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### NEWS OF DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

#### MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION'S HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS

On July 7th, the leaders of the Association's departments had one more of their meetings. Usually at these meetings, the leaders of the departments report on the work that they've done, discuss their plans, and share the success and prayer requests that they have. This time the meeting was diversified with the addition of three new leaders of the departments: Martin Kraynov, a brother from First Slavic Church, who is now in charge of the teen ministry, Bogdan Zagorodniy, who is a youth leader of Second Slavic Church, who will serve as the youth leader in the association as well, and Sergey Pronin, who is now the head of music and choir department.

Those present at the meeting had another surprise in store for them. The Association's Secretary, Alina Pronina, who obtained her BA degree in the Association's Institute, was awarded her diploma at the meeting.





### **INSTITUTE “BLAGOVEST” BEGINS A NEW SESSION IN ITALY**

July 21 was the beginning of a new session of Institute “Blagovest” in Italy, and the students met once again to study the Bible. This time they were learning historical books of the Old Testament with Andrey Romanov. May they be blessed on this wonderful journey.



### **TRIP TO THE SOUTH**

The Association’s President, Ivan Vladimirovich Mileyev, along with Vasiliy Grigoryevich Khripunov, visited our Association’s churches in the south region. He shares his impression of the trip in an article on the Association’s website. To read the article, [click here \(in Russian only\).](#)

### **GRACE FAMILY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL - SCHOOL OF SUCCESS**

More and more parents realize the importance of basic education for their children in Christian schools where their children, at the very least, will not be taught that the only “scientific” theory of origins is the theory of evolution, that instead of a traditional family it is normal to have two mothers or two fathers, and that gender change is a normal process.

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Presently there are two Slavic Christian schools in Sacramento which follow Christian programs. One is a school at Bryte Church, and the other at Grace Family Church. Svetlana Timofeyeva covers the second school in her article "School of Success", which can be found at the Association's website- [click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

## **SIERRA PINES CAMP – CELEBRATION OF THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY**

Did you know that the Association's campground has a long and wonderful history? Seventy years ago, a group of believers from Seventh Day Adventist churches began its construction. In the middle of 1970, the campground was acquired by American Baptist Churches of the West, and in 2013 it became a property of our Association. During the entire time of the campground's existence, people were constantly being reconciled to God, renewed in their commitment to Him, and grew spiritually in this camp.

The leadership of the campground is planning to celebrate the campground's seventieth anniversary on Labor Day weekend, September 1-4, and to thank God for His blessing. If anyone would like to participate in the celebratory activities, you may do that by registering on the camp commemoration website <http://70anniversary.sierrapinescamp.org>. Welcome to the celebration!

## **THE ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month**

During the past month, the following programs were aired on the association's radio - see list below. In order to listen to a program of interest, please click on its name. All programs in Russian only.

- [I.V. Mileyev, Association's President on the Progress of the Half-Year of Ministry](#)
- [God's Family with a Precise Structure – that is how its pastor O. Kostyuk Characterizes the Church he leads](#)
- [About Grace Family Church Pastor's, J. Oselsky's Trip to Kenya](#)
- [Interview with the New Leader of the Youth Ministry, Bogdan Zagorodniy](#)
- [N. Bugriyev and S. Zueva's Invitation to the Celebration of the 70th Anniversary of Sierra Pines Camp](#)
- Answers to the Listener's Questions:
  - ["If God Does Not Give You Faith, You Will Not Believe, No Matter How Hard You Try!" – Opinion of a Young Man Commented by Y. K. Sipko](#)
  - ["Come to Me All!" -- "You Cannot Come, unless the Father Draws You to Me" – How to Make Sense of It?" – Y.K. Sipko Answers Listener's Question](#)



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## NEWS FROM VARIOUS PLACES

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### VISTITING SOUTH SUDANESE REGUGEE CAMPS

A group of five young people in partnership with a team from Moldova visited Uganda which has refugee camps where thousands South Sudanese are located. Pastor Edward Dima, about whom we shared in previous publications on our website and Facebook page more than once, headed the ministry of this team there, where the churches needed help the most. For more information about this trip, [read an article by Natalya Zherebnenko who was part of the trip \(click here\)](#) and [a letter from Igor Mordvinov \(in Russian only\)](#), a leader of the missionary department of the ECB Union of Moldova, who was in charge of this trip.

If you have a Facebook page, you can also view a lot of the images from the trip [on a page of a Projects in Partnership with Union of ECB Moldova – click here](#). You can also view [a short video \(in Russian only\)](#)  of the same trip on YouTube.



