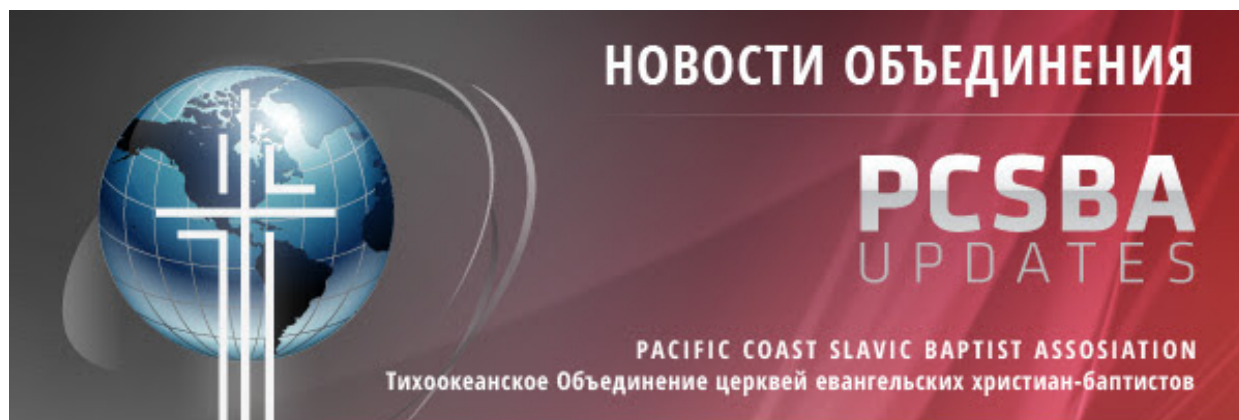


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NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

MINISTRY OF THE PCSBA'S PRESIDENT

A.B. Pronin shares about some of the ministry opportunities he had throughout April and mid-May:

- On Saturday and Sunday, **April 25–26**, together with the head of the Education Ministry, we visited the Transfiguration Church in Minnetonka, Minneapolis. On Saturday we had a meeting with the elders of the church. On Sunday we had an opportunity to preach and worship God together. After the service, we had the church members' meeting, where we gave a presentation on our Association. Praise God for His guidance in resolving some of the

issues that the local church was dealing with.



- On Monday, **April 27**, we visited the office of the International Bible Mission, a partner of the Association. We had a meeting with Konstantin Andrievskiy and Aleksey Krasnopitvsev. We also visited the Bible Museum, which features unique copies of the Bible, and all kinds of facts about the spread of the Bible to various peoples of the world.



- On Friday, **May 1**, I attended the Sacramento city pastors' meeting. During the meeting we had a time of prayer for the local churches, the needs of its' members and the upcoming Communion.
- **On May 8**, Second Slavic Baptist Church hosted a meeting for the Widows and Orphans Ministry, led by Oksana Kopchuk. The theme of the conference was: "When God Leads Further." I had an opportunity to serve in opening the

conference, and participated during the Q&A.



- On **May 15**, I attended the teaching session of the Blagovest Institute of Ministry and had a chance to meet with the Apologetics instructor, Sergey Borushko.



- On Saturday, **May 16**, I preached at the burial service of the pastor of the Living Stones Church, Vitaliy Dmitriyevich Perevozchikov. May the Lord strengthen and comfort the family, friends, and relatives of our dear brother

and pastor, Vitaliy Dmitriyevich.



- **On May 9**, I met with a group of brothers and sisters who serve in the Prison Ministry. On this day, they were working on recruiting more people to join the Prison Ministry.



MAY 26 – SOFT OPENING OF THE PACIFIC THRIFT STORE

Dear friends, we are pleased to announce a Soft Opening on May 26 of our Pacific Thrift Store at the second location in Citrus Heights. The store is still going through the preparations process but is also ready to receive its first customers. The schedule of 26 May was as follows:

- 9:00 — Prayer of dedication, followed by a brief tour for the guests.
- 11:00 — Openig the store;s doors to everyone.

[Click here to read more on the Association website.](#)

Starting May 27, the store will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.



The Grand Opening will take place a little later; approximately in 3—4 weeks.

