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NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES

ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S CHURCH VISITS

On January 14th and 15th, I was able to visit a missionary group in San Jose and *the Slavic Baptist Church ECB*, Castro Valley which has moved to a nearby city -- Hayward.

I share my experiences about these visits in my brief columns and pictures which can be found on the association's website. Read them here: [San Jose Visit](#) | [Visit of a church in Hayward](#). (In Russian only)

Ivan Milejev,
President PC CECB

AMAZING PEOPLE OF OUR CHURCHES

Did you ever come across a person whom you casually got to know at the church, and discovered that they have a remarkable testimony and faith? Someone who has a

ATTENTION! Editorial Article

"Does anyone need these newsletters?" – is a question I ask myself quite often after a difficult release of another letter.

"Are they useful to anyone? Are the readers intrigued by what we are publishing in these letters? How can we find out?"

In early January, our editorial team met together to discuss these questions, and we decided to turn to you directly for answers. We understand that it will be unrealistic to

got to know at the church, and discovered that they have a remarkable testimony and faith? Someone who has a storehouse of spiritual knowledge and experience which could help others but no one bothered to turn to him and find out or ask him? Did you ever get a thought at a memorial or funeral service that this person is gone and won't be coming back taking with him his discoveries of faith and life which could enrich you personally and guard you from unnecessary mistakes?

Our churches are full of remarkable people, ministers and laymen who experienced a life which can become a script for bestsellers and a worthy example to emulate. If you know such people, record their stories, and share them with others.



Emily Guseva did just that and talked to the elderly minister Andrey Yakovlevich Prokopchuk. [Read her article on our website](#) (In Russian only. Will be translated soon). Her next story will be about A.T. Kozorezov, an experienced minister who spent many years in prison for the Gospel. Reference to the story will

be given in the next newsletter.

decided to turn to you directly for answers. We understand that it will be unrealistic to put questions here and expect you to answer them by email. We know that you all are very busy. However, perhaps you might agree to help us to improve this ministry by filling out an anonymous application by following a link below (this can be done only for one application) We are asking only for a few mouse clicks, so please do this at least out of Christian compassion for us!

Gratefully,

Editor

[Application with Questions](#)

SERGEY SAPONENKO'S 50 YEARS ANNIVERSARY

On January 14th, Rocklin Church held an event dedicated to 50 years anniversary of a poet and publisher Sergey Saponenko who had a very uneasy life. Here is how he describes the beginning of his life:

"I was born in 1966, and from birth I was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. My arms and legs did not function, I had slowness of speech, writing was unheard of, I couldn't even eat by myself. I studied verbally. It was hard to accept that besides my relatives, nobody cared about me. I wanted to talk with my peers, but the sickness had created an impossible barrier for me. If only I could speak normally, and if I did not have any spasms! When I turned 20, I began to think about the meaning of life. I felt universal emptiness--the emptiness of life and its uselessness. This emptiness pressured me, and I understood that I had nothing to do with it. Both healthy and sickly, young and old experience vanity. But for what?"

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The Lord had revealed Himself to him and filled him with a purpose. He became a poet whose poems led to writing songs. He became a publicist, and an inspiration of perseverance and courage for many.

You can find his story and his anniversary on [the Association's website-click here](#). (In Russian only)

SIERRA PINES CAMP NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Sierra Pines Camp is experiencing record snowfalls. While this makes for awesome snow days and beautiful pictures, the workload is intense. Our staff is under extreme demand physically, mentally, and spiritually. Please be with us in prayer. We are asking anyone who is able to come up and volunteer digging out snow.

We would greatly appreciate your help getting the word out that we are in need of volunteers to shovel snow as soon as possible. The biggest need is this week, but we will continue to need volunteers.

Here is the link and info from [our Facebook event page \(click here\)](#). Please join us playing and working on the mountain to get paths open and buildings accessible. You will need a 4wd or chains to access our roads (all vehicles must carry chains). Shovels, snowblowers, and plows are welcome, but not required. We can provide housing most nights (one day of volunteering = one free night stay). Please let us know in advance if you need meals or accommodation, otherwise drop by anytime! Call 916-290-2897 or go to our facebook page for more info. 7169 Sierra Pines Camp, Twin Bridges, CA, 95735.



