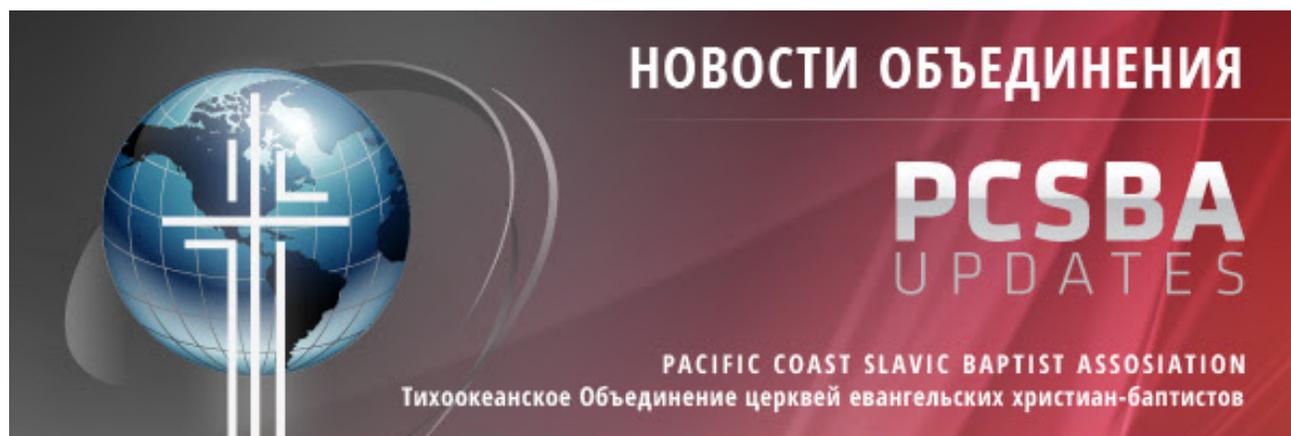


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## DECEMBER NEWSLETTER - 2025

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

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### MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Dear friends, I wholeheartedly wish for you to have a great Christmas as we celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ. May our homes be full of gratitude, our hearts with God's peace, and our lives with a testimony of His good will for us.

### Merry Christmas!

May the Lord bless each one of you and be glorified in and through us!

Aleksandr Pronin,  
President of PCSBA

For a full Christmas greeting, [please click this link](#).

Video recording of the creating can be accessed [on our YouTube channel at this link](#).



## **PRE-CHRISTMAS MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION'S STAFF**

As in the previous years, the members of the Executive Committee and the Association's ministry leaders met at the pre-Christmas season on the first Friday of December. This year, the date fell on December 5. The significance of this year's meeting, however, was that the spouses were also invited. For more about this meeting, [read an article on the Association's website.](#)



## **CHRISTMAS AT THE THRIFT STORE**

Once a year, the staff of the Pacific Thrift Store, the members of the store's Board of Directors, representatives of the Missions Ministry, and the President of the Association come together to celebrate Christmas as they thank the Lord for blessing them throughout the year, and to share plans for the future ministry in the

upcoming year. At the pre-Christmas meeting there were surprising announcements, which you can find out by going [to the Association's website at this link](#)



*During the celebration dinner*

## **ONE COMMITMENT BY EIGHT HEARTS**

On November 23, the Cornerstone Faith Church in Sacramento experienced the special joy of publicly adding eight new church members. They publicly testified of their faith in Christ and were baptized. This event was a vivid testimony of the growth of a young but dynamic and developing church. [More details...](#)



*Eight new church members*

## **WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT THE LIVING STONES CHURCH**

On December 5, the Living Stones Church in Sacramento had a warm and long-awaited women's Christmas celebration. The atmosphere of this evening was that of love, unity, and the anticipation of the birth of Christ. The second pastor of this church, Aleksandr Kaltakchi, was the speaker. The topic was our words and the power of the tongue, a very relevant and practical topic for us as Christians. [More details...](#)



*Meeting participants*

## “I’M TIRED OF BELIEVING IN SECRET. I WANT A REAL LIFE WITH GOD AND HIS FAMILY.”

“I am tired of underground faith. I want to have a genuine relationship with God and His family.” These are the words of Maksim, who shared his testimony and made a huge impact on those who were present. This is more than just emotions. It is an honest truth, it is his boldness, and is exactly what many people experience although they may not say it out loud. To read the rest of the article by the church pastor, O. Kostyuk, [click this link](#).



