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## ЧИТАЙТЕ В ЭТОМ ВЫПУСКЕ...



## NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES

### RETREAT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL DIRECTORS

**3-5 February** Sunday School ministry Association's department had a retreat for Sunday School teachers. Timofey Malanchuk, the department's director, reports about the retreat- [click here to read the article](#) (In Russian).



### "BLAGOVEST"- AWARD NIGHT

### EDITORIAL MESSAGE

What is the feedback of our newsletter readers? Are members of our churches satisfied with our newsletters? What should we do in order to improve our newsletters in the future? These were the questions which were asked in the questionnaire in which we literally begged you to fill out with the help of a few mouse clicks. We even asked to do it "out of Christ-like compassion for us!"

Do you know how many people exhibited this "Christ-like compassion"? 6.2% out of all those who opened the letter. In Jesus' parable about the Good Samaritan the compassion and action was shown by 1 out of 3 people, who were passing by the victim (Luke 10:30-37); in our case it was 1 out of 16.

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On **January 29th**, the “Blagovest” institute had a special ceremony at the “Bethel” church. A group of students completed the courses in English and was awarded special certificates.

The English program was developed in the partnership with an American seminary “Cornerstone”. Its goal was to train students to minister within the English-speaking community. Instructors from the Cornerstone Seminary taught 80% of the course.

Thirteen people from different churches of our Association’s churches completed the entire curriculum. For more details [read on this page – click here.](#) (In Russian)



Brothers and sisters, what is happening to us? Did no one else have these two minutes to help us? What if our involvement was asking something much greater? Something along the lines of the involvement to which the author of the article "[Where are They, our Neighbors?](#)" (In Russian) calls us to? How would we respond to that?

To find out about the details of our questionnaire click [here](#).

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**Please help us to clean up our database!**

Emails of the churches' ministers and leaders of different ministries are automatically entered into our newsletters database.

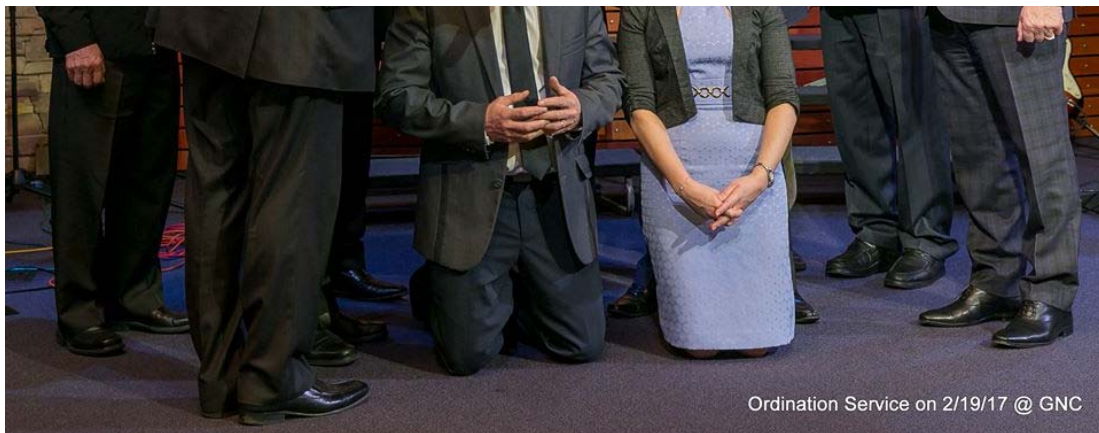
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## GOOD NEWS OF THE “GOOD NEWS” CHURCH

On February 19, “Good News” Church had a pastoral ordination service of Michael Mukomol. Michael Yuryevich Avramenko, the vice president of the Association reports details about the service – [click here to view his article.](#) (In Russian)







Ordination Service on 2/19/17 @ GNC

## FIFTEEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF THE “NEW HOPE” CHURCH

Is 15 years a lot or a little? Time is an interesting thing: looking ahead it seems like a lot, looking behind it seems really quick, as if in a moment leaving only a mark in the memory of, some memorable events.

When “New Hope” church was celebrating its anniversary, the current pastor of the church, Genadiy Borisovich Gavelovskiy, during his historical overview, set our minds on exactly that: pastor Fedor Dizhnyuk was the founder of this church, pastor Boris Malanchuk continued this ministry, and the current pastors and ministers of the church bear this responsibility after him.

[Read a full article of this celebration here.](#) (In Russian).

## REMARKABLE PEOPLE OF OUR CHURCHES

In the previous newsletter, we published an interview with a well-known pastor and minister Andrey Yakovlevich Prokopchuk. The video department of *First Slavic Baptist Church* made a clip about him which you can see here.

The next story from the "Remarkable People of Our Churches" series will be about the journey of Kozorezov's family. A.T. Kozoresov spent many years in prison for preaching the Word of God. [You can read his interview here.](#) (In Russian)

«Лесная церковь» 1975-1979 Козорезов Алексей Тимофеевич





## ASSOCIATION'S RADIO MINISTRY – programs of the previous month

In the course of the past month, the following programs were aired on the Association's radio (see below). To listen to the recording of the program, please click on the link below. All programs are in Russian only.

