



Rejoice in HIM!



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News flash: The Russian authorities have given full and final approval to our new charter. Our mission is still going forward, growing upward, and bearing fruit!

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Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you all! We are in Finland helping with a summer camp for Russian children from Karelia—the next province in Russia to the north of us. At the bottom of the page is a photo of a Russian Christian family who brought music to the Karelian meetings last summer.

Ever since we arrived in Vyborg two months ago, we have had guests in our Christian Center every day. One of our guests was a young lady named Oksanna. Here is her testimony:

In the depths of despair, this young lady stood on the tiny balcony of her apartment ready to end her life by jumping to her death. (A common way to end one's life in Russia's cities with their high-rise apartment buildings.) Just at that moment her cell phone rang. A Christian friend, responding to the leading of the Holy Spirit, called to ask Oksanna how she was doing. Oksanna told her the truth—she was about to jump to take her life.

Her friend immediately asked Oksanna if she could pray for her. When Oksanna said, "Da" (yes), her friend told Oksanna to go inside her apartment, and she would pray for her there. Within four hours Oksanna was in a rehabilitation center for troubled women in Moscow.

Today, only nine months later, Oksanna is a vibrant, conscientious believer who is active in the ministries of Bethesda House—our local home for women. Oksanna is not alone. Many other men and women have had their lives totally transformed by the redeeming power of God's Amazing Grace.

The Lavranchuk family

Please excuse the poor quality photo. It is a bit blurry, just like our memories.

