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*Bringing News of Richard & Judy Grout from Vyborg, Russia
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This year's featured display in the Vyborg Castle

Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

The old pastor, a survivor from Soviet times, said it. Vladimir Putin said it. In fact, he said it was his favorite song: "***Back to the U.S.S.R.***" With the stroke of a pen President Putin has proved once again that "the pen is mightier than the sword." By all accounts the new law he signed on 7/7/2016 will go a long way to effectively eliminating evangelism in Russia. Following the lead of the dictators in the Central Asian states ("-stans"), Russia now has begun to put into place a very restrictive regime to confine religious expression to inside the four walls of the churches. Even there, inside the churches, foreigners like us will not be allowed to preach or teach without getting prior permission. How will this affect the Christian Center? Turn to page 2 to find out.



- ◆ Flying high over the Vyborg Castle is a new, much larger flag of the Russian Federation.
- ◆ Located across from the Castle, the Christian Center will soon have to legally close down.
- ◆ Judy and Richard will not be there for that moment, because we have gone out of Russia.
- ◆ Whether the ministries of the Christian Center will continue and how they will continue is in the hands of the Lord. We know our outreaches of the past 23 years have not been in vain! 1Cor.15:58
- ◆ We are thankful for many good friends in Finland who are helping us now.
- ◆ Please pray for all our faithful workers: **Valera Tolkachev**, Director; **Tamara Nikolaevna, Anna Vasilyevna, Anna Boldarevo**, who work in mailing ministries; **Aleksey Glushkov**, Manager of the Building; **Antonina Alekseva**, cooking and serving. This will affect every worker and the families of the workers. Also, thank you for your prayers for us. We would like to stay in Finland until September, and then we will be able to decide about the possibility of returning to Russia.

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NOTE: THIS WILL NOT BE THE LAST EDITION OF THE *RUSSIAN LIFELINE PRAYER LETTER*. WE ARE TURNING A PAGE IN OUR RUSSIAN HISTORY, BUT THE LAST CHAPTER HAS NOT YET BEEN WRITTEN! *Psalm 31:14-15*