



Anatoly & Larisa Oleynik

Serving the Lord in NW Russia.

January 2009

Orphanages Producing Fruitful Laborers

Dear brothers and sisters!

We are so thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ for your prayers and your support! It is amazing and a blessing for us to live so far away from each other and yet be partnering in ministry together here in the north part of Russia.

Our family is doing well; Anatoly is very busy with his ministry in our local church while also serving the whole Kirov region as a pastor as well. The new believers require a lot of time for discipleship and counseling. There is also much work to do with the orphan children, especially with those who graduated from (or are kicked out of) the orphanages. They are on their own now and have no life skills. The world financial crisis has been serious here in Russia as well. Last month 80 companies and the factories closed. Many of the orphan teenagers went to Con-

struction College and now are without work or place to live. Many of them found refuge in our church. Our church has become their home where they sleep, eat, and work.

Here is Slavic's story...

The first picture is 33 year old Slavic. He grew up in the orphanage. After graduation from the orphanage he had no place to go. He lived in Moscow, then in Kostroma mostly homeless. Discourage and lost he decided go to a monastery to become a monk in the Orthodox Church. Since our city is a big Orthodox center he was sent here to get the blessing of and to find work in the Orthodox Church. When he asked for the blessing of the lead Orthodox priest, he was told to come back in the spring. So, again he had no place to go.

Somebody told him about our church. When he walked into our



Anatoly & Stas



Slavic

About Anatoly & Larisa's Ministry

Anatoly & Larisa are Russian Citizens working in NW Russia through the Russian Baptist Union Church. They serve as regional director over 25 churches and 40 house churches as well as pastor one of those churches. They have active ministry in 20 orphanages also. They are presently constructing another church building with their own hands, since renting buildings for church is unofficially prohibited.

Your prayers, letters and emails of encouragement and financial support are very much appreciated!

Please don't hesitate to email directly to

Anatoly & Larisa. They have access to amazing free tools on the internet now to help translate your emails.

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Firefox Internet Browser has this great translation add-on tool:

<https://addons.mozilla.org/en-US/firefox/addon/6938>

Prayer & Praise:

- Praise for the 52 people who trusted the Lord and experienced deep life change on January 2nd & 3rd in the church.
- For religious freedom, as it is decreasing week after week.
- Jobs for the orphan teenagers who sleep and work at the church for lack of work in the city (80 factories & businesses closed).
- Spiritual revival among the drug and alcohol addicted and in the orphanages.
- Anatoly's health as he physically & spiritual labors building the church. He has high blood pressure and unknown heart issues.

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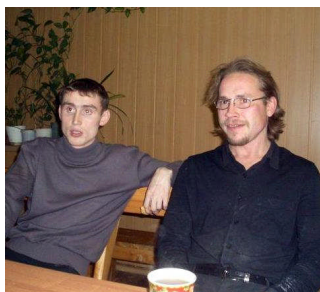


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church he was surprised to find many familiar faces, orphan boys he knew from his own orphanage. Since that time he found refuge in our church. Anatoly and with the help of the other orphan boys started discipling Slava. He was so surprised that boys younger than he knew the Bible better than he did.

Slavic described himself as very lonely and without hope or friends; without even one person who would love him. He said during his whole life since he was born, he didn't know that he could smile. During the last few months we have already seen great changes in his life. Please join us in praying for Slavic, so he would grow to become a strong follower of Jesus Christ and able to bring others to Christ, just as the other orphan boys in our church are doing for him now.

Stas is another orphan boy who lives in the church. In the picture he is helping Anatoly paint the church. He grew up in the orphanage because his mom and dad were alcoholics. As you know we continue working with the orphanages, bringing them not only humanitarian aid but most importantly – the Gospel of Christ. On one of our visits the orphanage he accepted Jesus and after graduation from the orphanage didn't have place to go. He ended up living in our church. He

became a strong follower of Christ, and is now on our worship team playing drums. Almost every Sunday Stas asks the church to pray for his mom. Finally after a few months his mom came to church and accepted Jesus and started coming to the church every Sunday. She is working again and is completely changes inside and out. Stas was also praying for his dad. Now his dad is also coming to the church on regular basis. Stas also became our missionary sent back to his orphanage. He grew up an orphanage with hundreds kids. Now when he goes to visit his friends he tells them about Jesus. Everybody, even his teachers are so surprised how he speaks with such wisdom.

We enjoy seeing how God alone can truly change lives like Stas' and many others. It's a miracle to see how through one truly changed life, Jesus can change many others. Yes, it's a lot of hard work and requires a lot of prayer both yours and ours together, but the rewards of seeing a life truly changed for Christ makes it worth every effort to disciple them.

It would be encouraging for us to hear a few stories of changed lives through your church's efforts for the Lord.