

## Tuggy vs. Brown Debate

*A great start to 2019!*

Praise God for the opportunity to make His name known among the nations with one three-hour event! We are grateful for Dr. Dale Tuggy who represented the God of the Bible, who *is* the Father alone.

The audience also had many thought-provoking questions for both debaters. I encourage you to watch the debate with a pen and paper and not only get ideas on how to share and defend the faith, but see what else you could add to the conversation. What questions would you ask and how might your answers differ?

It was a fun evening and all who attended were blessed! There was a lot of good discussion before and after the debate.

There were about 80 in attendance at the event and over 300 online that night. By the next day over 1200 people had seen the LIVE replay! More than 10,000 have viewed it by mid-January! We anticipate reaching many more people in the years to come with the debate replay!



**Is the God of the Bible the Father Alone?**  
Presented by: Kingdom of God Ministry & Missions  
KOGmissions.com

**DEBATE ~ January 11, 2019**



### Debate Replay

<https://youtu.be/fTGAfvx5ZZ4>

# An Encouragement to Trust God's Timing

*I have often been asked how God's ministry in Russia came about. This is the story.*

Who would have ever guessed that 30 years ago God's plan was to begin a work that would actually start over 20 years later! His timing is perfect and His plans are perfect, even when we don't see them. I sometimes wonder if I would have said "yes" as eagerly as I did to God if I had known that there would be over 20 years of training and preparation before the designated work would even begin.

In retrospect, I see that God began planting seeds many years before His actual call and His leading me into a life-long love for and ministry with Russia. As I have seen in my life, once a seed has been sown, God can then cause germination at His proper time.

I remember the day clearly, although I can't remember the year. I was in a social studies class and we were studying Communism. A boy, Bob, shared about a trip his family had taken to the Soviet Union. I don't even remember all the details, but I was intrigued and something was sown in my heart and mind.

Years later when I was coaching a youth soccer team, I decided to take them on a few

international trips. I had been blessed to travel and play abroad and I thought it would be a great experience for them as well.

One day a guy came into the soccer store where I was working and shared about a trip he had taken with a team to the Soviet Union. With my love for adventure and getting off the beaten path, at that moment I remembered Bob from social studies and I knew that was where we were going.

Over the next year or so I began researching, planning, and searching for a way to make this happen. In the process, I got a Russian tutor to learn a little of the language, even though at that time I had no thought of returning on my own.

To be honest, I don't even remember when I knew He was calling me to go back on His behalf, but I do know that He used all these events to lead me down His chosen path, and I was willing. My heart was a missionary's heart from years ago, and now God was going to awaken the dormant seed that was waiting for just the right time.

As I was studying Russian and trying to make arrangements for the soccer trip, God put the thought in my mind and desire

in my heart to return to the Soviet Union after this trip. At this point I began looking beyond our soccer trip and how I was going to do what God had laid on my heart.

Throughout this process God orchestrated connections, starting with the tutor, and then with the people we met on our trip with the team, which enabled me to return a year later to live as a missionary. Looking back, it is amazing how God set things up and directed everything according to His plan!

When I returned to Minnesota after living almost 20 years in Russia, I felt downtrodden and somewhat a failure since I believed I did not get the expected results. Then one day, nearly 25 years after beginning to learn the Russian language, God's big plan for Russia got started without me even knowing it. A young man from Russia reached out to Anthony Buzzard who, in turn, forwarded the email to me since I spoke Russian.

This chosen young man was only a toddler when I got to Russia in 1992 and over those years God was preparing and calling him to the ministry that God had ordained for him. At the same time, He was

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preparing me to partner and work alongside him, as well as be a liaison between him and other brethren who would join with the gospel of the kingdom.

God also foreknew the Russian law changes that would necessitate a native person doing His work on the ground there. Looking back, every step of God's ministry in Russia has been orchestrated by Him. He chose the time, the people, and the places. He knows the hearts of men and His timing is perfect.

