Faisalabad. A number of baptisms were reported last month.

