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Dear Friends & Loved Ones,

Success! Pastor Valera T. has moved up to a leadership position in his church's NW district. Aleksey Holmanskikh has now been ordained as the new pastor in the church Valera pioneered. In the pictures above, on the left are District Moderator Viktor K., Aleksey, and Valera. On the right are a group of young Russian pastors, many of whom were saved from drug addictions.

Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. The ministries in Russia are bearing much fruit, as you can see from these photos. These same young people we ministered to for many years are now moving up into leadership in their churches. The seed we sowed has been bearing fruit, though all the credit belongs to our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We plowed through some difficult times and did some planting, others watered, nurtured and trained, but God brought the increase! Meanwhile, COVID, the "dragon king" of the East, has wrought worldwide havoc, affecting and infecting nearly every nation in the world, and Russia is no exception. Who would have dreamed that the powers-that-be could shut down travel to so many nations? The situation all over Europe is still not good, but the Russians have closed their borders with Europe (including Finland), and the Europeans have closed their borders to Russia. Of course there are exceptions.

We are thankful we can still communicate with all our friends in Russia and send them funds they need to carry on the ministries, especially the ministries with former drug addicts.

Just a few weeks ago, excitement came to the Christian Center as Tanya, Sasha Tarasov's wife, came home with a new baby girl. (Yes, the balloons are blue, but that doesn't matter in Russia.) Her name is Margarita. Sasha has been doing a great job managing the Christian Center in the midst of the pandemic. Although many meetings could not be held, other ministries have continued.

Please keep on praying for our friends in Russia: Pastor Valera, Pastor Aleksey and his wife Natasha, Sasha Tarasov and his wife Tanya, and all their families, plus the men at the House of Hope rehabilitation center.



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