

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENTS AND CHURCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION

MISSIONARY CONGRESS IS RESCHEDULED TO 2011

There was a meeting of the chairmen of the Slavic associations of the U.S., the organizers of the Missionary Congress of **2021**. Did you notice the change of the year: instead of “2020” there is a new number “2021”? This is due to the limitations to gatherings of large events in California being extended to “indefinite times”, and because of that, the following decision was reached: to reschedule the Congress to fall 2021. More details can be found in an article which is published on [the association’s website – click here](#).



THIS YEAR ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

As the questions about the upcoming convention are beginning to trickle in, we want to inform you that the president of the Association and the committee are in constant communication about this issue. For now, it is unclear whether the government will allow big gatherings in October. Even if we invite only the church delegates, there will be over 200 people, which is twice more than what is allowed under the present guidelines.

Keeping the present restrictions in mind, the other associations and unions of ECB of America cancelled their conventions and rescheduled them until the following year. Perhaps that is the decision that our Association will have to make as well. Until then, the

committee continues the preparations in hopes that it will be allowed to take place as usual at the end of October of this year.

ANOTHER MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION'S DEPARTMENTS LEADERS

On June 26th, there was another ZOOM meeting of the Association's departments leaders. This is not the first meeting that took place in this format and it appears that the ZOOM meetings are becoming a new norm for everyone. During the meeting, the ministry leaders presented their reports. Although many of the planned conferences and church visits are still impossible, but the ministry continues through the online forms of communications such as ZOOM, Viber, Skype, and others. Although these platforms allow some opportunities for fellowship, everyone awaits with anticipation when it will be possible to meet face to face in person. We will continue to pray for that.



During the Meeting

GRACE FAMILY CHURCH HAS A NEW SENIOR PASTOR



Beginning in June of this year, Grace Family Church has a new senior pastor – Dmitriy Yuryevich Zhrebnekov. Pastor Zhrebnekov has advanced degrees in both secular, as well as theological education, has been in ministry for a long time, and has experience in the youth and missions' ministry. To learn more about him from his biography and have a better understanding of him, visit here: [printed interview](#) | [audio recording for the radio](#).

RETURN TO THE "USUAL FORMAT"

The churches are slowly returning to the "usual format" of church services. On June 14, I.V. Mileyev visited three small churches in Sacramento and Rancho Cordova: The Living Stones Church, Light of Salvation Church, and Bethel Church. For more about their services, please read [this article – which could be located on the Association's website](#).



Together Once Again!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY DURING THE PANDEMIC

The time of quarantine allowed the sisters of our association to reevaluate the opportunities to come to churches, sing in choirs, as well as pray in the church. Sometimes we neglected the women's conferences, seminars, opportunities to serve, and the fellowship with brothers and sisters. During the pandemic, we were able to slow down the pace of life and reevaluate our values.

Despite the isolation, we were able to have weekly women's meetings through ZOOM where we could see each other's dear faces. All of the women testified that they miss the embraces, and the handshakes of both brothers and sisters. In addition, the women were grateful to God for the opportunity to spend more time with families and to grow spiritually. For more about this ministry read in an article, [which can be located at the Association's website – click here \(in Russian only\).](#)



