

A Report from Hope Church - Ryazan, Russia

By Pastor Pavel Jirov

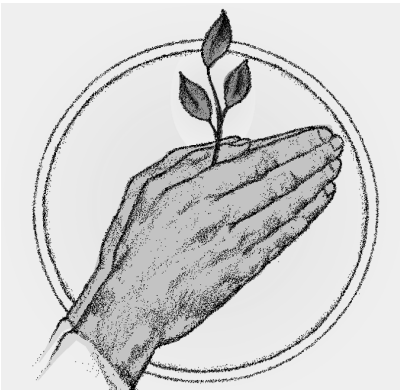


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At the beginning of May 1, we had a regional youth fellowship at Hope church. Around 100 young people came to this meeting. It consisted of two parts – spiritual exhortation and the rest was held outside. The Hope church youth continues sporting events with unbelieving friends and meetings in the church each Sunday. Now we are preparing for a tent camp on the river bank. Mostly we will invite the non-Christian teenagers.

Sunday school for kids has finished its work. The last two lessons we devoted to reviewing the Bible truths we have been studying during the school year. It was not boring for the children because we did it with the help of games and contests. At the end of the lessons, we summarized the results and rewarded our students. After this, we had tea party. The children will have summer holidays during the next three months but we do not want them to quit attending the church. So we have decided to have crafts with them each Sunday instead of Bible classes.

On June 3rd we are going to hold a feast of celebrating their finishing Sunday school in the church. All the groups: children, teenagers, and adults are preparing for this holiday. We recite verses from the Bible.



We ask you to pray:

- For acquisition of an own building for Hope Church
- For habitation for Pavel's family
- For the women's ministry development
- For youth ministry development
- For Hope Church neighbors

A Personal Note about Hope Church....

We have had the privilege of supporting Hope Church for the past five (5) years and I pray for many more. It has been my personal joy to develop a deep relationship with Pastor Pavel Jirov and his family. We will continue to support Hope Church in many ways.

First, we support them financially through an annual commitment of \$3,300. This "small" amount of money is significant to their ongoing ministry in Ryazan. This is given completely by individuals in our congregation, over and above their regular giving.

If you would like to give, just designate your gifts to the Russia Mission Partnership (RMP) or for Hope Church.

Second, we are excited to bring Pavel and his wife, Zoya, to West Virginia in October of this year. I know that having them with us will be a wonderful experience. Pray that we can be an encouragement to them and offer them our love and support while here.

Thanks for your continued support to mission around the world!

Pastor Greg