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"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'" Psalm 122:1

Dear Family, Friends and Prayer Warriors,

We often hear one specific comment from our European friends after they have visited America. "Boy, there sure are a lot of churches in America! They almost have them on every corner! Why do they need so many?" It is difficult for them to understand why there are so many churches when most of them aren't well attended. This is not an easy question to answer, but one thing we do know is that the problem of empty churches is not only apparent in America. It is also true in Europe. The world is changing and a trend of worldliness is taking over. It is always shocking to see how many people don't even know the name of Jesus' earthly parents. What has happened?

TWR is seeking to reverse this trend through its mass media ministries. One way we reach out to the people is through radio programs. We bring the "church" to those who are not able to gather with other Christians due to sickness, living in a remote location or whatever the reason may be. Here are two short excerpts from listeners to the Russian radio programs.



"I live my life with you , rejoice with you and go through problems together with you. Radio is a part of my life and it cannot be separated from me. I listen to the programs on an old radio set that I take care of like the apple of my eye."

"Thank you for your programs. I listen to them regularly and thank Jesus that they exist. I was in the hospital last month and was not able to listen to the programs. What a joy it was to listen to the programs after I was released from the hospital."

A church building is just a structure. God's Church Body extends beyond any human boundaries and physical structures. Thank you for being a part of reaching out the extended arm of God through your participation in our ministry to the countries of the former Soviet Union.

Nick will be traveling to several transmitter sites in the near future and will also be involved in some negotiation processes. Thank you for your prayers for his safety and for profitable results.



Please also pray for the TWR ministries and believers in the countries of the former Soviet Union. New laws and restrictions have recently been implemented in several of these countries and the TWR leadership needs wisdom to know what steps are to be taken in regards to the future ministries.

The German ProChrist evangelistic crusade will be held from March 3-10 in Stuttgart. It is once again planned to have other countries from both eastern and western Europe participate via satellite transmissions. This means translating the daily crusade meetings into several languages. Nick will be part of the Russian translation team and Debbie will be part of the English translation team. We would appreciate your prayers for us as we prepare to take part in this important ministry. Please also pray for the German evangelist, Ulrich Parzany, who will be preaching every evening. Thanks!

Have you ever tried to get six children between the ages of 4 and 6 months to sit still and smile for a picture? Well we tried it! It is almost impossible, but we had fun trying to get a group picture of all our grandkids with Grandma and Grandpa just after Christmas. As you can see, not everyone was looking at the camera, but at least no one was crying. :) Our house is full and loud with the laughter and noise of children when we all get together.



Each one is special in their own way. Five of six children can walk and explore while playing with their cousins. We will have our seventh bundle of joy in May when Michael and Steffi's baby arrives. Oh what fun!

We had a snowy, icy and cold January. We realize that the amount of snow that we receive here is much less than some of you experience, but it was plenty for us to enjoy and yet respect when driving.

We almost lost Nick's step father, Rudi, in December. He had several blood clots and pneumonia. We are thankful that God has seen fit to restore Rudi and he is home.

In closing, we would like to express our gratitude for your input in our ministry, our lives and our family. By doing so, you also help many people hear the Gospel that we won't meet this side of glory.

May God bless and encourage you today.

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