

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Every time I write to you, I sense a great gratitude to God for such blessing to be in a team with those who pray with you and stand with you for the cause of the work of Christ in the hearts of people today.

Recent events of the massacre at Virginia Tech. are just another illustration of the world gone mad without the personal knowledge of the Savior. This is why we preach the Gospel of the Lordship of Christ! This is why we labor for His Kingdom, spreading strong Biblical influence among more and more people. We know that only His truth can make a real difference in hearts of sinners.

I am asking you to praise with us for God's tremendous blessings that we have recently experienced in our ministry and to unite in prayer about some important upcoming and ongoing events.

***Praise Him for...***

1. Our ministry is becoming more concentrated on leadership training. In recent months, we experienced many new developments in this area. We are praising the Lord for His blessings in our *School of Spiritual Leadership* as well as *Word of Grace Bible School*. Both of these schools take part of the *WGBI*, founded by *Slavic Bible Church* in Vancouver, WA, and serve as a practical instrument for growth of a spiritual leadership maturity.

2. Our training center *Word of Truth Bible School* in Rostov, Russia just had their first graduation. We celebrated faithfulness of God's word with 54 graduates. The two-year program of this school has provided each of them with much needed knowledge and practical training in different areas of ministry.



3. Three months ago, *WGBI* opened a new Biblical training program in Bashkiria, which is in the Buddhist region, located about 1000 miles northeast of Moscow. Alexander Naumov, who graduated from *Samara Theological Seminary* approximately two years ago, joined *WGBI* and is now teaching church leaders in two different churches in that region.



4. God had really blessed our annual couples' retreat here in the Pacific Northwest. It took place on April 13-16 this year. All 240 participants were challenged and greatly encouraged by the God's powerful word, which was delivered through our keynote speakers, president of *IFCA International*, Les and his wife Miriam Lofquist. This event proved to be a great opportunity to spread the influence of the solid Biblical preaching among different Russian-speaking groups.

***Ask Him to...***

1. We would really appreciate your prayers for the upcoming conferences in Rostov, Russia and Kharkov, Ukraine which is set for April 28-29 and May 2-4 this year. Hundreds of church leaders from that part of the Russian-speaking world have already registered for such events. The key theme of both events is "Authority and Trustworthiness of the Bible." Please pray for me, as I travel overseas to teach men and for all the church leaders who will attend these

conferences. Lately, such prolonged and intense travel becomes more difficult for me to handle physically as I teach and counsel pastors in a short time frame such as ten days. Pray that God would use these events to produce real growth and maturity in each man.

2. Our summer camp program also is in need for your prayer support. This year, in cooperation with *Globeworks International* in Birmingham, AL, we plan to be involved in the ministry of more than 10 different camps in USA, Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia. Some of these camps are put together and funded by us, and some are supported by us through helping leaders and providing funds and needed material – our approach remains the same - to help local churches serve kids and young people in gaining practical importance of the Word of God in their lives. Please pray for every leader and every participant of each camp, so that God’s glory is displayed through this ministry.



3. Pray for the new class in the *Word of Truth Bible School* in Rostov, Russia. More than 90 new students from different towns and cities around Rostov have started their new two-year-course. Please ask God to sustain this great work for continued blessings for the churches in that region.
4. Please, continue to pray for the new *School of Biblical Preaching* that is being planned in Rovno, Western Ukraine. This new training center is specifically focused on committed and experienced church leaders, who are seriously involved in ministry, but did not have the training opportunities for expository preaching. This new school has started by their request. Please pray for the organizational process, selection of students, administration, funding, etc. Also, pray for its effectiveness so that we evidence the difference not just in lives of those leaders, but in their churches as well.

5. And lastly, please continue to pray for the development of our *Word of Grace* media ministry. Several weeks ago we started live video web casting of *Slavic Bible Church* services. We continue broadcasting on several TV and radio stations. Distribution of our sermons via internet downloads, CDs, and tapes are growing on a monthly basis. This ministry became a great instrument in providing strong Biblical influence among Russian-speaking people around the world. Please pray with us and for us, as we continue developing this ministry which also requires upgrading equipment, involving more trained personnel, providing additional funding for broadcasting time, etc.



With gratitude, we accept your prayers. With humility, we ask for your support. May the name of our Lord Jesus Christ be glorified as we seek to minister Him with everything that we have.

In His Service,

Alexey and Tanya Kolomiytsev for the great team of the *Word of Grace Ministry*.