



Happy Fathers Ďay!

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is what justice requires. "Honor your father and mother" is the first commandment with the promise: "that it may go well with you, and that you may live long on the earth" Eph. 6:1-3.

> une has arrived, the first summer month of 2024. This month is special - in June, many countries around the world celebrate Father's Day. The Word to Russia Mission also congratulates all fathers on earth on your "professional" holiday.



Happy Fathers Day!

On this day we thank our fathers for their love and care for us. This day also reminds us of gratitude to our Heavenly Father. He is the Father of all earthly parents, through whom the gift of life comes to people.

Our fathers and mothers gave us life, raised us and saved us, therefore, children are indebted to their parents. Once upon a time, their parents (our grandparents) did the same for them. And grandparents had their own parents, and they had their own, and so on. How many were there? How deep do the waves of our generations go? We do not know. Therefore, we should thank God not only for our parents, but for all generations. They preserved and passed on to us the "Relay of Life."

In eternity, amazing meetings with generations of our relatives await us. Look back and imagine the line of your generation going back centuries. It spreads out wider and wider, like water from a sailing ship, and its traces are lost in the mists of history. Only God knows what difficulties and hardships our ancestors went through. But they preserved their family and passed the "Relay of Life" into our hands.

Looking at us from time immemorial, they want us to preserve, multiply and pass on the "Relay of Life" to our children, and they to theirs. Our ancestors really hoped that the family that has been preserved for many generations will not end with us. May the Lord help us to pass it on to our children and grandchildren with honor.

As the famous proverb says: "Children are the flowers of Life." Someone said it well: "If you want to defeat the enemy, raise his children." Therefore, from the beginning of serving

our Mission, we paid special attention to raising children. "Train up a young man when he begins his way; he will not turn away from it when he is old" Proverbs 22:6. – Wise Solomon addresses all parents.

The ministry that our brothers and sisters began in 1972 continues. In this letter, you will find a brief report on the work with children of the Music Department of the "Word to Russia" Mission. For over 15 years, our Music Department has been teaching music to children in low-income families free of charge.

The influence of music on humans has been noticed since ancient times. Pythagoras, Socrates, Plato and other philosophers, teachers, and doctors used music in their practice for teaching, for upbringing, and for treating diseases. Today, this is a scientifically proven fact: "music is not only an aesthetic pleasure, but

also a powerful energetic effect on a person and his psyche."

As an example, we can recall the biblical story from the life of the first King of Judah, Saul, and his servant David. This story is evidence that the ancients knew well and used the healing and beneficial properties of music. "And when the spirit from God came upon Saul, David took the harp and played, and Saul felt happier and better, and the evil spirit departed from him" 1 Samuel 16:23.

It is interesting that David did not read passages from the prophetic books or from the Pentateuch of Moses to Saul, but picked up the harp and played. Here we see the result of correctly selected music: "... Saul felt more joyful and better, and the evil spirit departed from him." This scripture reminds us of the importance of musical education for children.

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On May, 15 teachers from the Music Department of the Mission completed the Spring Semester in three schools in our city. The past Academic Year, which was successful. At the beginning of March, children took part in the Festival dedicated to International Women's Day. At the beginning of May, children took part in the 2nd Annual Spotlight Festival. And at the end of May, our students took part in the Cultural Fair of our city. This is the most popular Fair, attended by thousands of visitors and hundreds of participants of different nationalities.

With your help, on the eve of the Fair, we managed to purchase a new Sound System. We express our deep gratitude to all our donors!

We see the hand of God in the fact that every year the number of children who want to learn to play musical instruments in-

creases. Depending on the musical discipline, classes at the Schools are held two or three times a week. Group classes, choir, solfeggio, music literacy are held twice a week, and individual lessons three times a week. In total, the Music Department of our Mission taught music to more than 400 children. Piano, violin, guitar are the most popular instruments among children.

Many children are very talented, but not all parents have the opportunity to purchase musical instruments for their children. We give for rent musical tools to such families for free. Unfortunately, we are not able to satisfy all requests and there is still a great need to purchase new instruments. Primarily these are violins, guitars, keyboards, recorders and bongos.

Children of many nationalities study at the school. They came to America from differ-

ent countries and the children had different upbringings, but they all want to make music and this unites them. Music helps parents raise their children, shapes the child's character and protects them from the influence of the street.

The ministry of the Music Department of the Mission in Schools is a blessing to the children of our city and we are proud of the privilege of sharing our musical gifts with our students.

Perhaps, reading these lines, the Lord is prompting you to help children acquire an instrument. We will gratefully accept any donation. The new School Year is just around the corner. We hope that with your help, we can increase the number of free rental musical instruments available to our students.

POWERFUL PRAYERS

Pray for childrens ministry 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 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.

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

MISSION SERVICE CONTINUES

In order for the Gospel to continue to sound in our community and the world, we invite you to personally take part in the work of evangelism.

- Our Free Christian Radio broadcasts five hours a week in three counties in Central California. There are no advertisements on our Radio and only Gospel programs are broadcast. Listen to Our Radio on KJAY 1430 AM, Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm; Tuesday and Thursday from 8 to 9 am. May the Lord reward all who support this ministry.
- Our free Children's Radio from Vinnitsa (Ukraine) sounds all over the world 24/7. Radio address: detskoeradio.org. You can listen to Children's Radio on YouTube.
- Summer is a special time to serve children. Today, Christians in Donetsk, Vinnitsa, Novosibirsk, and Uzbekistan are preparing to hold Summer Camps for children and youth and are asking for financial support. We will be very grateful for any help for this purpose.
- The Samara Hospice continues to serve people and the Lord. Seriously ill people find help, care and consolation there. Many of them come to the Lord shortly before their death. This blessed ministry has been going on since 1997. We will be grateful to everyone who will set their hearts to participate in this godly work.
- Several years ago, Christians from Pakistan contacted us. It was a revelation to us to see their large churches and their ministry in those life-threatening conditions. And to this day, there are acts of persecution and, in some cases, even to the death of our brothers and sisters in Pakistan. Pakistanis are also asking for help to conduct Summer Camps.

May the Lord open Your hearts to take part in this need

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