

Eastern European Bible School, January 2005

Sponsor a Brother or Sister to Attend!

There are around 1000 brethren and sisters in the Russian speaking world. They are scattered all over the former Soviet Union. We would have felt more comfortable if the Lord had called them all in a few centres, where large ecclesias could be developed. However, this has not been His way, and our brethren and sisters are scattered throughout the 8 time zones of the former Soviet Union. Ever since the inception of the Truth in the ex-USSR, they have faithfully gathered together at annual Bible Schools. These Schools are often their only chance to meet with other believers, to discuss issues, to learn how to work together, and above all to form relationships. Our young people meet together there with other young people, and several marriages have developed after meeting up at Bible School. With rising costs, the poor getting poorer and the rich, richer, long distance travel is increasingly hard to afford. Some of our elderly sisters travel 3 days each way by train to be present at these gatherings. With rising energy costs, those with no relatives often have to spend most of their entire pension on heating and utilities; they have major problems with food and clothing, let alone being able to fund long distance travelling.

If we cease holding these Schools, then many of our newly baptized brethren and sisters are left in relative isolation, with little practical sense of the one body of Christ to whom we all belong. We have therefore decided to continue holding the next Winter Bible School, in faith that the Western brethren and sisters will consider sponsoring individual brothers and sisters to attend the School. All Russian speaking brethren and sisters are invited, and they are asked to find something towards the cost of the event, according to their means.

The speakers will be Brethren Bruce Parker [USA], Mike Floyd [South Africa] and David Bushell [UK]. The School will run God willing January 4- 10, 2005, in Kazan, Russia.

However, to enable us to get funds to brethren & sisters ahead of time so that they can travel, we are appealing at this stage for brethren, sisters, ecclesias and CYCs to consider sponsoring individual brethren and sisters to attend the School. We will give them an update and hopefully a letter and photo from the brothers or sisters whom they sponsor after the School has happened.

The average cost of the School / person attending, including travel, is around US\$160, i.e. £100 British, AU\$250.

Please consider sponsoring a brother or sister to attend the School, and please let us know how many you are able to sponsor, and if you have a preference of age or gender of those you wish to support. Please pray about this, urge others too to support, and let us know at info@carelinks.net

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Photo: Sisters getting to know each other over dinner



Photo: Bible School romance on table 43



Photo: Sunday School work at the Russian Bible School