

Winter heating, Cataract operations , January 2007

We're continuing to assist with Winter heating issues throughout Eastern Europe and as always there is genuine appreciation and touched hearts from all concerned. At the time of writing temperatures have dropped sharply, which means many elderly folk will be expecting a large heating bill at the end of February.

It's a common feature at Eastern European Bible Weekends and Schools to notice brethren and sisters in great problems with their eyesight. With no free state medical care for things like cataracts, it becomes a great problem for brethren and sisters to find funds for cataract operations. Their pension goes entirely on basic utilities and food, with absolutely no spare cash left for things like cataract operations. Yet without them, there can be total loss of sight in the affected eye and spectacles etc. don't really alleviate the problem.

We'd like to bring before you the case of brother Anton, a very sincere and upright elderly brother from Kazakhstan now living in Ukraine. He loves to read Scripture, and despite failing sight loves to read at Bible Schools.

Photo: Brother Anton struggling to read at Bible School- you can see in the background some other sisters struggling likewise



We've asked those in need to get medical prescriptions and statements of cost- here's the one Brother Anton obtained:

Photo: medical prescriptions and statements of cost



Cindy then talked it through with our brother, explaining the process of assessment, the operation, and the recuperation process:



The total cost for one eye is about GBP 350, i.e. US\$700 or AU\$ 870 or 530 Euros. The need is genuine, this is the real price, and we invite your support.

If you can't help, please do pray for those isolated and elderly brethren and sisters who worry enormously about their physical ailments and inability to cope. Many of them have no family nearby or able to help- the legacy of a few generations of Communistic dismantling of family values, assuring everyone that the state would care for them from cradle to grave, is simply a

huge loneliness in the lives and hearts of many elderly people. No wonder the good news of the real and true Christ is so attractive to them.

With love from your brothers and sisters of CCM