We would also be willing to negotiate a discount on camps or a free snow day on a later date.

Please forward this to anyone you think may have an interest in serving.

Thank you!

Sarah Zuev,
Assistant Camp Director

ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcast of the previous month

The Association's radio aired the following programs (see below). In order to listen to the program of choice, please click on the link below. All programs are in Russian only.

- Story of Aleksey Serin about the group's visit to South Sudan. [Part 1](#) | [Part 2](#)

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- [Interview of Sergey Kirnev, head of the missionary group in Moldova](#)
- [Interview with V.M. Tsvirinko](#)
- [News \(I. Mileyev and others\)](#)
- [Story of V. G. Hripunov about the ministry in San Francisco and San Jose.](#)
- ["New Hope" Church – story of G. B. Gavelovskiy, the church pastor](#)
- [Helen Gerkhart about study materials for those who wants to grow spiritually](#)
- News: [01/19/17](#) | [01/26/17](#) |

NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

NEW MINISTRY IN STRASBURG

Those present at the 9th annual missionary meeting in October might still remember the testimony of Sergey Babich who was called by God to minister in Europe. Not having a stable financial support, this saint along with his family, decided to obey the Great Commission and moved with his family to a new country to preach the Gospel.

For more information about how the ministry began, you can read the story of Sergey Babich on [our website- click here](#).(In Russian only)

EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seminar speaker is a well-known professor from Russia, Yevgeniy Dushakov. Everyone is welcome, admission is free. The seminar is especially recommended for pastors, preachers, ministers, and all youth. For more information [visit the Association's website \(click here\)](#)

- **On January 27-28 and February 3-4**, there will be useful seminars in rhetorical eloquence and it will take place in two churches:
 - **January 27-28** – at *Russian Baptist Church of Bryte* (January 27 - 6:30-9:00pm, January 28 - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm). Church address: 1000 Sacramento Ave, West Sacramento, CA 95605
 - **February 3-4** at *Rockland Baptist Church* (February 3- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, February 4- 9:00 am to 4:00 pm). Church address: 3628 Madison Ave. #2-5, North Highlands, CA 95660

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- **February 3-5**, Sierra Pines Camp will host a winter retreat for leaders and teachers of Sunday school. Retreat topic is “You are responsible for my hurt...”. This time the spouses of the leaders are also invited. The cost for three days is \$50 per person (food included). The main speaker is S.S. Tarasenko. For more information [visit the Association’s website \(click here\)](#).
- **February 4**, "Moms in Prayer" ministry is holding a seminar for "Moms in Prayer" church ministry leaders and for those who would like to start this ministry in their church. The seminar’s theme is "Women’s Influence through the Ages". The seminar will be both in Russian and in English. It will be hosted at the Association’s office: 639 Welland Way, West Sacramento, CA 95605 (the meeting hall on the second floor). Time of the event is 10:0 am to 3:00 pm. For questions, please contact Valentina Kostrikina at (916) 344-5816 or Galina Bugriyev at (916) 256-2363.
- The department of ministry to the children with special needs invites families who have handicapped children to a special retreat on **February 24-25** at Sierra Pines Camp. This will be a time to relax, enjoy the winter nature, and fellowship with each other around the Word of God. Should you have any question about this event, please contact Natalya Smolikova: (916)833-5510.
- **March 11, from** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Second *Slavic Baptist Church* located at 6601 Watt Ave, North Highlands, CA 95660 will host an anniversary conference for “Moms in Prayer” ministry. The conference theme is “Joy”. The main speaker will be **Fern Nichols** who was the founder of this international ministry. The registration will be open from January 20 until March 5 at the churches and [at the Association’s website](#). For questions about the conference please contact Galina Bugriyev: (916) 256-7363 or Olga Drovorub: (916) 397-1532.

PRAYER NEEDS

- Pray for the new President of our country, for wisdom for him, the vice president, and the entire team that will be working with him (Jer.29:7).
- Pray for peace in Ukraine and Russia.
- Pray for the persecuted Christians in the Muslim countries.
- Pray for the rapid spread of the Gospel around the world.

If you have some news you would like to share with others, please send them at pcsbaca@gmail.com.

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