We sincerely thank everyone who supports the ministry of the store through their participation. May the fruits of its work benefit people and help missionaries around the world.



ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES OF THE ASSOCIATION—HOW ARE THEY DIFFERENT?

One of the members of the local churches asked us a question about the Administrative and the Executive Committees: “I heard that in addition to the Executive Committee of the Association, that is elected during the Convention, there is also the Administrative Committee. I never heard of something like that. Could you explain more about this committee, how it is chosen, and what issues they deal with? What is the difference between the Administrative and the Executive Committee?”

TRIP TO ARGENTINA

In the first half of May, I.V. Mileev visited Argentina, where he took part in the congress of the Slavic Union of the La Plata Republics, Paraguay, Uruguay, and

Argentina, which took place on May 1-3 in Buenos Aires, the capital of Argentina. The theme of the congress was: “Are You Ready to Go and Act?” The main emphasis was on evangelism and missions. For more about the trip, [read the information at this link.](#)



Group photo of all the congress' participants

CONSCIENCE, CONTRACT, OR COVENANT?

On April 11, the youth of the New Hope Baptist Church had a great opportunity to host one of the PCSBA's youth fellowship – Saints of Sac. This was a special evening that attracted over 250 young men and women of our Association for fellowship, prayer, and being instructed by the Word of God. [More details...](#)



CHRISTIAN WOMAN OF THE 21ST CENTURY

On April 25, Mission Blvd. Baptist Church hosted a conference on the theme of: "Christian Woman of the 21st Century." It was really encouraging to see women coming from other churches and having a chance to have fellowship together. There were three speakers: Olga Zherebnenko, Tatyana Senin, and Yelena Mileyev. [For more information about the conference, click this link.](#)



WHEN GOD LEADS FURTHER

On May 8-9, Second Slavic Baptist Church in North Highlands, CA hosted the Association's Widows, Orphans, and Singles Ministry's conference with the theme of:

“When God Leads Further.” These two days were full of meaningful fellowship, inspiration, new beginnings, and spiritual renewal for many of its guests. [Read more... \(in Russian only\).](#)



VISITING A CHURCH IN MONTEBELLO

Consistent with the vision of the PCSBA’s President, Aleksandr Pronin, in visiting smaller churches of the Association, brothers and sisters of Bryte Church had a chance to visit the Evangelical Christian Church in Montebello. The “Credo” Choir led by Ivan Senin served the local church in facilitating worship and praising the Lord both in Russian and in English. [Read more....](#)



"Credo" choir at the church in Montebello

HEART TO HEART – WOMEN'S RETREAT AT GRACE FAMILY CHURCH

On May 8-10, Grace Family Church had their very first women's retreat in the coniferous forest of a Christian camp in Grizzly Flats! Despite the fearsome name, the event was beautiful, edifying, and far from terrifying. The theme of the retreat was: "Heart to Heart."

Even though there were no bears there, there were close to 200 mothers, grandmothers, and daughters who came together for a retreat far away from the busyness of everyday life in order to share the joys of women's fellowship. We are inviting you, dear reader, [to join us as you read more about this three-day retreat \(in Russian only\)!](#)



CHURCH PICNIC AT GRACE AVENUE BIBLE CHURCH

On May 16, Grace Avenue Bible Church had their church picnic at Rush Park. This was a great time of rest, fellowship, and spiritual unity in an outside setting. On this day, church members and friends came together to spend some time in the warm and friendly atmosphere around the Word of God. [More details...](#)



MISSIONARY NEWS

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE: PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Bryte Church had a great conference on Evangelism. Dr. Timothy Buger from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was the main speaker of the conference. This

was not just a presentation of the theory of evangelism, but a time of equipping everyone with valuable tools for evangelism.

If you were not able to come to the conference, please read [an article by the pastor of Grace Family Church, D. Zherebnekov](#), as he shares about his impression of the conference. You can also view the conference's recordings from [Friday, April 24](#), and [Saturday, April 25](#).



MISSION IN MALAWI

Mission work is carried out not only by churches and associations. It is also carried out by individuals and families, including those who quietly and unobtrusively live among us, faithfully fulfilling the Great Commission in the place God has appointed for them, without unnecessary attention or outward display.

