



17 YEARS OF MUSIC MINISTRY

Greetings to you our dear brothers and sisters,
all friends and co-laborers of our Mission!
Peace and blessings be upon you, may they multiply!

In this issue, we are introducing you in detail to the Musical Ministry of our Mission in our Community, which is celebrating its 17th Anniversary this year.

In 2006 the family of Irina Kravets arrived in the USA. She had a musical education and in the same year Irina met Michael Lokteff. They gathered a group of music teachers around them and thus the Musical Department was formed in the Mission "Word to Russia". They called it "West Sacramento Music Academy".

From now on the ministry of our Music Department began. This is a lot of performances in different churches of Central California and Bay Areas, Musical Children's Camps, visits to Nursing Homes, preparations for concerts for Christmas, for Folk Festivals. In 2013 they took part in the International

Children's Festival. In the same year, on the basis of the Music Department of the Mission, the Violin Ensemble "Heavenly Strings" was organized.

Since 2012, our Music Department began giving free music lessons to children at the Epic Charter School in West Sacramento. Twice a week children attend Violin, Piano, Guitar, Recorder, Bongo and Vocal classes.

Music Ministry for children becoming more and more needed. Now the group of teachers has grown to 15 people, and our teachers also teach children at the COA Charter Elementary and Middle School in Sacramento.

In 2021, the Lord took Irina Kravets to His Abodes, and in 2022 Michael Lokteff left for Heavenly Abodes. But the work that they started within

the walls of our Mission continues. Making music helps children grow up developed, kind, saves them from the influence of the street, and forms their character. As the British writer and philosopher Thomas Carlyle once said: "Music is the speech of angels."

In 2023, our Music Department is celebrating its Anniversary - 17 years of serving children with music. Thanks to God for the journey. We ask you, our dear friends, to thank the Lord with us, support the hands of our ministry, bless us, including with your prayers.

Without your support, this good work of serving children will not be able to continue. May the Lord reward you according to the wealth of His Grace and may He save you and your close ones for His Kingdom of Love and Light in Heaven.

PASSWORD

June 2023



THE WORLD OF MUSIC

“Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” Col 3:16

The world of sounds is a special world. Much of what we see on this earth will cease to exist in eternity. But the harmonious, diverse, wonderful world of sounds, in which music occupies a regal place, will be with us in the next century.

Sound stands in a special place in the system of the Universe, occupying a certain connecting position between the physical and spiritual worlds. Just as we cannot see and touch love or hate, we cannot see and touch sounds, including music. Music influence on humans has been observed

since ancient times. Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato and other philosophers, teachers, doctors used music in their practice for teaching, for education, for the treatment of diseases. As an example, we can recall the biblical story from the life of the first Jewish king Saul.

“So it came about whenever the evil spirit from God came to Saul, David would take the harp and play it with his hand; and Saul would feel relieved and become well, and the evil spirit would leave him..” (1 Sam. 16:23)

David did not read passages from the prophetic books

to Saul, but took the harp in his hands and played. Here we see the result of properly selected music: "...and Saul would feel relieved and become well, and the evil spirit would leave him...." This example shows how deep the range of influence music has.

Music is a universal language that God gave to people. The world of sounds meets a person from the first moment of his appearance and accompanies him until his last breath, so inspired singing and music leave an indelible mark on human souls. Thus, good music is as incorruptible as a good conscience. Just as

salt always salts the environment it enters, so good music will always do what it puts in it.

Good music is an effective means of combating evil and strengthening the spiritual health of mankind. Knowledgeable people, of all ages, were well aware of the power of music for both good and bad.

“Teach and admonish one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in grace, singing in your hearts to the Lord” (Eph. 3:16.)



LIFE OF OUR MISSION

Pray for Summer Camps, for children and youth, for educators and attendants, so that the Lord sends everything necessary for these Camps and preserves all those involved, so that these Camps take place in an atmosphere of peace and love of our Heavenly Father.

