



Hello, dear brothers and sisters!

We are very glad to welcome you from the church in Yaroslavl! Last time we wrote you a few months ago. During this time we have seen many events and changes. In this newsletter we would like to tell you briefly about these events.

Highlights

- We are guests at South East Region of Moscow
- Volunteer service. Meeting at the Jazz Center
- Weekend mission team
- Brother from Scotland
- Departure to the Singles Conference
- The Married Conference in the Moscow area
- Informal activities
- House church meetings
- Baptism of Luba
- Prayerful Request

We are at guests at South East Region of Moscow

One Sunday we, the whole church, and our guests rent the bus and went to visit the South East region of the Moscow Church of Christ. The youth service with glorification accompanied by musical instruments and interesting sermon titled "Persona Non Grata" were organized. Our brother from Yaroslavl, Misha Stepanov, preached there, and we supported him. Muscovites met and took care of us very well; they fed us delicious food. The most valuable thing is, of course, communication with disciples and meeting with old friends. Young Yaroslavl disciples saw the large church for the first time, met with new brothers and sisters in Christ. We are always glad to see faithful disciples of Christ. Thank you for inviting us, we thank you!



Volunteer service; Meeting at the Jazz Center

In December, a final meeting with the guys suffering from cerebral palsy was held at the jazz center. They had the opportunity to listen to beautiful music, to communicate with each other and with us. This year we had 12 such meetings. They were held in various public places: restaurants, clubs with dancing in wheelchairs, in a pizzeria with a master class on cooking pizza, in the film and video centers and so on. And they were accompanied by various psychological and creative programs. It was very touching to remember how these events were held. For the most of these guys it was their first “coming outs” to the city, cafes, cinema, etc. Now, when they know these places they, with their parents will be able to open familiar places by themselves.



For people with disabilities it is a great pleasure and support to visit these meetings and they are waiting for them impatiently. For us, it's a good opportunity to glorify God and serve by our own strengths to those who need support.

Weekend mission team

One weekend, a weekend mission team from the Moscow Church of Christ came to us to Yaroslavl. We were very excited to see them, because this meeting was planned long time ago. They were 10 disciples under the guidance of Maxim Kuzmenkov. We had a quiet time on a snowy embankment, a joint service to guys with disabilities. We shared belief in the streets, played volleyball and basketball with our guests and arranged cheerful dates. At the end of these active weekends we had a Sunday service for God.



Having such weekend mission teams helps us to achieve several goals:

- Every visit of missionaries trained us in the service and hospitality to our guests.
- We preach together and support friendship with unsaved people with the church.
- To strengthen the faith of each other through joint work and rest.

Brother from Scotland

Also a brother from Scotland, Alexander, came to visit us. He shared his experience of living abroad. We, in turn, gave him a tribute of Russian hospitality.



Departure to the Singles Conference

After an active missionary summer two new brothers and a sister were added our singles ministry in Yaroslavl! All of them are students! In November, all our singles with its new complement went to the Singles Conference. Delegation was headed by Mikhail Stepanov, who did the final lesson titled "If someone wants to." There was a very intense program, many interesting lessons, acquaintance with new disciples and a nice stay in a boarding house. Our singles returned very inspired.



The Married Conference in the Moscow area

This summer in our little church a “wedding commotion” occurred. Three lovely couples married. This fall all of our marrieds went to the Married Conference in the vicinities of Moscow. They were 6 couples from Yaroslavl. By the way, in

Yaroslavl 7 complete married couples and 4 sisters whose husbands are not in church. At the conference, we met and talked to lots of families and disciples from Moscow to listened very relevant lessons about the spiritual marriage! For half of our marrieds it was the first departure to such event. Thanks to the organizers! 25 - 26 January 2014, we invited in Yaroslavl a married couple from Moscow who held a seminar on building and strengthening family relationships called, "I Choose Us." Come to Yaroslavl, we are preparing for a meeting!

Informal activities

Everything is so much fun in our informal events; they always get a lot of visitors (from 10 to 25 people). This is a great opportunity to build new relationships and convert people to Christ. We rented the sports hall for the winter period and added a new game - basketball! Recently, we included in our plans a wonderful game "Scrabble" where you can show off your knowledge on various topics. We continue to play with our guests in board games and watch movies with interesting discussions together. We found a wonderful room to enjoy movies with comfortable seating. Now it is more pleasant to invite people to our meetings.



In 2014 we plan to launch a new project - forum with themes: "The Building of Relationships," "The Bible and Business" and other relevant topics for the worldly people. Purpose: To provide useful information and educate people about the biblical teaching. The disciples from Krasnoyarsk shared with us successful experience of these forums.

Home church meetings

In our church finally home groups appeared. This is a new stage for our church. For a very long time we were a large house church and now it's time to split into three groups of 9 to 11 people. Each has its ideological inspirers; some met at

home, and some in a café. In this regard, we have a third couple of ministers – Dima and Olesya Fetisov. Our home churches have several goals: to strengthen disciples, to practice discipleship, to convert people. We hope and pray for our church for strengthening in our faith and growth through our home groups.

Baptism of Luba

During this period, we had a joyful event. We baptized mom of our sister Alena - Luba! It should be noticed that after the baptism of Alena, her cousin Sasha joined. We are incredibly grateful to God for an addition to our spiritual family! Now it is 30 disciples in Yaroslavl Church of Christ! Glory to God!



Prayerful Request:

Dear friends, we ask you to pray:

- for the health of our adult sister Ludmila
- for a good job for a few our disciples
- for conversion of our parents
- for a new cozy meeting hall for our church
- missionaries set for a summer **Mission Team** in 2014 (it is already possible to send in your applications: xochy_v_komandy@mail.ru)

We appreciate your prayers. We are waiting for you in Yaroslavl, disciples of YCC!!!