



PASSWORD

November 2023

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW 2024 YEAR

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among people, with whom He is pleased” Luke 2:14.

Peace be with you, our dear friends and co-laborers of the Mission and our partners in glory and Eternal Life with Jesus Christ in His glorious Kingdom in Heaven! With all our hearts, we wish you that the joy of Christmas will always fill your hearts with the joy of salvation and Eternal Life! Let the Living Water of the Good News about our Lord and Savior spread throughout the entire

earth through our joint work. Let no earthly worries and concerns overshadow the joy of Christmas in our hearts, for we are in the reliable hands of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

“For today a Savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord!”

May the Lord bless you from above in these troubled times

through which all the inhabitants of the earth are now destined to go through. May the Lord from Heaven protect you, both near and far, for His glorious Kingdom in Heaven!

May Faith and Love, Light and Goodness, Health and Prosperity fill your hearts and your homes until you meet our Lord.



Fall semester at the Epic Charter School in West Sacramento, COA - Community Outreach Academy.

May peace and grace multiply to you!

Against the backdrop of current world events, anxiety and confusion among nations, and as new wars break out, this phrase has new special meaning for all Christians on earth

The world today is like an airplane that has fallen into a zone of turbulence. News shakes humanity every day and each day seems worse than the previous one. But the Lord tells us: **"And when you hear of wars and revolts, do not be alarmed; for these things must take place first ..." Luke 21:9.**

The words of the Lord testify that the History of the World has already been written and predetermined from above. Today it is played as a recording on a large tape recorder. It is clear that big changes are coming to the world. Let us do today everything within our power. **"FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY." Hebrews 10:37.**

The Special Sign of the Times today is Israel whom God gathered from all the nations of the earth. The very emergence of Israel is a demographic miracle. The people who were in dispersion for

two-thousand years, preserved their language, culture, writing, history, customs, faith, and gathered in the same place as two thousand years ago - this is clearly the hand of God. This has never happened in the entire history of the earth.

Current events in the Middle East are another bell ringing in the hand of the Lord, warning that our Lord is near. Perhaps the Apostle John wrote about our time in the Book of Revelation. These events are taking place today in this very region: - near the great Euphrates River.

"...Then the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, 'Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.' And the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released, so that they would kill a third of mankind." Revelation 9:13-15.

May the Lord bless us from above in these troubling times and preserve us for His glorious Kingdom of Love and Peace in Heaven.

"But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your

heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Luke 21:28.

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

"Children are the Flowers of Life" says the famous expression. Therefore, our Mission pays special attention to serving children. With your help, we are doing everything possible to help our children grow and develop, including through music lessons.

Music is an important link in raising children, in shaping the character and worldview of a child. Today, there are scientifically proven facts that "music is not only an aesthetic pleasure, but also a powerful energetic effect on a person's mental health."

The influence of music on humans (especially children) has been noticed since ancient times. Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato and other philosophers, teachers, and doctors used music in their practice for teaching, for education, and for treating diseases. As an example, we can recall the story from the life of the first King of Israel, Saul, and his servant David.

This story is clear evidence that the ancients knew full well the healing properties of music

"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 Samuel 16:23.

David did not read to Saul passages from the prophetic books or from the Pentateuch of Moses, but took the harp in his hands and played. Here we see the result of correctly selected music: **"...and Saul became more joyful and better, and the evil spirit would leave him."** This scripture is a clear testimony to the importance of music in the life of human society.

Our Mission makes its contribution to the musical education of children. The Fall Semester in the Schools is ending and fifteen Music Teachers from the Mission's Music Department are summing up the results of their work with children in three Charter Schools. Serving children through music is becoming increasingly popular among our community. Music fosters good character traits in children and helps parents keep their children away from the influence of the street.



Life Of The Mission

A few more weeks and our Mission will begin its 52nd year of Service to the Slavic People of the World. On the scale of eternity, this is a small spark of the Spark of the Gospel Truth, but in the dimensions of the human century we have stepped over the Golden Fullness of Service: - 50 Years!

The purpose of our Mission is expressed in the words of the Apostle Paul: ***"We proclaim Him, admonishing every person and teaching every person with all wisdom, so that we may present every person complete in Christ."*** Col. 1:28.

During this time, dozens and hundreds of Missions, of various profiles, began and ended their activities, but, by the Grace of God and thanks to your support, our Mission continues its ministry. God bless.

Our Branches continue to serve in Ukraine, Russia, Uzbekistan and we try to help two churches in Pakistan. These are Easter and Christmas services, Summer Camps, visits to Orphanages, visits to "Prison Colonies," the Samara Hospice, where hundreds of seriously ill people meet Christian compassion and the caring hands of our co-laborers.

Many people are reconciled to God, sometimes just hours before death. Together with the Posokh Publishing House, we continue to publish new books. Radio broadcasts for children from Vinnitsa (Ukraine) to all over the world 24/7.

Our Radio address is: www.detskoeradio.org Listen to our Children's Radio with your children and grandchildren at home, turn it on in Sunday Schools and

Kindergartens, send this address to your relatives and friends all over the world. You can download hundreds of songs and soundtracks from our website absolutely free.

The Mission continues in America. Our Radio broadcasts are heard several hours a week in three counties of Central California on the airwaves of KJAY 1430 AM. Music lessons continue in three schools in Sacramento. Every week we hold a service at the Day Care Center for Adults - "Golden Days."

This Fall we visited Churches in West Sacramento, Yuba City and Alaska (Fairbanks), and took part in the Annual Convention of the Pacific Union of ECB Churches.