### A COMMENDABLE EXAMPLE

That was the title of an article by Natalya Smolikova who is in charge of the ministry for children with special needs, and who recently attended one of the camps of Joni & Friends ministry with her family. Joni is the same legendary Joni about whom many of us read and watched a movie while still being in the Soviet Union. Joni Erickson Tada, who

children with special needs, and who recently attended one of the camps of Joni & Friends ministry with her family. Joni is the same legendary Joni about whom many of us read and watched a movie while still being in the Soviet Union. Joni Erickson-Tada, who was 16 at the time, after an unsuccessful jump into the water, was almost completely paralyzed. After going through intense suffering and despair, she did not become distant in her trial, but rose up a huge following around the world to serve and help people with a handicap. Thanks to her intercession, many laws were changed, and new versions of the laws passed with a goal of improving the lives of people traumatized by both chronic, as well as developed handicaps.

There are legends about camps for people with handicaps, which are hosted by Joni & Friends. For information about what Natalya Smolikova saw in one of those camps, [read on the Association's website \(in Russian only\)](#).



### **EVANGELIZING WITH GOSPEL TRACTS - CAN BE DONE BY ANYONE!**

What can you do if you do not know the language of the people who live next to you, but your heart is burning with the desire to share the Gospel? Or you do know the language, but you do not have experience of talking to unbelievers? There is a solution which is accessible to every person, and that is Evangelism through the Gospel tracts which can be handed out without using any words.

Many people do not know that a well-known poet and writer Nicolay Aleksandroich Vodneskiy accepted Christ through reading a Gospel tract. Realizing that little brochures with great news of salvation do work, throughout his life he did whatever he could to share the Gospel through the printed media. Anyone of us can also do this. For more information about how to get more Gospel tracts in different languages, read on the Association's website - [click here](#).

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## EVENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- On August 4-6, 2017, there will be a women's Christian camp "Salon of Unfading Beauty". The theme will be "Faith acting in love" Gal 5:6, and will be taught by Maria Gusenkova. The camp will be at Zephyr Point Conference Center on the shore of Lake Tahoe. Registration will be open from June 11 until July 23, and the cost will be - \$130.00. Beginning on July 24, the registration price will be \$140.00 (if places are still available). [For more information, visit the Association's website.](#)
- **August 26** at 9:00 am, **a conference for ministers of PCSBA** will be held at Grace Avenue Bible Church (Pastor Vladimir Troshin). The church address is 1425 Grace Ave, Sacramento, CA 95838. The conference will focus on discussing the future direction of PCSBA ministry, the role of ministers in the development of inter-church ministry, the preparation for 80th PCSBA convention, and more. All pastors, as well as youth leaders are invited to the conference.
- In agreement with the established educational programs, the Institute of Ministry "Blagovest" rectorate accepts enrollment into the following program: **FACULTY OF CHURCH MINISTRY. Level C.** Program of study "B.A. of church ministry"; time of study—3.5 years. Brothers and sisters who are members of the evangelical churches are welcome. The sessions will take place twice a month, 12 academic hours (second week of the month: Friday night (4:00pm), and Saturday (8:00am)). For more information, [please visit the Association's website.](#)
- Institute of Ministry "Blagovest" in partnership with an American seminary "Corner stone" announces open enrollment for faculty in training ministers who will be engaged in a variety of ministries in English. The program is called "Church Ministry and Evangelism" and is designed for those who wish to minister in the English-speaking context. For more information, visit the [Association's Website.](#)
- **September 29 – October 1**, Grace Family Church will host a Bible conference "**Reformation of the Heart**". The goal of the conference is to show the meaning of the Reformation and its implication on the spiritual life of Christians. Conference speakers will be: Aleksandr Kalinskiy, pastor of "Source of Life" Church, from Zdolbunov, Ukraine, and Mark Zhakevich, pastor from Grace Community Church, Sun Valley, CA. For registration visit [www.gfchurch.com](http://www.gfchurch.com). Or contact: (916) 481-1001, [info@gfchurch.com](mailto:info@gfchurch.com)

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## PRAYER NEEDS

- Pray for the Lord to have compassion on California and to stop the fires that devour not only the grass and the trees but also leaves hundreds of families homeless.
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- Continue praying for our brothers and sisters in South Sudan. Pray for their physical as well as spiritual needs to be met, for peace in the country, and blessing on the ministry of pastor Edward Dima.
- Pray for the government of our country and the states, for peace, and the well-being of our cities.
- Pray for the blessings upon Israel

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

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