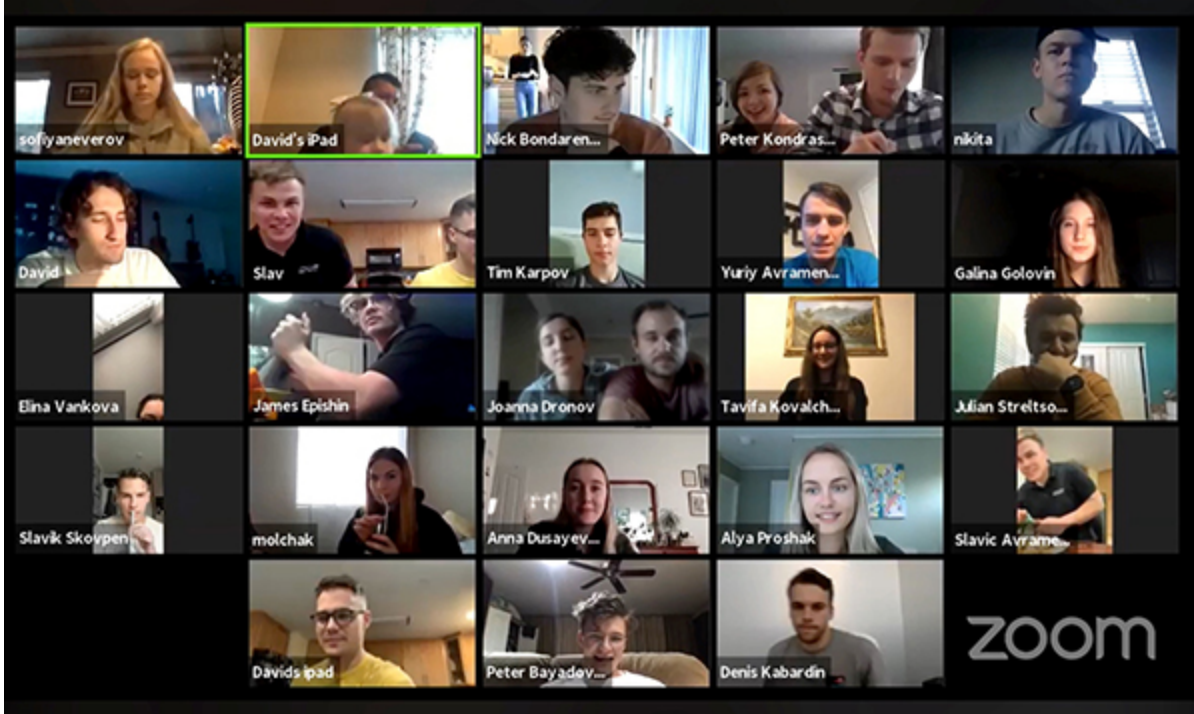
Meeting of the Ministry Leaders

UPDATE FROM THE HOUSE OF PRAYER CHURCH DURING THE QUARANTINE

During the time of the pandemic, every church has been surviving and continues to survive in their own ways. Surprisingly the House of Prayer church mastered the use of the ZOOM program and started to have services during the week which allowed the church members to both see and hear each other, as well as to share their joys and their trials. The senior pastor of the church A. V. Delchman and the pastor-teacher, L. A. Bezinskiy talk about the life of the church in their radio interview during which they emphasize the lessons that they learned during this period. [Listen to their story here.](#)

YOUTH MINISTRY

During the time of the pandemic, the youth of the Association that was already cherishing live fellowship began to value it even more. Although the benefits of the ZOOM interactions are valuable, nothing will be able to replace live meetings. That is why, despite the uncertainties of the situation, the youth is planning their annual big events: Camp United and Youth Ministry Retreat. For more about the plans of the youth ministry, read an article by Peter Makletsov, [located on the Association's website – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)



Meeting of the Leaders

PACIFIC THRIFT STORE IS EXTREMELY IN NEED OF YOUR HELP!

The store is open for business and there is a lot of work to be done but not many people who are willing to do it. There is a great need for volunteers. Pavel Tsvirinko who is the general manager of the store is asking all of us to respond and come for some physical help at the store, or at least to share this need among others. Read his direct address [on the Association's website – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

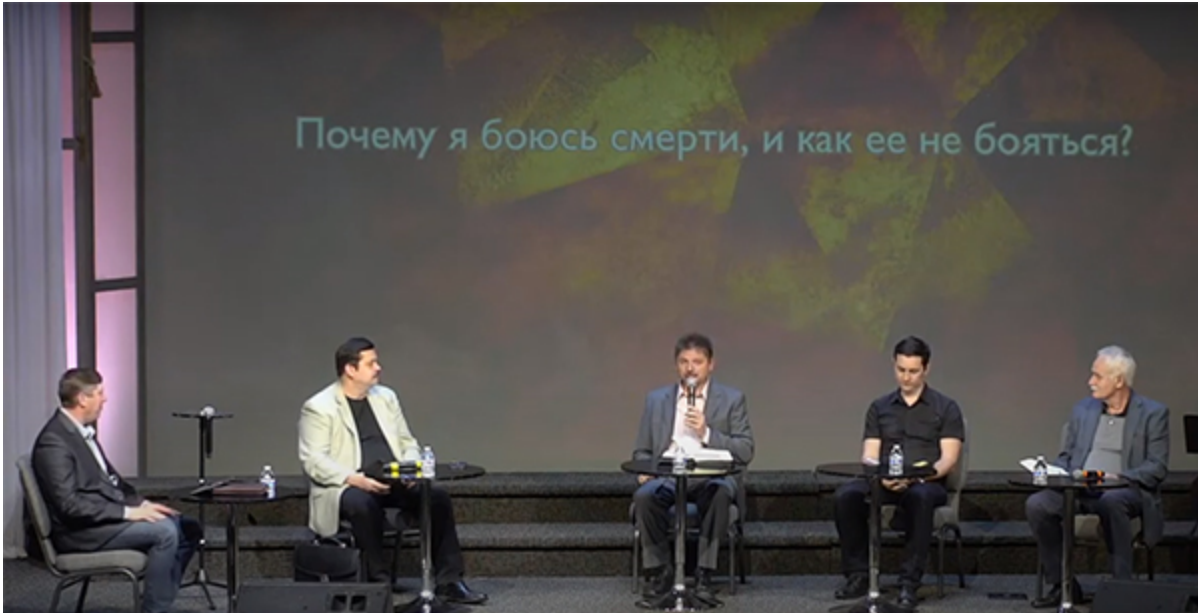


The Store is Open!