God brought the two of us together, separated by years, geography, and cultural origins, to be a team to reach the Russian-speaking peoples with the gospel of the kingdom. Satan has tried over the years, in my life and in the life of God's chosen man, to hinder the Father's work and plan, but praise be to God that He who is in us is stronger than he who is in the world! God's plan for all Russian-speaking people around the world is thriving and growing like a tree planted by the water. It is an honor and privilege to be a part of His plan.

May God continue to bless His work in this nation and with all Russian-speaking people around the world as His faithful servants give themselves wholeheartedly to the work ordained for them!



If there was only one event that I could go to, this would be the event! There is sound biblical teaching, encouragement to stand firm and speak the truth, and fellowship with brethren that not only love the truth dearly, but often have sacrificed much for it.

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## Theological Conference

**April 11-14, 2019**

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Hampton, Georgia

### MN Missions Conference

(non-Minnesotans welcome as well! ☺)

# 2019

*Guest Speaker:*

## *Carlos Jimenez*

Location: Eden Valley Church of God

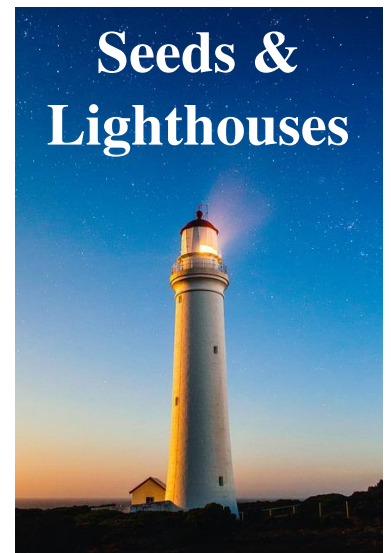
Date/Time: March 10, 2-6 pm

***Matthew 24:14 Roundtable***

1-4 PM St. Cloud Church of God

<https://kogmissions.com/2019-mn-missions-conference>

## Seeds & Lighthouses



### VACANCY: MN Missionary Society Treasurer

We thank Terri Moore for her dedicated service as treasurer for the past four years. Her financial expertise and commitment to excellence has been a blessing. Her term ends in March and she will not be continuing. Please contact us if you are interested in being a part of the MN Missionary Society Team. (Reply to this newsletter email.)



# Russian Big Brother Program



Maksim has been participating in a Big Brother program with the orphanage where he volunteers during the week teaching sports to the kids. His first "Little" was Sergei. Maksim was instrumental in helping Sergei find a family, praise God! Above is Nikita, the "Little" he spends time with now. The Big Brother Program is run a bit differently than it is here in the States. Those that want to participate pay a monthly fee. This covers transportation to and from a "camp" and covers room and board (7 meals) and activities for both the "Big" and the "Little". Unfortunately, this fee is increasing in March,

will be getting more. The "Little" will receive seasonal clothes and be invited to outings (theater, etc.) once a month. Maksim goes twice a month with Nikita. This ministry is not only a blessing to the "Littles", but I believe it is very good for Maksim as well. It provides a different, less stressful, form of ministry, and gives him a little "rest" since he gives his life to service 24/7. If you would like to bless Maksim and Nikita, please consider sponsoring this monthly ministry. If we don't come up with the extra funds, Maksim and Nikita will not be able to participate. *Contact us for more details.* [info@KOGmissions.com](mailto:info@KOGmissions.com)

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<p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Dan Gill</li><li>Sharon Gill</li><li>Anthony Buzzard</li><li>Barbara Buzzard</li><li>Carlos Jimenez</li><li>Alane Rozelle</li><li>Dick Eldred</li><li>Joe Martin</li><li>Rebekah Martin</li><li>Carey Clark</li><li>Steve An</li><li>Bill Schlegel</li><li>Tracy Zhykhovich</li></ul>	<p>Kingdom of God Ministry &amp; Missions <b>Missions Conference</b> October 5-7, 2018 Higher Ground Church, White House, TN</p>
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