- [News – family retreat etc.](#)
- [Interview with Tatyana Senina. English-speaking groups](#)
- [Interview with Oleg Bubnyak - conference "Don't Waste your Life"](#)
- [Interview with Valentina Kostrikina - "School of the Godly Brides" at the \*Second Slavic Baptist Church\*](#)
- [Interview with Victor Butaev, director of the prison ministry department](#)
- [Questions and Answers: "Is it Right to Seek the Will of God Through the Prophets?" Answer by Y.K. Sipko](#)
- News: [02/02/17](#), [02/23/17](#)

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

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### OUR NEW PARTNER

According to V.M. Tsvirinko, during the 7th Summit of the Russian-speaking churches of the Western Europe which took place on February 23rd in Warsaw, Poland, the Pacific Coast Association and Union of the ECB churches of Moldova signed a partnership agreement. We hope that our partnership will lead to a greater blessing for the expanding of the Kingdom of God around the world.

### GOD HAD A PLAN FOR MY LIFE...

What would you do if God suddenly called you to minister to those who are often rejected by even their closest people? To minister in the rehab center!?

For details about how Andrey Popov responded to such call and what followed after, [read in an interview by Emily Gusev "God had a Plan for My Life..."](#) (In Russian)

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The Association receives various letters with requests for help. We made a section on our Association's website where you can familiarize yourself with letters coming from our brothers and sisters: [News – Requests](#) for help. In February, we received two letters:

- [From Vyacheslav Barvinok, a deacon of a small church ECB in a village in the Hmelnytskyi region, Ukraine – where he asks for any help or an employment opportunity](#)
- [From Aleksandr Hrolenko, chairman of the organization for handicapped "Benefaction" Ukraine – they need parts for the wheelchairs.](#)

Please find out about their needs and help them in any way that you can.

## RUSSIAN CHRISTIAN RADIO\* PRAYER REQUEST

[Russian Christian Radio Mission](#) begs us to pray for them.

"Dear Friends, please pray about very difficult circumstances in the RCR office in Moscow.

Couple weeks ago state departments began to conduct unscheduled inspections. Initially, it was just a complaint from the neighbors about noise, but then various services came and presented serious claims to the entire Christian Center (currently occupied by several missions). Our explanations and requests are simply ignored. This is an urgent request to pray that the Lord would help us in these difficult circumstances and show how to deal with the authorities."

\* Started in 1946 by Nikolai and son Earl Poysti as radio ministry, RCR grew to 3 major ministries: radio programming, rehabilitation centers, and prison magazine.

## PRAYER REQUEST ABOUT SYRIA AND SYRIAN BROTHERHOOD

Our Moldovian brothers developed a prayer bulletin about Syria and invited us to join in prayer for our Syrian brothers and sisters and their families – [to find out about the bulletin, click here](#). (In Russian)

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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## WHERE ARE THEY, OUR NEIGHBORS?

Do we know those who are living next to us in the same city? On our way to work as we look out the window of a well-heated car, do you notice a boy walking to school, a boy who is trying to conceal himself from the icy wind and the rain in a worn out jacket? Did you ever ask yourself why is he walking to school in such bad weather? Did he eat today? Will he eat tonight?

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today? Will he eat tonight?

Sure, we live in America and it is hard to imagine that even in this country of seeming abundance there could be people who are living in poverty, and people who come to school hungry. As difficult as it may seem, it is a reality of American life.

One of our sisters, who is a teacher, shares a story about what she faced at school, and what she would like to exhort us to. [Click here](#) to read the article.



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## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- **11 March, from 9:00am to 4:00pm**, *Second Slavic Baptist Church* located at 6601 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660, will host an annual conference of the "Moms in Prayer" Ministry. The conference's theme is "Joy". Main speaker will be **Fern Nichols**, the founder of this international ministry.

The registration will be open between February 20 and March 5 at the churches and [on the Association's website](#). For questions about the conference, please contact Galina Bugriyev - (916) 256-7363 or Olga Drovorub - (916) 397-1532.

- **12 March** is a day to show special care to widows, orphans, and the lonesome. The department of ministry to widows, orphans, and the lonesome encourages all the churches to dedicate this day to visit widows and widowers, families in need and with small orphans, the lonesome, and in some way show them that the church remembers them and cares for their needs. Of course, we should always care for them, but on this day we should make a special effort to do it.
- **26-29 May** Sierra Pines Camp will host a family retreat "Family for the Glory of God". Main speaker – Sergey Tarasenko. Check in – May 26 after 2:00 pm. Check out – May 29 at 3:00 pm.

The retreat's program will include spiritually edifying services with the involvement of families and speakers, family games, hikes, and crafts.

More information is provided [on the Association's website – click here](#).



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## PRAYER NEEDS

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- Pray for the safety and wisdom for the president of our country, his vice president, and the entire team which is working with them (Jer.29:7). Pray that the Lord would calm those who are causing trouble and who quarrel in the communities, and who support the laws which are contrary to God's statutes.
- Pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia
- Pray for the persecuted Christians in the Muslim countries
- Pray for a greater zeal for the preaching of the Word of God around the world

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If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at [pcsbaca@gmail.com](mailto:pcsbaca@gmail.com).

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