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Hope International Missions



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Bringing News of Richard & Judy Grout & Vyborg, Russia since 1993



Dear Friends & Loved Ones,

September 1st was the first day of school all across the nation of Russia. As you can see from these photos, social distancing is not enforced in Russia. We are also happy the churches we support there are growing, and new pastors are rising up to stand in the gap and to fill the pulpits. Every day we have contact with at least one or two of our many friends in Russia via several kinds of social media—free of charge! Thank you all so much for your faithful prayers and support for the past twenty-seven years!



The first two photos are from two different schools in Vyborg. In Russia, every school has a big celebration on the first day of school.

The third photo is of an all-Russia pastors conference in a church we fellowship with in Saint Petersburg. Please continue to pray for our pastors in Vyborg—Valera T., Aleksey F., and Aleksey H. and Pastor Oleg B. in Svetogorsk. They are working with other pioneer pastors in several cities in Karelia—the region north of Vyborg. Meanwhile, we are still working with Hope International Missions in South Florida and filling the pulpit of a Bible Methodist Church in South Georgia.



All for Jesus,

Richard & Judy Grout

John 3:16, Mark 16:15, 2 Cor. 5:14-15

*Thanksgiving comes to Russia in September. Many churches there celebrate Harvest Sunday earlier than we do in America, although some will celebrate in October.*



*Above and below—Thanksgiving service in a church in Slantsy near the border of Estonia.*



*Please also pray for our Mailing Ministries to Prisoners. Some of our older workers in this ministry are retiring, so we need new workers to take their places.*

*Remember to pray for Sasha and Tanya as they manage the Vyborg Christian Center. There are many needy people who pass by there every day of the year.*

*Richard and Judy are still hoping to return to Russia for at least a month or two as soon as the borders are open again.*



*Deacon Sergei Vishniakov, our good friend, leads in the Church on the Rock.*



*Pastor Oleg and his wife Irina in Svetogorsk by the border of Finland.*



*Brother Ilya, Paramedic in Slantsy*