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Bringing News of Richard & Judy Grout from Vyborg, Russia

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Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

Why are we still here in Russia running a mission of mercy? Richard Wurmbrand, in *From Torture to Triumph*, (Monarch Books, Eastbourne, England, 1991) told this story. During World War II, Romania was on the side of Nazi Germany and was at war with Communist Russia. A fourteen-year-old boy was arrested for distributing Communist leaflets. Instead of showing the boy in a merciful way how wrong he was, the Nazi major beat the boy in the most brutal way. This just strengthened the boy's resolve in his hatred for God and his commitment to Communism. Many years later this same boy—Nicolae Ceausescu—became the savage and cruel dictator of Romania. The same kind of cruel treatment by “Christians” in their formative years also affected Karl Marx, Vladimir Lenin, and Joseph Stalin.

Who knows but that our kind and merciful treatment of some troubled young man or woman may make a difference in the future of Russia? Near the end of Wurmbrand's miraculously long life (after more than fourteen years in the worst Communist prisons), he pled, “Let us subvert the Communist world with the gospel. Let us win them with love. Christ taught us to hate sin but love the sinner. . . . Let us raise an army of prayer warriors.” That is still the great need of Russia today (and America!)



Young ladies from the nearby rehabilitation center—Bethesda House. On the far right is Anya, who was the leader there for the past eight months. Next to her is Olga, the new leader. Anya has returned to live in the Christian Center, where she is one of our mailing ministry ladies. Every week they receive scores of letters from prisoners, the families of prisoners, and children from all regions of Russia.



Antonina Isenberg came to trust in Jesus through the ministry of Ludmila Fyodorovna, who was our hospital chaplain for many years. Antonina works in our kitchen every Wednesday when we have an evangelistic meeting and serve lunch to many poor people. Antonina has several physical problems: she suffers from diabetes, has very bad eyesight, cataracts, and other problems. She was hospitalized the first week of this month with another problem. At home Antonina cares for her invalid daughter along with two young adult grandchildren. Please pray for Antonina and her troubled family. In her family (which has Jewish roots) she is the only witness for Jesus, her Messiah.

Natasha, the girl from the children's home who was saved three years ago and has been featured several times in our *Russian Lifeline Prayer Letters*, has announced her engagement to **Aleksey Holmanskikh**. Aleksey is pictured here with Natasha (who was never married) and her seven-year-old son, Kostya. Aleksey is currently the leader of a men's rehabilitation center near the city of Nizhniy Novgorod, in the center of Russia. He is one of the "graduates" of the rehabilitation program here in NW Russia. Aleksey not only has a good Christian testimony, but he is also an experienced and successful counselor of troubled men.



*Please pray also for **Aleksey Glushkov**, the Manager of the Christian Center, and for **Anna and Tamara, Anya, Janya, and Marina**, our mailing ministries workers. All the ministries of Vyborg Christian Center are still going forward, led by our faithful and very busy Director, **Pastor Valera Tolkachev**. All because of HIS Amazing Love and Grace,*

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