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welcomes all our friends and co-laborers.  
May your peace be multiplied!"*

# THE WAYS OF THE LORD ARE INSCRUTABLE

*"I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. Now the one who plants and the one who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building." 1 Cor. 3:6-9*

**A**p. Paul reveals here the spiritual principles of the invisible work of the Holy Spirit in the field of Evangelization. It is revealed by the spiritual Law of Sowing and Harvest. Winning souls for Christ.

**How does sowing works?** How do they sprout in human hearts? Sowing seeds; how long it takes until harvest? Who waters the seeds of truth? This happens in a special way for each person. For someone maybe there is a quick harvest and the soul immediately comes to God, but for some people it may take years before it is ripe for harvest.

Recently, my wife's classmate contacted her on social media. They were teenagers, about 12-13 years old, and lived in a distant village of oil workers in Turkmenistan. This girl often came to their house to do homework together. Nobody preached to her, but in their living room there was a text from Scripture: *"...for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."* (Book of Joshua 24)

**More than 30 years have passed.** One day, we received a letter from this girl. She writes: - "Lyubochka, we also left Kum-Dag, I got married, I have two children and all glory to God. But the text from Scrip-

ture on your living room wall was always in my head I had no peace. The question constantly sounded in my head: - Do I serve the Lord? Does my house serve the Lord? In the end, we found your church and my entire family turned to the Lord. - Now my home serves the Lord too!" This girl is Tatar by nationality, Muslim by birth, but the a Holy Spirit had been preparing this soul for harvest for many years, after she saw text from the Scripture on the wall.

**God works in mysterious ways.** As Christians we are called to sow, to water and not to be discouraged if we do not see the results of our efforts immediately. Harvest time is not our business. We will not know when God makes our crops grow. It is possible that we will see the results only in eternity.

**If my wife's friend** hadn't reached her, we would never know how the a Lord miraculously found her in this world.

**For more than 50 years**, our Mission has been bringing the seeds of good news to the Slavic people on the earth. In the late 90s, our Mission, in collaboration with Peninsula Bible Church began to cooperate with the Novosibirsk Publishing House "Posoh". At the beginning,

with our support, a book was published by the American writer Ray Stedman "Authentic Christianity". More than 70 books were published by Christian authors, it was like a good seed of truth to Slavic nations.

**We will see the full picture** of the fruits in heaven. There are good testimonies showing us that the sowing of our Mission brings wonderful fruits. I am sure that in the Kingdom of Heaven we will be met by many saved souls who came to God through our joint ministry. We invite you to read the letter from the Novosibirsk Church, where the Publishing House "Posoh" is. This letter shows that The Holy Spirit acts in the vast field of the Grace of the Lord in the most different ways. That our work is not in vain and our Mission contributes to the work of evangelism, helping the Lord to fill the heaven with saved ones.

**In the nineties**, Pavel, a completely nonchristian man, receives a book titled "Authentic Christianity" written by Ray Stedman. This book, writes Pavel, completely turned my life upside down. Today Pavel is a doctor of Theology (PhD), pastor of the Grace Church in the city of Berdsk, and vice-rector in Novosibirsk Biblical Theological Seminary.

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## PAVEL'S LETTER

"From time to time I am asked to name 5-10 books that influenced me the most, or which I would recommend to young Christians. I invariably include a book in this list that is not well-known today, but which is very dear to me "Authentic Christianity" by Ray Steadman. I read it when I was still an unbeliever, although I had spiritual questions, and this book changed my view about faith. Before that, Christianity seemed to me like a set of religious rules and actions that look like a heavy burden. Steadman allowed us to see Christianity as a transformed life with Christ. I suddenly realized that I would like to live exactly like this. The meaning of the Gospel as the good news became clearer. Soon I repented and became convinced that all this was not empty dreams - "Real Christianity" really exists. It's been decades when I started Christian ministry and I read thousands of books, but I still thank God that in His Providence He gave me the gift of starting my journey with Ray Steadman's book. I still apply his instructions to myself personally, as a pastor I try to teach "Real Christianity" as a seminary teacher I pass on Steadman's ideas to my students. Seeing a lot of hypocrites around and counterfeits of Christianity, I want people to read this book".

