

"...honour thy father and mother." Luke 18:20

Dear friends,

we thank you for your prayers, for all the words of encouragement, for your care and love that we received from you during the hard time of our life. Last year was not only difficult for us all because of the Covid and all restrictions and lockdowns. It shook us and left us heartbroken and devastated because of the severe illness of my (Marina) father who eventually left us to be with the Lord on the 4th of January. We couldn't sleep and were always near him accompanying him to/from the hospital, standing in the long lines in the clinics to get the prescriptions for the special medicine, cooking and talking with him about the Lord and eternal life. He took a Communion with us crying. He couldn't walk and he was in too much pain, so last week the doctor started to give him morphine. Praise God, my father didn't suffer too long and believed in God to be with Him now. Igor and I led the funeral service where many people came. It was a great honour and a huge blessing for us to spend last months with the father and be with him at the death bed to say "we love you".



Because of the pain and our health state we had to postpone our Mission School till September and decided to lead "The Course of Practical Ministry" - some seminars to train people in the churches, to preach on some Sundays, to take part in other projects of the church and to continue to develop YWAM ministry in this part of Russia. Pastor invited Igor to be part of the Church board (council) but when we prayed we both felt to deny this proposal even though it is a privilege for us to serve in the church. At the end of January we took part in the Regional Missionary Conference called "Time has come!". We both spoke and challenged people to answer the call of God in their lives. Many people came from other churches and from the suburb of Novgorod. Some of the leaders of the church went forward to be prayed for. We spent time with other missionaries and counselled some people. In February we led "The Family" Seminar. It is the first part of the 4th meetings on the Family topic that we plan to run during the year. This seminar was an encouragement for the church, the families and for the singles who are going to get married. One family came from another city just for this seminar. It is not easy for people to face some problems, unresolved conflicts but they made a first step and are ready to deal with it.



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Амос 7:7: Такое видение открыл Он мне: вот, Господь стоял на отвесной стене, и в руке у Него свинцовый отвес.

*Семинар по целостности личности, внутреннему исцелению, восстановлению.

Спикеры: Игорь и Марина Хрипуновы



26 февраля в 19:00
27 февраля в 12:00
Белова, д.3

At the end of February we led the Seminar "The Plumblin". It is a ministry of Inner healing. We would like to bring inner healing and restoration to the people of the church, especially leaders. Many people from the churches around Novgorod took part in that seminar. It was very useful and we got a good feedback from the participants. We offered counselling to those who need help in some areas. Just before the seminar Igor suffered 4 days from the very strong headache and couldn't sleep, so we were about to cancel it, but, praise God, the church prayed and he felt better on the day of the seminar and was able to teach.

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On the Woman's Day in March Marina was sharing her testimony before the women at Women' club. The theme was "You are wonderfully made". It was a very special time when many women of different age could meet together after the long lockdown and enjoy time together, drink tea with the cakes and listen to stories of God's faithfulness. There was a lot of laughter and joy!



Our plans and prayer requests:

- preaching in the church on 14th of March
- trip to Rostov-on-Don from 16th to 23rd of March
- seminar "Intimacy with God" on 27th of March
- trip to the North of Russia at the end of April 2 seminars about Leadership in April and May
- seminar on "Family" in one of the churches in the suburb of Novgorod
- Landscaping of our peace of the land
- health: Igor has problems with his teeth that need to be treated and crowns/implants to be replaced. The doctor said it may take up to 1 year to do all of this and we don't know how it can influence our plans.



Short praise report: when we returned from Chile to Russia we felt that God wants us to start the ministry in Veliky Novgorod and now we see how He prepared the way for us, opened many doors in the church, gave us many opportunities to serve to the people and confirmed His will through the generous giving that we received from people we know and from the people we never met before. We praise God for it and for the chance to see our father to spend so little but precious time with him before he went on to Jesus! May God bless you all and meet all your needs! May He keep you safe and healthy! And may He help you all to look at the future with joy because our joy comes from the Lord Jesus Christ!

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