About 20 years, every week, our Mission holds a service at the "Golden Days Care Center" for the Elderly. The Center for the Elderly is practically the last step before the transition to eternity. Therefore, our Mission attaches great importance to this service. Pray for our ministry at this Center and

for all of its about 130 visitors.

Pray for our Street Ministry Team. Every week we visit the homeless and feed them with sandwiches. Our brothers going to the streets of Sacramento, San Jose, San Francisco and other cities with the Gospel to the people around them. Pray for our brothers and for the people God sends to meet them.

May our prayers for Ukraine and Russia not weaken. May the Lord send His peace from above to these countries and He will forbid everyone who contin-

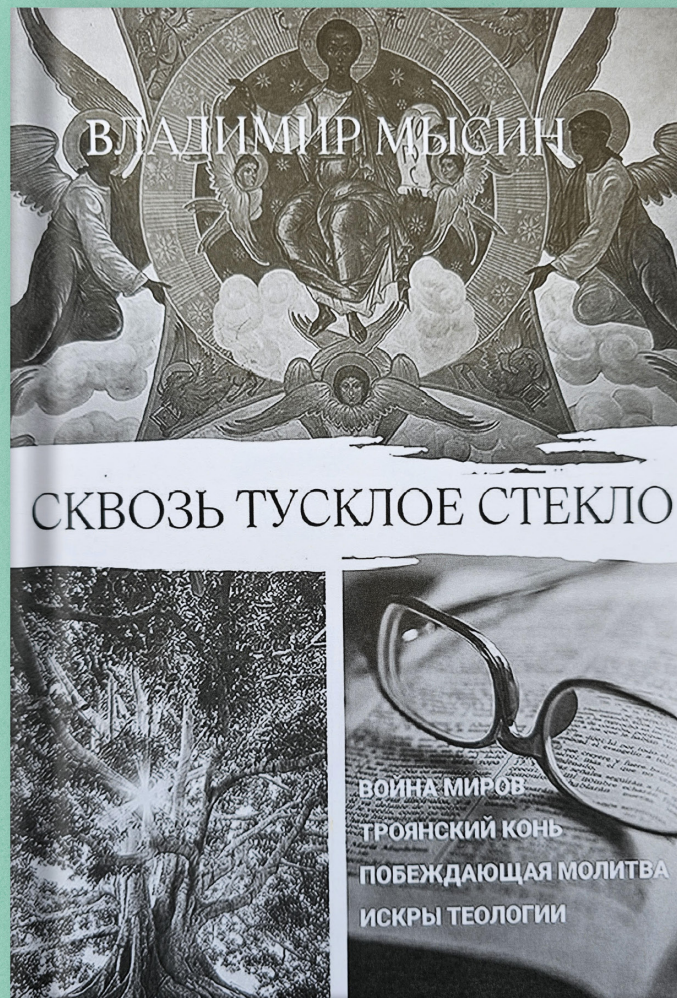
ues to heat up the war. May the Lord send His consolation to all grieving mothers and fathers who have lost their children and loved ones in this terrible disaster. And may the Lord reward all those who ignited this war. Remember, all who mourn today: - God has no dead! All untimely killed by the Lord in a special account.

Pray for Christians in Pakistan. It was a revelation to us that there are a lot of Christians in Pakistan. Despite the fact that this is actually a Muslim country, but Christians have the opportunity to build Houses of Prayer, hold services, there are a

lot of children and youth in the churches. They live very poorly, but in their fellowship they rejoice with the joy of the apostles. A lot of people come from Muslims and Hindus. There are entire districts in Pakistan where Hindus live.

Pray for our Mission. We continue our local Radio Ministry in three Counties of Central California. From our branch in Vinnitsa, around the clock, 7 days a week, Children's Radio sounds around the world. In any country people can listen to our Children's Radio.

