

Dear Friends:

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THANK YOU for the wonderful support you have given The Spiritual Resource Foundation. Your generous contributions have made it possible for us to support many Christian Science activities in the Russian-speaking field. Today we would like to tell you of some of the ways the Foundation has used its resources to promote Christian Science in Russia and in former Soviet Republics. Our gratitude to you is heartfelt and unbounded.

Our website can now be viewed in both English and RUSSIAN script!

Reestablishing Christian Science radio programs, broadcast in Russian from a short-wave radio station in Germany, is one of our major achievements. Some programs are being recorded at The Mother Church while a Russian couple in Ohio is recording the Bible Lesson every other week for broadcast from the same station. It is our hope to have these Lessons eventually recorded and broadcast EVERY WEEK. If you know native Russian-speakers who are also Christian Scientists and eager to participate in this work, please have them contact us. We are also looking for a new program producer, since our current one gave notice as of September 1st. In the meantime we will be re-broadcasting programs which have been previously aired.

About a year ago the Technological Academy of Armenia, one of the former Soviet Republics, approached The Mother Church with a request for a Christian Science lecture to be given in the capital city of Yerevan. Dr. Hildegard Arnesen CSB, was able to respond to this request. The lecture, followed by a workshop was sponsored by the Christian Science Board of Directors and financed by the Foundation. As a result of this Christian Science activity, some members of the Academy took the initiative to rent a space to be used as a Reading Room for Christian Science literature and a meeting place for reading the weekly Bible Lesson. The Foundation provided financial assistance and will continue to do so until the group becomes self-sufficient. Also, as a result of the lecture-workshop, more recently on June 7, 2005, this same Academy sponsored a symposium in conjunction with the Armenian National Institute of Health in order to explore the Mind-Body connection to healing. As far as we know, this was the first symposium ever given in the former Soviet Union to include a presentation of Mary Baker Eddy's ideas regarding disease and its cure. Contrary to some expectations, her ideas were received with intense interest and astonishment at the depth of her understanding and insight in these matters. Symposium attendants decided to continue debate of the subject in follow-up monthly meetings.

Another item of interest is the translation into Russian of three children's books for Christian Science Sunday Schools in St. Petersburg and Tbilisi, Georgia, another one of the former Soviet Republics. The Russian text was simply pasted below the English alongside the lovely illustrations. This is the

first time Russian-speaking children were provided with Christian Science literature suited to their ages and understanding. While we are able to obtain more copies of "Travis Talks with God" and "Filled up Full," we still need more copies of "God's Gifts," a book which is no longer in print. If you have extra copies, or know where we can obtain some, we would love to know. We also welcome your suggestions about materials especially suitable for children to be translated into Russian.

Most important of all, we would like to express our deep gratitude to all who are supporting the Foundation. Without you we would not be able to continue these activities in the Russian-speaking field. To each one of you a Bolshoe Spasibo! (Big thanks!) as the Russians would say.

With Love and Gratitude,

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