The Street Ministry Dept. of our Mission continues to visit Cali-

fornia cities with street preaching; and twice a week we visit the homeless in Sacramento with sandwiches while preaching the Gospel. Our brother, Vasily, also conducts Seminars about Street Ministry to other believers.

You can call and invite Vasily to your church or to your home group to conduct a Seminar along with practice.
Tel. (916) 272-9955



Letter From Uzbekistan

Vladimir Greetings to you and all the co-laborers of the Mission!

I haven't written to you for a long time, I apologize.

We are also in service and business. We are sending a report on how your help assists us in our ministry. In September we had a Harvest holiday, where your help was purchased for decoration fresh flowers and other things. In October we held a Bible marathon for children and youth.

Your participation there gave us gifts: you gave prizes to the winners and runners-up (I will attach a photo to the letter), this year you made T-shirts with the verse "man cannot live by bread alone" and the Bible Marathon logo. We gave them to all 40 participants. This year the marathon was on the book of Luke. Topic: "Savior." From all the books they taught poems on different topics. The finalists had to know a total of 128 verses by memory. All those who memorized them received first places and the best prizes, those

who memorized 30-80 verses received prizes based on their scores. The marathon took place on October 2. On October 28 we held a youth marathon. We called it: "The Day of Scripture." At this Marathon we studied the book of Luke. All youth learned 128 verses and were awarded with a trip out of town to the Recreation Area for 1 day. There were 35 young people. Now we are planning to make gift bags for Christmas, as we have been doing for 3 years with your help. There are still funds left, I will spend them on this and then

I'll distribute the bags to brothers and sisters so that when they give gifts to people they can indicate through the bag in which the SAVIOR was born, and not the New Year.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2024!

Stay with God.

***Alsund Sergey Zakharov.
Tashkent, Uzbekistan.***



Urgent Letter

Sergei Kuznetsov family now in Southeast Asia, having fled Russia just prior to the "problems" in the current Russo-Ukrainian War. He and his wife are in their 40s and their two girls are around 12 years of age. He has been receiving threatening letters that if he and his wife would return to Russia that both of them would have to "serve" in the military against the Ukrainians. Mrs. Kuznetsov was born in Ukraine and Sergei has no intention of fighting against the Ukrainians. Both have declared their positions, that means both are in real trouble "back home."

The Kuznetsov family is being invited to the USA on a B-2 visa. Two other Ukrainian families who were forced out of Mariupol, Ukraine, due to the war, are coming to America under the *United for Ukraine* USA State Department Program.

Doug Krieger
BoDWTR



***We have a need to raise
\$5,000 for travel from
Southeast Asia to the USA
and for their needs.***



Letter to Embassy



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November 8, 2023

TO: US CONSULATE/EMBASSY OF THE USA – VIETNAM or CAMBODIA c/o

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RE: Sergei Kuznetsov and family members (Mrs. Kuznetsov and two minor children) – see Sergei's current passport in this letter attached and family members.

Dear Embassy of the United States of America and/or U.S. Consulate General:

On behalf of WORD TO RUSSIA—a registered 501-c-3 not-for-profit organization (aka “Word to Russia” or “Blagovest Christian Association” since 1972) working with many supporters here in the USA since 1972 and elsewhere around the world—we wish to extend an invitation to our brother and his family (wife and two children): the Sergei Kuznetsov family. Brother Kuznetsov will join us in the USA in ministry during our annual season of ministry outreach. As with a number of our “family of Slavic brethren” – brother Kuznetsov is invited as a visitor/tourist to the USA.

We sincerely hope, as our American government agency there in Southeast Asia, that you are able to grant our worthy friend and his family a TOURIST or VISITORS' VISA to facilitate this exchange. Brother Kuznetsov has been to the USA several times before under this status.

Thank you for your thoughtful deliberation on this most matter.

Sincerely –

Doug Krieger – Member, Board of Directors

Hugh Wilson – Member, Board of Directors



CHECKLIST



End Of The Year Needs

The end of the year is a time for summing up, plans for the future, a time of special gratitude for the past year and a special time for the Christmas Holidays.

Dear friends and co-laborers of the Mission. There is still an opportunity to end this year by especially serving the needs of our Mission Field branches. Listen to what your heart tells you. Perhaps the Lord will especially touch you with the Holy Spirit as you read about these needs.



\$500 - will pay for a month of Children's Christian Radio, which broadcasts in 5 regions of Ukraine, including 24/7 broadcasting of Children's Radio on the Internet. These programs are prepared by our branch in Vinnitsa. Ukraine. www.detskoeradio.org

\$3,000 - will pay for 500 full size Bibles in Pakistan. (400 Bibles in Urdu language, 50 Bibles in Hindu language and 50 Bibles in English).

\$3,000 - will help purchase (for half a year) medicines and medical supplies for the Christian Hospice in Samara. For more than 25 years, our Mission has been providing assistance to this Hospice. Hopelessly ill people, sometimes a few days before death, hear the news of the Savior and desire to go into eternity reconciled with God.

\$1,000 will help to celebrate Christmas holidays for children and youth in Uzbekistan.

\$1,000 will help to celebrate Christmas holidays for children and youth in two Churches in Pakistan.

\$1,000 will help children whose parents are in prison, to celebrate Christmas in Novosibirsk. 4 groups travel to different places in the Region. (Santa Clause, Snow Maiden, Wise Man).

“Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised. FOR YET IN A VERY LITTLE WHILE, HE WHO IS COMING WILL COME, AND WILL NOT DELAY.” Hebrews 10:35-37.

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 renewal in our 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

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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