*Pavel Togobitsky, Doctor of Theology (PhD),*

*Pastor of the Grace Church in Berdsk,  
Vice-Rector of the Novosibirsk Biblical Theological Seminary.*

*P.S. The publishing house "Posob", due to the increased number of requests, plans to republish Ray Steadman's book "Authentic Christianity". We are asking you, friends and co-laborers of our Mission, with a request to take financial part in publication of this book which brings such wonderful results. On your check make a note: For the book.*





# CARE FOR WIDOWS AND ORPHANS

In mid-summer, Executive Director of the Mission visited several places in Europe where refugees from Ukraine are located today. This idea came to us from the famous Christian music group “Machaira” from California. The group has existed for more than 30 years. During this time they had more than 300 concerts, provided assistance to the homeless and victims of violence, supported Churches and Missions, and did two concert trips to Russia with a sermon, etc.

**The war in Ukraine** did not leave many people indifferent throughout the world. This news

also affected the Machaira team. They came up with an idea to do a series of concerts in Poland and Germany, in countries which hosted the largest number of refugees from Ukraine. The purpose of the concerts: to provide Christian love and compassion to those in trouble. For people who have lost their loved ones, lost their homes, businesses and were forced to flee from their native places to a foreign land.

**The 2nd Slavic Church in Sacramento** is spending its fourth year in Ukraine Camps for Widows and War Orphans. They invited our Executive Director Vladimir Mysyn to take

part in the Music Program. The Board of Directors weighed all the pros and cons, and decided to bless Vladimir for this trip. God also sent us a sponsor, who provided full financial support for this project. On this trip, Vladimir had to take part in the Camp of war Widows and Orphans in the Lviv Region and prepare the place for visiting the group “Machaira” with refugees in Europe.

**Visiting the War Widows and Orphans** Camp was not easy due to the fact that it was hard to see about two hundred women and children, right there next to you whose husbands and fathers were

no longer alive. But the Lord was with us in the last service, more than half of these young women turned to the Lord in prayer of repentance. When you see people's tears of repentance and joy from meeting with the Lord, this was the most precious thing for the Camp organizers.

**Pray for all widows and orphans** in Ukraine and Russia. This war is not a joy for ordinary people, wherever they are. May our loving God reward the team of the 2nd Slavic Church according to the richness of His grace and may He strengthen the hands of all workers in this difficult and dangerous field.





# GO AND PREACH



The leader of our Street Ministry Department, is brother Vasily Khripunov. In a month and a half, he visited a number of churches in European countries. In all these countries there are millions of refugees from Ukraine, as well as refugees from Russia, who do not want to take part in this fratricidal war in which people kill members of their own society. These people have special needs. They were left without their relatives and

homes and many of them have lost everything they had. They are in a different country, with an unfamiliar language, and new laws. They especially need the Lord today.

**There are Slavic Churches in many European cities.** Pray that our brothers and sisters in these churches could boldly preach the gospel. This was the purpose of Vasily's visit to these places. In many European cities,

Vasily conducted Seminars on Street Evangelism and immediately churches started practicing to preach on the streets.

**Next, Vasily visited several cities in Moldova,** and then seven cities in Ukraine. Starting from Lvov to Kharkov. In all these cities he also had Seminars on how to preach Gospel on the streets. People in Moldova and in Ukraine today are especially open to the Gospel message. There

were many blessed meetings and prayers right on the streets of these cities.

His final visit was a to Uzbekistan. Thank God that under the new president in Uzbekistan, there is much more freedom for believers. There are churches for deaf people, there are many repented Gypsy's. In Uzbekistan, these are Eastern Gypsies, people call them Luli.





# ANOTHER ✨ CHRISTMAS

**Christmas is just around the corner.** What will it be like for people in different parts of the world? Americans and other rich countries will spend billions of dollars for gifts and decorations, at the same time, in many places of our planet, millions of children will not have even the most modest gift.

