



Rejoice in HIM!

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Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

Greetings in the bright, warm, spring sunshine of Jesus' amazing, unfailing Love from the shores of Northwest Russia! The more things we give up for Jesus, the more time we have to praise Him. Habakkuk wrote, "Yet I will rejoice in the Lord. I will joy in the God of my salvation!"

What are we praising God for now?

1. We have a new Regional Director, **Ed Durham**, who has started a new page on Facebook—**Hope for Eastern Europe**. It carries almost daily news of HIM's work in Russia and Eastern Europe. He is also working on a website: www.hope4easterneurope.com

You can meet Ed and his wife Heather on either of these sites.

2. The Lord is continuing to bless the **Bible Club** that meets in "The Ark", a special room in a hostel near the children's home. Judy and Lena, our art teacher, also meet every week with some of the children in the children's home.

3. Part of the children's home is being converted into a kindergarten. Why is this? Because so many babies are being born (instead of being aborted) that there is a big increase in young children all across Russia. Judy is working with a growing group of **young mothers**, and now there is also a mothers' prayer group in Atlanta praying for them.

4. Every Friday night we have a youth meeting in Vyborg Christian Center, usually led by **Aleksei Glushkov**, our Building Manager and Evangelist. This month he and his family are on vacation and the meeting is being led by the older, established Christian youth.

5. Every Sunday night a congregation of men and women reclaimed from drug abuse and some of their mothers gather together to worship the Lord. **Valera Tolkachev**, our Assistant Director, is pastor of this church. He is also registered as the legal owner of our van.

6. How can we praise the Lord when we have lost the use of our van? On Good Friday, April 22, there was a little "clank" and the motor died. An inner part broke and knocked a hole in the head of the motor and it is beyond resurrection. It will cost less to buy another van than to fix our "new" (1998) Mercedes. We can praise the Lord because it happened close to home, here in Vyborg; our friend Sergei Vishniakov gave a tow to the shop; we've been able to get some good expert advice on what our options are. We now have time to see people closer to home, and we are getting more exercise walking. And we rejoice—in advance—because we know the Lord will supply all we need in Christ Jesus, just when it is needed most. Romans 8:28-32

All we are we are all because of HIS Amazing Love,
Richard & Judy Grout

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Sergei and boys in "The Ark" Bible Club



Lena leading her art class in the children's home



Icebreaker in Saimaa Canal,
the first sign of Spring



Victory Day, Red Square, Vyborg, May 9
On the right is the statue of Vladimir Lenin.



October 2010, Workmen begin rebuilding
the square in front of our Christian Center



May 2011, laying old cobblestones in the
new street (17th Century technology)
Judy has been witnessing to the workmen with cakes, clothes, and Christian literature.