- Hundreds of songs and soundtracks can be downloaded for free.
- Send your family and friends the address of our Children's Radio: www.detskoeradio.org
- Visit our Missions website: www.wordtorussia.org
- We also have a site named in memory of the Book of Michael Lokteff "The River of Faith". www.riveroffaithministry.org



THROUGH THE DIM GLASS

We invite you to get acquainted with book by Vladimir Mysin "Through the Dim Glass". One day I noticed that in our churches there are practically no sermons about the Kingdom of Heaven. They talk a lot about Love, about Faith, about Hope, about other fruits of the spirit, although almost all the sermons, parables, instructions of Jesus Christ were about the Kingdom of God. *"But He said*

to them, "I must also preach the Kingdom of God to the other cities, because I was sent for this purpose." Luke 4:43.

About the future eternal life in Heaven was preached by the Apostles. At the end of his ministry, St. Paul says *"And now behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the Kingdom, will no longer see my face." Acts 20:25*

Besides The book covers many other issues as well. How to pray the Conquering Prayer? How did Christ conquer and destroy Death? How did Christ destroy the Devil's Realm of Death? Why is Death the last to be destroyed? What is a "Trojan Horse" in Music Ministry? Kingdom of Heaven, Kingdom of God, Third Heaven, Paradise, Bosom of Abraham, are these different places or not? Where will the

New Jerusalem be located? Are the saved people and the Church is the same or not? For what purpose did Christ preach in Hell? Research on these topics can be found in this book. The Book has 365 pages, good white paper in soft cover.

The price of the book is \$25 dollars with shipping in America.
Send orders to the address of the Mission. – Word to Russia, PO Box 1521, CA, 95691. USA

P.S. Today the book "Through the Dim Glass" is available only in Russian. The English version is in the process of being finalized right now and we pray and hope to have this book in October - November 2023. You can send request to us and we will send you the book at the first.

MUSIC MINISTRY



THANK YOU SO MUCH

Employees of the Mission "Word to Russia" heartily thanks the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for you that you do not leave the support of our joint service in His field. Thanks to your diligence, the Mission continues to delight and proclaim the Gospel to millions of radio listeners in different parts of our planet. May Faith and Love, Light and Hope, Health and Prosperity always surround your home until we meet the Lord. May the joy of Resurrection fill your hearts, the hearts of your children and all your near and far ones, and may the Grace of our Lord and Savior keep you and direct your path to the gates of the Kingdom of Heaven.

"Let's not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary" Gal. 6:9.

ESSENTIAL MISSION NEEDS

"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he grows older he will not abandon it." Proverbs 22:6.

These immortal words of Solomon were confirmed by the practice of life in millions of families. Someone well said: "If you want to defeat the enemy, raise his children". These words contain the bitter truth of life.

Summer has come and our branches in Ukraine, Donetsk, Tashkent, Novosibirsk, Samara and Pakistan look forward for our help in holding Summer Camps. The enemy of human souls is making titanic efforts to win the souls and hearts of our children. Therefore, our efforts to help organize Christian Summer Camps are much more important for children than being in nature, breathing fresh air, playing games and making new friends. In these camps, children

are immersed in an atmosphere of love and Gospel truths; this is a great importance for shaping the children's worldview in the right direction.

Maybe not right away but the good seeds of Gospel truths germinate in the souls of these children. They will return to their homes, go to schools and colleges, and good images will live in their hearts and protect them from evil deeds, give them strength to resist the temptations of this world.

Usually, if possible, we try to send to each of these places \$1,000 dollars. They rejoice immensely to any help from American Christians. And especially in this difficult time. May the Lord incline

your kind heart to take part in this charitable work. As long as there is daylight, let us do everything our hand can do. The Lord is near.

With thanks we will gladly accept any help from you for the Summer Camps.

Also, our Music School needs to purchase additional instruments. First of all, these are three violins, three guitars, several Bongos and two or three keyboard instruments. We ask you to take part in this charitable cause and help our School in acquiring these instruments. **Depending on the quality of the instruments, we need to raise an amount from \$3,000 to \$5,000 for this.**

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