## FAITH AND WORKS CONFERENCE — PERSPECTIVE OF MINISTRY THROUGH THE LENSE OF THE GOSPEL

In October, the Bellevue Bible Church hosted a special conference that touched on a relevant topic of Christian living: “Faith and Works.” Many people came who wanted to get a better understanding of how their everyday efforts play out in the light of God’s purposes, and how the Gospel can incline us to serve Him and those around us. [More details...](#)



## BAPTISM IN SAN DIEGO

On December 9, the Slavic Church in San Diego had a special church service in a scenic place — Ski Beach. On this day, two brothers, Denis and Eric, and one sister, Tatyana, had a special baptism service. [More details...](#)



## A FAMILY WITHOUT ACCIDENTS

There are roads that we are traveling every day, and there is one special road that we are traveling our entire life, and that is the path of our family.

That is why on Saturday, December 6, we had a special church service at *Second Slavic Baptist Church* in Sacramento for an evening of Christian family, "A Family without Accidents." [More details...](#)



*Participants of the family meeting*

## FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SACRAMENTO, THERE WAS AN EVENING OF ORIGINAL CHRISTIAN SONGS AND LIVE MUSIC

On November 30, there was a truly wonderful event for the Slavic Christians in California. For the first time ever, there was an evening of original Christian songs. All of the songs were performed live without any pre-recorded accompaniments, sound filters, or media intervention. The performances were just live songs with live accompaniment, live music, and a demonstration of true mastery of skill. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



*Performers and organizers of the program*

## “LIGHT OF THE WORLD” CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On December 6, the New Hope Church had their second annual Christmas “Light of the World” concert. This year, the concert had an evangelistic emphasis, and became a new page in the life of the church. The goal of this event was to share about the birth of Jesus Christ and the Gospel with everyone who came. [More details...](#)



## **ANNUAL RETREAT OF THE UNITED THE MOVEMENT LEADERSHIP TEAM**

From November 14 to 16, the leadership team of United the Movement had an annual retreat at Lake Tahoe. This retreat was a time and a place where the team had a chance to get away from the busyness of everyday life, to rest, and to think about and concentrate on planning future events for the upcoming year. [More details...](#)



*Main team of United the Movement*

## **WOMAN — GREAT STRENGTH**

Women's ministry has a special place in the life of the Pacific Coast Association of Evangelical Baptist Churches. We decided to dedicate special attention to this ministry and to talk about their development, their challenges, and their future. We would like to bring to your attention an interview of Svetlana lotko, who is a correspondent of the Information Ministry, and Yelena Mileyev, who is the leader of the Association's Women's Ministry. This interview took place during the 87th PCSBA convention. [More details...\(in Russian only\).](#)



*During the interview at the 87th convention*

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL AT SECOND SLAVIC BAPTIST CHURCH**

Over the last few years, Second Slavic Baptist Church has been hosting a Harvest Festival at the park. They gather their entire church family for a special time of thanksgiving to God, and to worship His name. This year's celebration took place at Gibson Ranch Park, and had a warm, joyful, and friendly atmosphere. [More details...](#)



## ENCOUNTER WITH CHRIST

On November 29, Rockland Baptist Church had a pre-Christmas women's ministry celebration. This was a special time of spiritual fellowship, inspiration, and preparation of hearts for the Christmas season. More than 100 women from various churches came together, and that in itself is a demonstration of unity, as well as a desire to fellowship with God. [More details...](#)



