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*Bringing News of Richard & Judy Grout from Vyborg, Russia
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Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

Greetings in Jesus' amazing, unfailing, everlasting Love!

Summer is almost over, and everyone is back to school. Once again this year we were able to give flowers to some of the orphan children for the first day of school. We have turned the mission work of Vyborg Christian Center over to the Russian believers, and the challenge they must meet is how to reach a huge new generation of Russians now that the doors are almost completely closed to foreigners visiting Russian children's homes.



Every school in Russia begins on the first day of September. That is the day to see children dressed in Russian school clothes and to hear patriotic music and speeches by local politicians. The national traditions in Russia have all been greatly strengthened in the last decade as relations with some of Russia's neighbors in the West have become more controversial. Construction of new buildings and better roads and other public services are making Russia a more desirable place to live with a rising birthrate and immigration from nearby war zones.



One place where we are welcome to minister is at the Home for Old Folks and Invalids in a town about 30 miles north of Vyborg. Pictured above is a team who visited there last month and was led by Pastor Valera Tolkachev, on the right. Tanya, the lady in the wheelchair, is one of four people we saw in the home who has had both legs totally amputated. On the right she is with her husband—they met and were married in the Old Folks' Home. There are many amputees and invalids in Russia, and they are some of the ones that we are helping.

*Please continue to pray for our co-workers at Vyborg Christian Center. Pictured below, from left to right, **Antonina**, kitchen worker; **Natalia**, bookkeeper; **Pastor Valera**, the Director; **Richard** (**Judy** is behind the camera); **Tamara**, **Anna V.**, and **Anya B.** our mailing ministry workers; and **Aleksey Glushov**, the Manager and Evangelist.*

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