Read about the mission work of I. Bruyako, the chief editor of the newspaper "Our Days," and his family in the African country of Malawi, and about the wonderful ways God is working there. [More details... \(in Russian only\).](#)



Serving among the people of Malawi

UPDATE FROM “EMBRACE A STREET CHILD MINISTRY” IN KENYA

God greatly blesses the work of this ministry. However, they are also faced with many challenges. In addition to the usual difficulties associated with working with street children, they are also presented with some unforeseen hardships due to the culture clash, misunderstandings, and the societal expectations of the locals as they misunderstand the charity and missionary organizations. For more about this [read more in the mission's newsletter.](#)



PREACHING THE GOSPEL THROUGH SEWING MACHINES

The ministry to the Gypsy children came to a halt. The government officials released Pastor Shurkhat on the grounds of insufficient evidence of wrongdoing, but the local mullah from within the gypsy neighborhood, and the locals there, are insisting with all their might that their children can not meet with the Christians. However, as the saying goes, “When God closes a door, He opens a window.” This window was the ministry that began some time ago in teaching Gypsy girls and women to sew. [Read more ...](#)



MINISTRY UPDATE FROM STRASBOURG, FRANCE



Sergey and Vera Babich, who serve as missionaries of our Association, express their gratitude in their newsletter as they reflect on the prayer and financial support, and share their concerns, blessings, and needs of the ministry. For more about this letter, [click this link \(in Russian only.\)](#)

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS



MAY'S VIDEO RESOURCES OF THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE APOLOGETICS ASSOCIATION

New apologetical resources of IBAA can be found [at this link on the Association's website page](#).

THE 12TH AND FINAL TEACHING MODULE OF CORAM DEO'S INSTITUTE

“For me, and for many others, the education at the International Institute of Coram Deo Biblical Counseling became an important step in my spiritual growth. The 12th and final module of the program was especially edifying. Just like the previous 11 modules, it was timely, and useful for everyone who was part of the training.” - [Read more about this in an article on the Association's website \(in Russian only.\)](#)



NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

STRENGTHENING YOUR FAITH WHILE BUILDING UP YOUR BUSINESS

NEW TIMES MAGAZINE, an online publication, shared an interesting article about the pastor of Forward Church, Bogdan Kipko. He is presented as someone who is not just a pastor, but who as an entrepreneur and leader plants churches while he is growing his business and helps others to do the same. To the conservative Slavic believers, this concept seemed incompatible with the expectations of a pastor, but it is being accomplished in the life of this extraordinary young minister.

[To access the article, click this link.](#)



HOPE FESTIVAL IN BELARUS

On May 16-17, over 15,200 people came to the Chizhikov Arena in Minsk for a “Festival of Hope” and the ministry of Franklin Graham. The arena was not able to hold everyone. Long lines formed two hours before the event. That is why, as the “[Virtual Brest](#)” reports, monitors were installed outside for all those who were not able to get inside the arena.

Over 700 Evangelical churches joined their efforts in organizing this festival. The choir consisted of 1,300 people from 43 cities and villages, and included a symphony orchestra and well-known singers. Hundreds of people responded to the invitation of Franklin Graham to reconcile with God.

For more information in Russian about the festival, please visit the official Telegram channel at: https://t.me/hopefest_minsk, [the festival’s YouTube channel](#), or [the website of the Belarus Evangelical Union](#). Video recordings can be found here: [May 16](#) | [May 17](#)

Interview with Viktor Gamm, Vice President of the Evangelical Association of Billy Graham (USA), talks about accepting the invitation to come to Belarus, and why they chose to do a Festival of Hope in this country. [The interview can be found here.](#)



REDEDICATION OF THE UNITED STATES TO GOD

Rededicate 250 is the national anniversary of prayer and thanksgiving, dedicated to preparing the United States to celebrate 250 years of independence and freedom. On May 16 and 17, tens of thousands of participants from all over America gathered at the National Alley in Washington, and on Sunday there were over 100,000 people. The program included pastoral addresses, band performances (Christian rock), a time of prayer, as well as speeches by prominent Republicans, and a video address by President Donald Trump. [A good overview of this event can be found at the Dr. James Dobson Family Institute website.](#)



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