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Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

Greetings in the *amazing, unfailing love* of our Lord Jesus Christ!
He is the same *yesterday, today, and forever!*

How are we proceeding with all the changes in Russia? As always, we are living by **faith**. Nearly twenty years ago we wrote about the principles we go by—principles of faith missions:

1. The Lord always provides. Over and over again, Paul testified, “*God is faithful.*” One of our favorite songs is “*Jesus Never Fails.*” Our good friend, missionary Ken Thompson, wrote, “When ‘my’ project is struggling, when I prayed but it didn’t come, when a helping hand is not in sight, when we can’t give what we wanted to give, when sickness lingers, when misunderstandings come, when loneliness creeps in, when I cannot meet my goals, and on and on it goes . . . Remember, GOD NEVER FAILS! Sometimes we think like Martha, who said, ‘Lord, if You would have come earlier, things wouldn’t be like this.’ But God never fails. He is accomplishing His unseen, eternal purposes. So just hang on, sooner or later we will understand!”

2. Never own anything. This principle comes from 1Corinthians 6:19-20, A. W. Tozer, George Muller, H. Robb French, and others. Everything we have is a gift from God for which we are thankful and from which we must always be willing to part. We should never be so attached to material things—which are temporary—that they keep us from eternal things—which is where reality is. Our treasures are invisible, but they are everlasting. We are stewards, we are messengers. We are not here to keep things but to give them to others.

3. Never owe anyone anything. Romans 13:8. If we surrendered all to Christ (Principle #2), then we must live contented with what He provides. Debts are below the Bible standard for God’s children. Whether we are constructing new buildings or investing in education or publications, we refuse to go into debt. That would contradict Principle #1. On the other hand, when it comes to the Gospel ministry, as Paul said, we are debtors to all men. After 21 years, we can truthfully testify that all bills have been paid and, all financial obligations have been met.

4. We are accountable. This is God’s work and we are accountable to Him. We are all in this together. We all need each other, and together we must give all the glory to Jesus. The Lord of the Harvest shares the rewards of the harvest with each one who invests according to His evaluation. Not only are we accountable to God, but we are also accountable to people. We are accountable to our churches, to our American Mission Board (H.I.M.), and to our Russian Mission Board, which is now 100% Russian.

We believe the Lord has guided us each step of the way. Although the Christian Center staff is now all Russian, we will continue as the representatives of the Center to all our friends outside Russia, in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Canada, and the U.S.A. We will be in touch with you soon concerning our autumn travels in Scandinavia and our winter travels in the States.

Lisa, the daughter of Aleksei & Aliya Glushkov, began first grade in school on September 1st, when all Russian schools have special celebrations for the first day of school. Again this year, Judy helped children in the children's home prepare bouquets of flowers for their teachers.



Many of our young married friends have children who are still too young for elementary school. In the photo below on the left is Ruth, the violinist, and on the right is our friend Ksusha, who plays the flute. In 2011, Ruth traveled with us from coast to coast across America. These young ladies with Judy performed together here in Vyborg twice this summer. Ruth and her husband Gleb, who live in a new home in Finland, now have a baby boy named Benjamin.



Our evangelistic, mailing, and hospital ministries are all reaching out here in Russia to bring the Gospel of Jesus and His great Love to the next generation! Pray for us!

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