THE Q&A EVENING AT THE REVIVAL CHURCH

On Thursday, June 4th, the Revival Church had Q&A evening. There were various questions: “Why do I fear death and how to end that fear?”, “If the person is downcast or depressed, is this a demonic influence or not?”, “Can a demon of fear possess the believer?”, “Can God punish a person by giving him the sicknesses, epidemic, or cause car accidents? After all, Christ had already bore the punishment for our sins done in the

past as well as in the future?”, “How can you practically discern the voice of God?” Although the answers were in agreement, but they had different nuances in how they were covered. That is what was interesting for the listeners. Watch the video recording of this evening here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQ7LEfo-hhU>. The answers to questions begin on the 16th minute. The recording is in Russian.



Church Ministers Answering Questions

UPDATE FROM THE SLAVIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGIATE

Slavic Theological Collegiate (Sacramento, CA) had a few events in June:

- Radio/Video on the theme of Ethical Problems of Vaccines. This broadcast was in the parameters of the bio ethics in regards to children’s vaccines, as well as immunizations for the adults. The video recording can be accessed here: <https://youtu.be/sMMT0xerYH0>.
- There was a live meeting of the collegiate on the theme: “The Book of Revelation in Our Days” with the participation of Aleksandr Geychenko (provost of the Odessa Seminary), and S. V. Sannikov as the main speakers. A few others were also involved in answering the questions: A. Pronin, G. Gavelovskiy, I. Leschuk, and S. Borushko. The video can be accessed here: <https://youtu.be/kLyd1yGepgY>.

ASSOCIATION'S RADIO – broadcasts of the past month

ATTENTION

Starting from July 1, twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday, from 3:15 pm to 3:30 pm our programs will be broadcasted on the wave of **87.7 FM**.

During the past month, the following programs were aired on the Association’s radio – see below. In order to listen to a program of interest, please click on its name.

- [Evangelism and Fitness. I. Keptene](#)
- [United in Prayer. I. Milejev](#)
- [My Path to God and Service to Him. A. Girbu](#)
- ["How Should Christians Act in Modern Times? What to do?" N. Bugriyev](#)
- [About the Theological University of Kishenev. A. Girbu](#)
- [The Association’s Ministry during the Quarantine. Education Ministry. A. Pronin](#)
- [Interview with the New Senior Pastor of Grace Family Church. D. Zheebnenkov](#)
- [The Association’s Ministry during the Quarantine. “Moms in Prayer” Ministry. O. Drovorub and others.](#)
- ["Prayer of Faith will Heal the Sick". The listener’s questions is answered by Y. Sipko](#)

VISITING THE WORD TO RUSSIA MISSION

While being in West Sacramento, on June 15th, I. Mileyev visited the “Word to Russia” Mission. For more about this visit, read [on the Association’s website – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

HOPE TO THE PEOPLE

In Ukraine, there is a mission called, “Hope to the People”. Over the course of many years, its participants bring the Gospel to many countries of the world. God often times opens up the doors to them that otherwise would be closed to the western missionaries. While they are not themselves rich, the churches that are a part of this mission are still enriching many by sharing something priceless, that which is impossible to buy for any cost – the news of salvation and of the Kingdom of God.

Read more about the ministry of this organization, in its [prayer letter \(click here\)](#), as well as on the ministry’s website - <http://hopetopeople.org>. The letter and the website are in Russian.

WORD TO RUSSIA MINISTRY – 48 YEARS OF MINISTRY

The ministry is extremely grateful to God for how He led them so far. They are also grateful to all of the brothers and sisters who have sacrificed their time and finances over these years, and who constantly prayed for the success of this ministry. The mission created a new website and invites everyone to come and check it out. It has many interesting and useful materials. For more information about this, [read an article by M. Lokteff – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

WE WENT TO THE CHURCH SERVICE AND THAT SAVED OUR LIVES

On June 21, a tragedy happened in Kiev: a gas explosion in a multi-story building in Kiev, Posyzki, there was a collapse of four stories. According to the official records, five people died. God has miraculously preserved the family of our brother, sister, and their son whose home was directly above the one that exploded. [For more details read here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

