

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, Dear friends and co-workers!

We choose not to be consumed by the 'holyday season' consumerism,
We choose not to tremble in this trembling world,
We choose to rejoice and praise the Lord, Who was born to be our Savior!

Let us count at least some of His manifold blessings bestowed on us in 2011!

- **Summer camps:** In spite of the crisis, our 8 Kursk churches (led by our College/TVS graduates) conducted 7 Christian summer camps, about 70-90 kids in each, where most of the kids were from non-Christian families or from the orphanages! Many

kids were saved; others came closer to the Lord! **Praise the Lord!**

- **Kayak trips:** At least 2 kayak evangelistic trips were being led by our College/TVS graduates down the rivers! They served as the great tools to share the Gospel, involve non-Christians into our fellowships and strengthen Christian characters!
- **Orphanage ministries:** Numerous orphanage visitations were done by our youth church teams; two major VBS camps were conducted in the orphanages; 'You Are Not Alone' ministry for orphans led by Ilya Fadeev and other College/TVS graduates has become one of the most developed orphanage evangelical ministries in Russia! Many others learn from it how to organize play-based Bible trainings, winter, spring and summer Christian camps, post-orphanage Spiritual and Life trainings ('School of Life Piloting'), and many other creative ways of doing ministries for the orphans! With the help of God's faithful servants we began building the 'Orphanage Farm', where orphans can find spiritual support, life and job training and Christian love and care after they released from their orphanages!

Praise the Lord!



- **Evangelism and church planting:** Seven new churches in Kursk, all led by TVS graduates, conducted various evangelistic outreaches: Christian concerts, youth gatherings, street evangelism and so on. We also are helping new Sudja town church planting team, led by our College/TVS graduate Andrey Kononov, as they doing evangelistic meetings with the help of our teams. All grow in

ministries reaching many in their areas/towns will not be that effective without your prayers and support!

Please continue to pray for them!

- **Kursk Prison Ministry** led by our College/TVS graduate Andrey Govorov weekly visits 4-5 prisons (3 men, 1 women and 1 youth) with Bible studies, these who were saved there before and lately released, now serve as evangelists, deacons, prison ministers and pastors in several evangelical churches! **Praise the Lord!**
- **Our New Testament Church** grew to 120-150 +50-70 kids, and we had to move to the bigger room this year. Next year we plan to finish our main sanctuary for 300-400 and start videotaping our services – this will be a great encouragement and a model of new city dynamic style worship with sound Biblical theology! **Praise the Lord!**
- **College/TVS news:** 87+ courses were videotaped and 47+ of them has been edited and produced since 2005! Our courses are widely used in Christian schools, churches and missions in 25+ countries! Four Master level theology courses were successfully videotaped in Trinity International University, Deerfield, IL. So many things (equipment, health, schedules, travels safety etc.) could go wrong, **but did not!** All the recorded videotapes and hard drives and equipment I successfully brought back to out TVS school in Kursk, Russia! I finally was 'released' and went home after 5 months videotaping in US! **Praise the Lord!**



Hundreds and thousands good things – testimonies, helps, services, witnesses, ministries, concerts, evangelisms and so on were done by growing numbers of our 8 churches planted in Kursk since 1998 (when I came back to Kursk from US school and become a senior pastor of Kursk Grace Church), too many to even know and to mention! **Praise the Lord!**

We are so thankful to the Lord for all His saving power!
From the bottoms of our hearts we all thank you for your prayers and support!

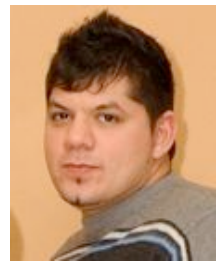
Igor and Svetlana Petrov family news:

My dear wife **Svetlana** survived during my ever long absence. Only at the end of November she told me via Skype that she cried several times as her load was too heavy to care: lots of work on our landscaping plants nursery, supervising roof building over our nursery house/office, dealing with Russian bureaucracy, concerns about nursing home ministry, as its leadership stop allowing evangelical Christians into their nursing home, much prayers about Andy and Victor as they are searching for God's will about their jobs, ministries, and 'second halves'. We are so glad do be together now!

Our older son **Victor** is experiencing further spiritual growth now: his prayer life takes bigger/dipper path, he is very active in church ministries: leads Bible studies, preaches in our church recently, and dreams about further Biblical studies in a good school, in Russia or abroad. He even plans to go to Africa with one of our recent TVS teacher-evangelist from US! He met a good Christian friend and she agreed to pray with him about their future. **Please pray for Victor!**



Our middle son **Andy** is progressing in spiritual development as well: he gladly serves to the orphans as he visits them with our church youth team, we are glad to have good spiritual conversations with him. He is so busy with his job for www.giftbaskets.com. Recently he found a similar job opening in Moscow with 3 times better pay (\$1,8K, Moscow is a 'different planet') and better day work schedule, but he struggles with lack of confidence. **Please pray for Andy.** Both Andy and Victor live with us in Kursk, Russia in our two-bedroom apartment.



Our youngest son **Cornil** is studying at IMSA Aurora, IL (www3.imsa.edu). This week is extremely hard for him: he is overwhelmed with so much home assignments in his 'nerds' school. We all are concerned about his physical and mental health. We are so glad that God provided a good Christian man - Chad Goddard, who brings Cornil to the church services and youth activities in nearby Naperville Bible Chapel; he also serves as his mentor. Svetlana plans to visit Cornil in January, she tries to raise money for the air tickets (\$750). Please pray for Cornil. Several times he asked me whether he could come back to Russia. I keep encouraging him to complete his studies in US and come back to work and serve the Lord in Russia; God may have some big plans for him.



Please, pray for Cornil!

Since 2008 our missionary support decreased by 1/3. We accept it as God's will and learn to serve the Lord with the limited resources. In order to create a job for Victor and to replace our missing support, we are developing our small landscaping nursery on 1.2 acres located on the outskirts of Kursk (www.evrosad7.ru). I am glad to use it as my 'free health club' after 8 hours of office and translation work in our TVS school ☺ (russiadistancelearning.com). We are so thankful for your prayers and support, which keeps me focused on the ministry. Without you, we will not be able to do it all! Thank you so much, our dear co-workers!



Please, keep praying and supporting!

We believe God is faithful and He will find the ways to provide for growing financial challenges in our family (year payment for Victor's school as he finishes his university degree (\$1500), expenses with Cornil studying and living alone in the US school (\$250 monthly), Sveta's travel to visit Cornil in US (\$750), expensive car repairs (\$350), etc.). If you sense being called to be His helping hand for our family and ministry, **please pray for us and our sons, pray for all College/TVS co-workers;** (guess, what the enemy might do to stop it all? – destroy the people in course production).

We are honored to be your serving hands in Russia!

We thank you from the bottoms of our hearts!

May God bless you abundantly!

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

P. S. How to support us and Kursk Ministries: If the Lord moves you, send your support for various Kursk Ministries or/end for Igor Petrov ministry via: **Christ Centered Homes 223 FM 1635 Atlanta, TX 75551**

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Grace and Peace from Igor Petrov and family.

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God is Faithful!

