



Rejoice in HIM!



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Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

It has been nearly 2000 years since the greatest victory of all History, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from the dead! We always look forward to the many celebrations of Easter here in Russia, where we are once again safely “at home.” Everyone here is also looking forward to the 9th of May, Victory Day, celebrating 70 years since the end of World War II.

We see many signs of prosperity in Russia. By just one metro station on the edge of St. Petersburg, we saw approximately forty new 25-storey high-rise apartment buildings that sprang up like mushrooms in the last few months. (They are even the color of brown mushrooms.) Here in Vyborg, there are several dozen new buildings, many new playgrounds, and construction is beginning to extend some of the new freeways in St. Petersburg closer to Vyborg. In NW Russia the population is increasing, people are coming our way, and our mission field is growing.



Away with the old, up with the new!



Easter chorus celebrating new life in Christ!

While new construction of buildings is impressive, what is more impressive is new lives in Christ! Not only did He rise from the grave, but Jesus also sends His Holy Spirit to begin in us a new creation. We are seeing this happen more often as our Christian Center expands its work with drug rehabilitation centers and growing local churches.



Authentic Russian Easter Eggs



Decorative Russian Balalaika



The Russian Domra

Some of the most beautiful, melodic music in the world is played by orchestras of Russian folk instruments. As soon as we returned to Russia, we went to concerts where these instruments were played. They are also used in some of the larger evangelical churches where talented musicians may often be found. Vyborg Christian Center is right on the front edge of the historic Russian empire. We are grateful God has given us an open door to share the Good News of the peace and harmony and of the love and grace that only Jesus can give. Pray for us and our faithful workers: **Pastor Valera, Aleksey G., Tamara, Anna, Anya, Zhenya, and hospittal chaplain, Ludmila.**

All because of His Amazing Love,

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