## A GRATEFUL HEART

A solemn worship service dedicated to Thanksgiving Day was held on November 27 at the Second Slavic Church in Sacramento. The gathering was marked by a special atmosphere of spiritual unity, prayer, and sincere praise to God. [Read more about the service in the article by S. Iotko \(in Russian only\).](#)



## WE ARE LIGHTING FIRES IN THE HEARTS OF PEOPLE

On November 30, the New Hope Baptist Church was involved in the 26th annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Rancho Cordova. This is a special time for the city that brings together the residents of various age groups and demographics and unites them together in bringing hope at the time of Christmas. [More details...](#)



*Distributing the Gospel in various languages*

## THE EVENING THAT PREPARED OUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

On December 6, *United the Movement* had their last evening of worship for 2025. The conclusion of this season had an atmosphere of genuine fellowship and true worship. Despite the cold weather, the evening was full of warmth, joy, and a spirit of unity that brought everyone together. [More details...](#)



*Although it may be cold outside, our hearts are warmed as we worship the Lord!*

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## MISSIONARY NEWS

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### NEWS FROM EMBRACE A STREET CHILD, KENYA

While being a difficult ministry, it is also a needed ministry that the Association supports in Kenya. The streets there are full of thousands of children who have left their homes for various reasons or who were simply discarded as useless junk. The Ministry of Adopting a Homeless Child continues to work on bringing children home or finding new families for them. While serving in this capacity, they are also sharing about God's grace and salvation through Jesus Christ. For more information, [read their November newsletter at this link.](#)



*During one of the lessons with children*

## **NEWS FROM SPAIN**

1. In his newsletter, Alik Shipuk shares about new opportunities, current ministry, and prayer requests. [Read his article at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)
2. The coordinator of the newly organized Associations of Slavic Baptist churches, Dmitriy Murkin, shares about this growing ministry and a little bit about his family. [For more details, click this link \(in Russian only\).](#)
3. Kiril Bezikov, who immigrated from Ukraine to Spain, accepted an invitation to be a church planter among the Slavic population in Alicante. Their efforts will be supported by the active involvement of the Baptist Union of the churches in Spain. [Read more details at this link.](#)



*Discussion of Ministry in Alicante*

## **MINISTRY AMONG THE GYPSIES IN UZBEKISTAN – INCREDIBLE WORK OF GOD**

Over the centuries, the Gypsy population of Central Asia has been living without any indications that anyone has ever attempted to bring the Gospel to them or cared about the salvation of their souls. Now is the time when God gave a desire to His children from various regions who have come to these despised and poor people to preach the message of Christ to them. For more about the development of this ministry to them, [read an article on the Association's website](#).



*A meeting in the Gypsies' village.*

## **MINISTERING IN ANCIENT ROME**

This was the title of the pre-Christmas newsletter of Ilya Danilyuk, who has been serving in Rome, Italy for many years now. The Word of God continues to be preached, the churches are constantly growing, but there are certain needs that they are experiencing as well. [Read more details at this link \(in Russian only\).](#)



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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL CHILDREN**

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Dear families with children or other relatives with disabilities of any age, living in the Sacramento area! If you would like to be visited by a youth group with Christmas

greetings and gifts, [please register using this link](#).

If you have any questions, please call (916) 833-5510.



## **CHRISTMAS SOLO CONCERT**

On December 27 at 6 p.m., the Rockland Baptist Church will have a special solo Christmas concert by the Izmailov Brothers Duet (violin and piano). A festive atmosphere and a hot Christmas drink await you. The program includes well-known Christmas pieces, as well as classical masterpieces such as Tchaikovsky's "The Nutcracker" and Frolov's virtuoso "Concert Fantasy" based on Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess." Pastor N.I. Bugriyev will attend the concert. Admission is free; donations are welcome. Address: 5132 Elkhorn Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95842-2505



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