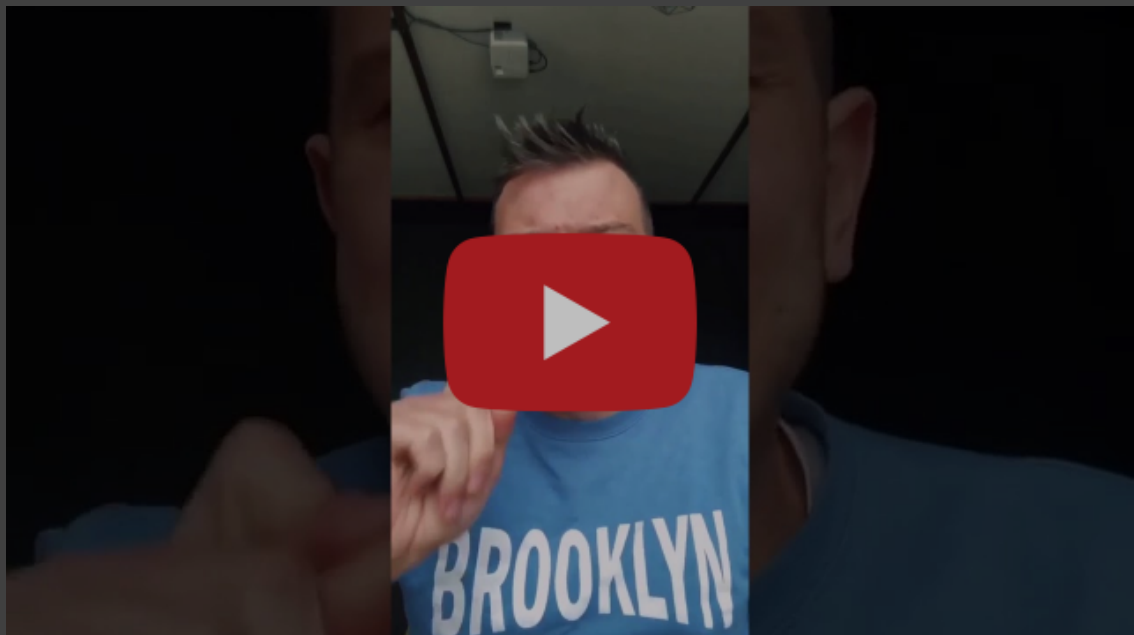


Remains of Several Apartments

ADVICE FOR THE PREACHERS

All of the preachers both young and old, experienced and inexperienced should watch this brief video recording. What this young man is saying could be characterized along the lines of: "By the mouths of infants, the truth is known!" Why do preachers preach with such an odd accent? Are they trying to improve on the work of the Holy Spirit or supplement the absence of His power? All who listen to the sermons with similar accents (and especially the unbelievers) are thinking something along the lines of what is said here, but are not able to verbalize their thoughts to the preacher.

However, the preachers should be mindful of this and take it to heart so that their preaching would be better and more effective!



MINISTRY IN CAMBODIA

It is incredible how God is using His dedicated servants like Evgeniy Evva and his family in sharing the Gospel around the world (we have written about his ministry more than once in the previous publications). He was ministering in the Muslim countries until he and his family were deported from Egypt. After much prayer and counsel of bothers from the Ukrainian Baptist Union, he received the conviction from the Lord that his next place of ministry is Cambodia. This is the second year that he ministers under the difficult conditions of this country. Along with his wife and kids, he is learning the local language with the local brothers, is participating in evangelism, and local church planting. [Read his next letter here](#). In addition, if you would like to support his ministry through donations, visit the [page of the website “Broken Chains” – click here \(in Russian only.\)](#)

HOW TO SURVIVE IN OUR TIMES?

A well-known American pastor David Jeremiah gives six pieces of advice for the followers of Christ in how they are to react to the Coronavirus epidemic that has spread and continues to spread around the world. The original article can be located on [the ministry website of D. Jeremiah](#).



THE JOURNEY OF OUR FATHERS AND MOTHERS

More and more of the prominent Christian leaders are talking about the coming mass persecutions of Christians. In a few countries, these persecutions never ended, but in America, which is a country of freedom and liberty, the persecution of Christians for their convictions has been illegal up to date.

In the last few decades, there has been a significant change in that regard. With the increase of liberalism of society and the government, there are more and more laws that are passed, which are in direct contradiction to God’s standards. Eventually, the Christians will have to make a difficult decision: go with the flow or against it, to listen to God or the people. It is inevitable that there will be a price to pay for one’s convictions, and perhaps that price may be extremely high.



Our fathers and mothers have already walked this path, the path of affliction and persecution. While living in good conditions, it is easy to forget what they experienced. Praise God that there are some recordings and testimonies that could be read in order to learn to trust God in any circumstances, and to follow the examples of those who have been persecuted for their faith. One of such testimonies is a biographical account of Yuriy Sergeyevich Grachev who is well-known in the Baptist circles. To read his account “In the Herod’s Pit” click here: [Book 1](#) | [Book 2](#) | [Book 3](#) | [Book 4](#). The church in Samara where Yuiy Sergeyevich was a member of released a movie in his honor named «Blazing for God», [which can be viewed on the YouTube channel – click here](#). Find the time to read the testimony of this person who despite the most

brutal persecutions remained faithful to the Lord. The books and the movie are in Russian only.

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