**The total** expenditure on armaments of all countries in 2022 reached 2.2 trillion dollars. Economists have calculated that if all these military expenditures were sent to help people, then every inhabitant of the earth could build a new house.

**Starting in September,** our Mission begins preparations for

Christmas. For many years, we have been providing all possible assistance in holding Christmas and Summer Camps in Russia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and Pakistan.

**In Novosibirsk,** our brothers and sisters are creating several groups of (Santa Claus, Snow White, Wise man) and visit, with gifts, the families of children whose parents are in prison. These are the most disadvantaged children who are in the care of relatives. They also provide Christmas services in the 12 Prison Colonies of the region.

**In Ukraine,** we help children in the Donetsk Region. Despite the military actions, our brothers and

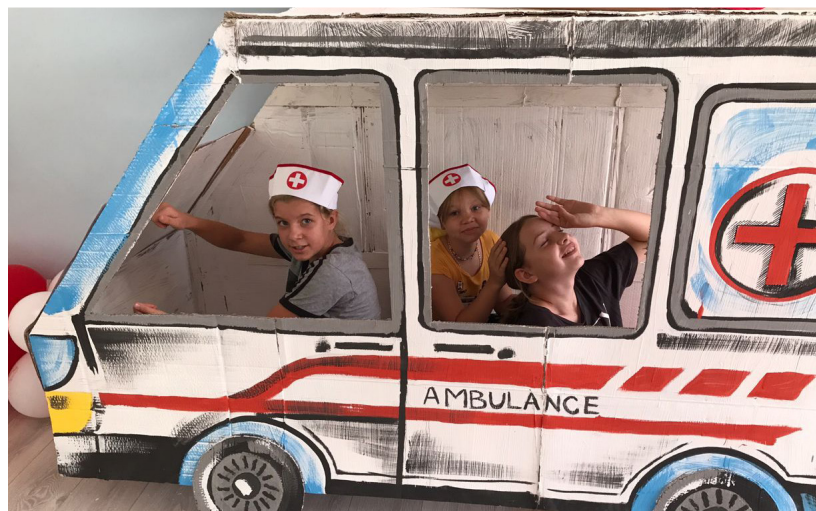
sisters find the opportunity to visit Orphanages and Boarding schools. They continue to support refugees from Mariupol and surrounding areas, that are now in Western Ukraine. Brothers from Mariupol, risk their lives, delivering humanitarian aid from Western Ukraine to front-line areas.

**In Uzbekistan,** every Christmas, our brothers and sisters help several hundred children at Christmas services. There are many children among them that are from the local areas. For gifts they order thousands of special packages with the words in three languages: *"Today has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."*

In Pakistan, a huge number of children attend Children's Meetings and very solemnly celebrate Christmas. We hope and pray that the current persecution of Christians will stop and the churches in Pakistan will be able to celebrate Christmas in peace.

**Christian Hospice in Samara,** which was organized under our direct assistance, continues to serve and is also preparing for Christmas. Hundreds of terminally ill people have found shelter and care in the walls of this Hospice. Many found peace with God a few days before transition to eternity.





## YOUTH CAMP IN UZBEKISTAN

With the support of our Mission, a very blessed Youth Day took place in the Uzbekistan camp. The theme of the Camp was: "Live with Meaning." There were 118 young people in the camp and many of them heard about God for the first time. There was repentance, unbelievers learned about Jesus and became friends with Christian youth.

Youth from 14 different churches and regions came to this camp. Such communications unite young people and strengthen their faith.

After the camp, a group of believers visited the region of Uz-

bekistan, which is located 1,000 km away from Tashkent and spent time there chatting with children in the Uzbek language.

Please accept sincere gratitude from all of our youth for your help and participation in this ministry.

**Youth Leader, Sergei.  
Tashkent, Uzbekistan.**

With our help, Summer camps were held in Novosibirsk. Children's Camp had 160 people and (120 children). Children's

Summer Camps were also held in Pakistan. (Cities of Lahore and Okara).

