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*"Go into all the world and
preach the gospel to all creation."
Mark 16:15*

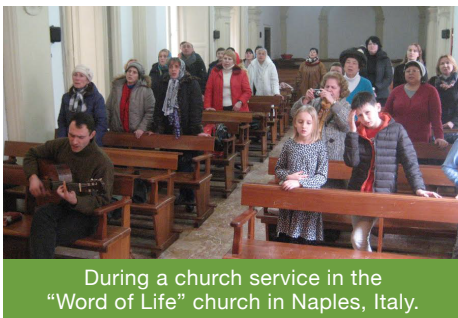
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PCSBA UPDATES

Visit to Missionaries in Italy

As requested by the Association Committee, Vyacheslav Mikhailovich Tsvirinko went on a trip to Italy from February 14th until the 23rd. The purpose of the trip was to visit the missionaries that are being supported by the Association.

Our brother Ilya Danilyuk and his family are on their third year of ministry among the Russian-speaking immigrants in Italy. Serving alongside him is Alik Shipuk, who, along with his family, moved to Italy last summer to minister. Vyacheslav Mikhailovich visited a church in Naples, several small Bible study groups in the nearby cities of Aversa and Como, as well as groups in Rome and Milan. The time he spent with the missionaries' families allowed brother Tsvirinko to become more acquainted with the daily life of missionaries as well as their needs and problems. His participation in the services at various locations, as well as fellowship with believers after the services, allowed Vyacheslav Mikhailovich to better understand the concerns and problems that Slavic immigrants face in Europe. His visit brought much encouragement to both the missionaries and the people with whom they work.



Sammit in Germany

From February 24th to the 26th, the representatives of Russian-speaking churches in Western Europe met in Germany for their fifth annual summit. Brothers and sisters from England, Hungary, Germany, Egypt, Italy, Portugal, Poland, the Czech Republic, France, and other countries – all totaling nearly 70 people, spent these days in fellowship, sharing with each other what the Lord is doing in their lives and ministries. Such fellowship is held dear, since the immigrant communities in these countries are not large. Even though some of the members had to go through a lot to travel such a long distance – thousands of kilometers as well as large financial expenses—they still came here, seeking warm, brotherly fellowship and mutual encouragement.



Vyacheslav Tsvirinko took part in this gathering by telling the members about our Association and its missionary work, as well as sharing a word of edification with all the members. He called all to be among those who steadfastly await the coming of Christ, being active in the work He ordained them, the work of bringing sinners to Christ.

The presence of Pacific Coast Association representatives at such forums is very important, for by this we show our attention to our brothers and sisters in Christ that live far away from us. It also helps Association leadership understand the situation in this region of the world and provides necessary information for the formation of a missionary work strategy outside of America.



PASTOR INTERVIEW

Understanding the Peculiarities of Our Time

Good News Church in Tacoma, Washington, joined the Association during the previous, 77th Congress. We present here an interview with senior pastor Vasiliy Stupin. Our reporter, Irina Karkhut, interviewed him.

Reporter: How old is Good News Church?

Vasiliy Stupin: The church was established on July 15, 1997. This summer it will turn 18 years old.

Reporter: Why did you decide to join the Pacific Coast Association?

Vasiliy Stupin: The Church of our time, and especially the local Slavic churches in the US, has many callings. One of them is the spread of the Gospel among the younger generation as well as fellowship in a language that is most accessible to them. The Pacific Coast Association's vision regarding the issue of integrating the English language coincides with our church's vision. Apart from desiring fellowship with our brothers, this became one of the main reasons for our entry into this particular Association.

Reporter: How do you envision collaboration between the churches of the Association?

Vasiliy Stupin: We are very new to the Association, so it is hard to tell how we see this collaboration at the moment. I can say what we aim for: brotherly fellowship, mutual projects and exchange of experience. The few months that have passed since we entered into the Association have been a positive experience. I believe that this will continue to be a blessing for us, as well as for other churches.

Read the full interview with V. Stupin on the Pacific Coast Association's website (in Russian only): "Understanding the Peculiarities of Our Time"

DEPARTMENT NEWS

Women's Conference in Castro Valley

On February 28th, the Pacific Coast Association held a Women's Conference in Castro Valley on the topic of "Peace with All and Holiness (Within the Church and Family)". The conference was based on the text in Hebrews 12:14. Sisters from churches all over Sacramento and San Francisco took part in the conference. Vladimir Yurkov from the Slavic Church of Evangelical Christian Baptists in Castro Valley blessed the sisters in prayer. Nina Panasenکو from the First Slavic Church in Sacramento then greeted the sisters. "Peace with God, peace within the heart, peace with all" – such was the topic that Tatyana Senina from Bryte Church uncovered. Tatyana noted that, "If the human mind is filled with God's peace, he will pass on this peace to others."

Nadezhda Koryaka from Third Slavic Church in Sacramento shared about what the Bible says in regard to holiness. In Revelation, there is a command, "let the one who does right continue to do right" (22:11). The source of sanctification – the Holy Father; the object of sanctification – His disciples; the means to sanctification – the Word of Truth; the goal of sanctification – the fruit of holiness; the end to sanctification – eternal life (Rom. 6:22).

Read the full version of conference notes on the Pacific Coast Association's website (in Russian only): "Women's Conference in Castro Valley."



The conference speakers

PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for:

- A ceasefire and the end to bloodshed in Ukraine
- God's blessing over the ministry of our missionaries (Danilyuk family and Shipuk family) in Italy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On Saturday, March 21, in Tacoma, Washington, "Good News" church will host a pastors' conference from 8:30-17:30. The topic is "Challenges to the Church and How to Answer Them." We invite pastors, ministers, leaders, and heads of departments. Speakers will be: Yuriy Sipko, Vyacheslav Tsvirinko, Aleksey Kolomiytsev, and Vasiliy Stupin.

Read more on the PCSBA's website (in Russian only): "Challenges to the Church"

The annual retreat for sisters of the Pacific Coast Association will take place in Sierra Pines Camp from June 12th to 14th. Topic: "Walking in the Spirit." Speaker: Sharron Gamble, USA National Director of Moms in Prayer International. The seminar, "Healthy diet, healthy lifestyle" will be led by Natalya Onishenko (from Hawaii). The retreat is being organized by the Association department "Mothers in Prayer."

More information can be found on the Association's website: www.pcsba.com.

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