



The Spiritual Resource Foundation

Supporting Christian Science activities in the Russian-Speaking Field

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Dear Friends

The temptation is to tell you again of the many projects on which we are currently working, but most of these were covered in our last Newsletter, so we will try to refrain from repeating and focus on those areas in which there has been the most development. There are exciting new projects under development, but they are best kept in 'the secret place of the most high' until successfully achieved.

Those of you reading this Newsletter for the first time and who do not know what we are referring to, can now go to our website and read previous Newsletters at www.spiritualresource.org. Our Website is one of the areas that is being improved and expanded. We have a new member on the Board who has taken over management of the website and is making many improvements. The process is ongoing, so you can watch as the site unfolds and provides up-to-date information on our support of the Russian-speaking field. There will be more timely information on projects and the financial status of the **Spiritual Resource Foundation (TSRF)** relative to the completion of these projects. As we move ahead with this upgrade, we would appreciate any input you can give us on areas which you would like to see expanded.

In Moscow there is an organization called The Slavic Center for Law and Justice. The Center was formed by two lawyers who are members of the Duma. The Center is a non-governmental, non-profit organization with the principle goal of protecting religious rights and freedoms of individuals and associations in Russia. They have given us invaluable advice concerning our rights and responsibilities under Russian law, and how emerging laws might affect our activities in Russia. We recently sent them a donation to show our appreciation and to help them with this important work.

We are happy to report that one of our Board members has experience in international law and business and has refined our contracts and agreements with our helpers in Russia such that we are in complete accordance with National and International law as it relates to our non-profit corporation. We are very grateful for his expertise and ability to refine our bylaws and to guide us in future ventures. We look back and wonder how we got this far without him. Divine Mind must have been working overtime, and of course we have had your wonderful metaphysical support!

One of the Foundations most precious resources is Marie Helm, who has taken over as Christian Science Practitioner, Lecturer and Teacher for the Russian-speaking field. In 2010 she gave three lectures to Christian Science Societies and seven lectures to Christian Science informal groups that are forming in various countries with large numbers of Russian-speakers. These include Russia, Latvia, Ukraine, Armenia, Georgia and Kazakhstan. We are very grateful

to the Christian Science Board of Directors and the Board of Lectureship for sponsoring and funding these lectures. TSRF helped in isolated cases where funding for transportation or housing was needed. Marie's report on these activities is fascinating reading and as our website grows it will include this seven-page report and many others. We've included a couple of paragraphs here from her latest report to give you a feeling for how the work is progressing and the areas for which we all need to pray. Marie writes: "....., in Uktha, Russia, we have not been able to hold a lecture for several years now because the pressure exerted by the local Orthodox churches has made local newspapers refuse to carry ads, and no one will allow us to use a public place to hold a lecture. Even a legally registered Methodist church (in another town) was closed due to such pressure." There were other similar instances of such resistance. In Kiev, Ukraine, two days before the lecture, the library informed the group that they could not hold their lecture there and refused to let them put up signs directing people to the school across the street. Despite this Marie reports:

"The lecture was well-received and one newcomer stated after the lecture that ***Science and Health*** was the most important book he'd ever held in his hands and felt that it should be required reading for all government officials not only in Ukraine, but all around the world. He stated that ***Science and Health*** holds the recipe for international peace that could be achieved in no other way. We were in awe of the passion in his voice as he shared his thoughts."

"In each Lecture the number of attendees was not large, but when success is measured by the positive impression of Christian Science the lectures have given to newcomers and the way in which the lecture process has strengthened the growth and development of the Christian Science Movement in the Russian-speaking field, each lecture has been a tremendous success. Lectures are such an integral part of "church building" here. They play an important role in helping individuals discover what church is and how they can come together to demonstrate church in their own lives."

Marie's entire report read like this. It is clear that we must diligently support Marie's work metaphysically as well as financially. We will share all of Marie's reports on our website as restructuring is complete. Please keep us posted on how the new website satisfies your need to follow the Foundation's progress in supporting the Russian-speaking field.

With Love and Gratitude to you all for your support,

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