## SUMMER CAMPS IN DONETSK

This summer, the church "Light of the Gospel" from Donetsk, with the support of our Mission, held Summer Camps. There were two children's shifts, ages from 8 to 12 years old. During both shifts, 135 children visited the camp and 30% of them were children from unbelieving families.

In the teenage shift, ages 11 to 14 years, 40% of children were from non-believing families. There was also a youth shift, ages from 14 years and up and during this shift, 40% of young people were from non-religious families. In

each shift the spiritual content of the programs was to the maximum. Every evening sermon was given by church pastors.

The fact that these camps took place, in given conditions during the war - in which people from Donetsk live today is nothing less than a miracle from God. Thanks to the Lord for those who have served in various ways in these camps. We believe that the Lord will also replenish your needs.

**Sincerely, Konstantin,  
Donetsk church  
"The Light of the Gospel"**





# GIFTS

# LOVE

♥ **Your \$300 gift of love** will help publish 100 new books "Authentic Christianity".

♥ **Your \$100 gift of love** - 20 children will receive a Christmas gift in Novosibirsk, Uzbekistan, Donetsk, Chernivtsi, Pakistan.

♥ **Your \$500 gift of love** in will pay for a month of work at the Children's Radio Studio in Vinnitsa.

♥ **Your \$600 gift of love** will help pay for medical supplies in the Christian Hospice in Samara.

♥ **Your \$200 gift of love** will pay the expenses of one crew (Santa Claus, Snow White, Wise Man,) to visit children with gifts in Novosibirsk Region, whose parents are in prison.

♥ **Your \$200 gift of love** will cover a purchase of one electric piano for our students in Music Department of our Mission.

♥ **Your \$700 gift of love** will help pay the rent expenses our Mission for one month.

♥ **Your \$400 loving gift** will pay for 100 Urdu Bibles in Pakistan.

## POWERFUL PRAYERS

**Pray for** blessed Christmas services in our branches. Say prayers for Israel, for Ukraine and Russia. May God send peace in all these countries.

**Pray for** brothers and sisters in countries where persecution continues today.

**Pray for** Christian countries where faith is dwindling and where there are empty church buildings and the biblical laws of family and society are perverted.

**Pray for** America's awakening, for our leaders, for our new country in which there are also many problems, so that God gives power to people, who will lead the country according to God's plans.

**Pray for** our Mission that the Lord will grant us wisdom and knowledge from above to bring the Light of Grace and Truth to all near and far.

**Pray for** the listeners of our Children's Radio from Vinnitsa. This radio Broadcasts 24/7 all over the world. Share Children's Radio address with all your friends and loved ones. [www.detskoeradio.org](http://www.detskoeradio.org)

**Pray for** our Music Department. Music lessons began in August and 15 music teachers from our Music Department, provide free music lessons to children from low-income families in three Charter Schools in Sacramento.

**Pray for** our Sacramento radio listeners on KJAY-1430. Three days a week, our radio broadcasts cover three counties in Central California.



# NEEDS ON MISSIONARY FIELDS

Several thousand children hope to receive gifts from us for Christmas. Ukraine, Russia, Uzbekistan, Pakistan. The price of one gift is \$5

Your gift of love of \$100 dollars will bring the joy of Christmas to the hearts of 20 kids.

Your gift of love of \$300 dollars will help publish one hundred new books.

Publishing house "Posoh" needs funds to publish Ray Stedman's book "Authentic Christianity". Price of one book (depending on order quantity) approximately \$3



## CRY FROM THE HEARTS IN PAKISTAN

Recently in Pakistan the government passed two new laws that freed up Muslim extremists. Since August 16th, Pakistan has burned and the extremists destroyed 36 church buildings and several hundreds of our brothers and sisters houses. Many of our brothers and sisters in Pakistan

have lost everything they had and leaving their families and homes trying to save themselves and their children, in other provinces.

We have direct connection with several churches in Pakistan. Praise the Lord they are in Provinces that were

not affected by this tragedy. They ask us to help them with all possible assistance in these persecutions.

If the Lord touches your heart, you can show them mercy through our Mission. On checks write: For Pakistan.

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