



To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light ... that they may receive forgiveness of sins... Acts 26:18

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This letter is a little different. Instead of events, we want to focus on people — real hearts God has placed in our lives.

Lisa had a stroke while at a conference in Italy on Feb 26. We will send a separate letter with information about this and our plans as she recovers.

Jevgeni is a taxi driver and contact of English Cafe. He attended the Billy Graham event with us, went forward, but wanted more info. Since then we have talked many hours together. He believes in God and thinks the Bible is likely true, but salvation feels “too simple.” He struggles with trust and questions, like why God placed the tree in the Garden. Please pray he understands grace and learns to trust God.

Max, a college student studying to be a teacher and a contact from English cafe, has moved from atheism to agnosticism to theism. He examines everything carefully. He told me that prayed for salvation with “mustard seed faith,” but it didn’t work. Pray God reveals Himself personally and helps him understand true faith.

Vladlen, also a college student and a contact from English cafe, is quiet and believes in theism. He has invited several friends to Bible Study but may not fully understand salvation. His parents are strongly Orthodox, and he fears their rejection. Pray for clarity, courage, and wisdom.

Karena, a faithful Teen Club girl, went forward at the Billy Graham event. I had the exciting privilege to pray with her as she prayed to accept Christ. She is very shy, and we’ve only met once for discipleship. Pray she opens up, grows in confidence, and is rooted in Christ.

Santiago (Santi) grew up in a Catholic Church with strong devotion to Mary. As he read his Bible, he recognized the error, which made his mother very angry and strained their relationship. Seeking change, he came to Estonia, attended a church, heard the gospel, and accepted Christ as Savior! We met him at an English café pizza party. Since then, we spent many hours in discipleship. When his mother accused him of following a cult, he began wonder about his salvation. After going over scripture with him about salvation, he got a big smile on his face and said “I did that! I’m saved!” He has since returned home and found a good church. Please pray that he continues to grow and stays focused on Christ.

Misha and Gresha, long-time Teen Club members, prayed the sinners prayer last week on the final night of an Alpha course at a local church. Pray they understood and agree to meet faithfully to learn about their new faith.

Olesya attended the same course and loved it — pray for her salvation.

Several others are on the fringes, hearing the gospel. Pray for open hearts, boldness, and wisdom as seeds continue to be planted.

For lost Russian souls,

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