

# Kingdom Newsletter

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## Two New Brothers!

After years of discipleship it is with great joy that Maksim will embrace Nikolai and Yevgeni as brothers in the faith.

### **Prison Book Ministry**

Once again printed material has been the lifesaver for a lost soul, and the power of God's love and forgiveness has changed a life.

Nikolai was in prison serving a long sentence, but shortly after Maksim brought Anthony Buzzard's books to the prison with his contact info in each one, Nikolai reached out to him. They corresponded about God's saving truths for about a year and then before being released Nikolai asked to meet with Maksim in person. Over the next three years they corresponded and this last year he used his daughter's phone so he could actually talk with Maksim. Maksim said that repentance is such a beautiful thing, and it truly changes lives.

They are planning Nikolai's baptism for the end of April. Maksim hopes to be able to fly to his home, instead of spending five days on a train each way.

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## The Blessing of Fellowship

Last month Pastor Maksim rode over 20 hours on a train to Krasnoyarsk where he met Sister Zhanna, who flew in from Azerbaijan, and sister Natalia and her daughter Veronika, who also took a 20+ hour train ride to get there. They all met at a bus station and traveled three hours to Natalia's relatives' townhouse. These relatives, Anatoli and Elvira, had talked with Maksim before and he was able to share more with them in person. He said more seeds were planted in their hearts and minds and hopes that God will make them grow.

During their stay, the two ladies and Maksim took a four-hour taxi ride to another elderly relative of Natalia's, named Julia. They spent three days with the widow helping her around the house and Maksim shoveled a lot of snow. Julia and Maksim had been in touch through letters, and by phone when relatives were visiting with one. She has been very interested and open to truth, so please pray for her as she continues to study, read the Kingdom Newsletters and books, and corresponds with Maksim.



The brethren enjoyed their fellowship and recalled how each one came to the God and their faith journey. Zhanna met Maksim on the Russian "Facebook" group when she was searching for God online, and was baptized in 2015. Natalia met Maksim in 2017 when she was in the hospital that he volunteers at and was so touched in her heart that she realized that she couldn't live without God.

The sisters were extremely blessed that they could finally meet and spend some time in person. They all were strengthened knowing that this life won't be perfect, but only in the kingdom would there be true peace and joy.

Throughout the weeks Maksim and the sisters discussed questions about the importance of faithfulness to truth and the kingdom of God and

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# Missions in Europe 2019

My daughter and I will be leaving Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, Lord willing, for Europe. The majority of the trip is a mission's trip to encourage and build up the faith of our scattered brethren in Denmark, Sweden, the UK, Hungary and other countries. Three baptisms are planned and we will be participating in a weekend fellowship of scattered brethren in the UK.

All of the people we will be visiting are a result of Restoration Fellowship's relentless love for truth and their willingness to do the Great Commission over the past 30+ years. Due to their commitment to making God's truths available to the world, those who are truly seeking find them daily.

We appeal to you for prayers and any financial support that you may be able to give. We have a general schedule, but are open to change. We will be returning mid-July, but don't have a date set. If you would like more information on the trip and our itinerary, please visit the web page. For security reasons we cannot publicize some parts of the trip online at this time. Every prayer and every dollar is greatly valued and appreciated! Thanks so much! <https://kogmissions.com/europe-2019>

Checks can be made out to House Light Ministries and sent c/o Terri Moore (treasurer), 50585- 171 Ave., Verndale, MN 56481 Please  **earmark checks**, "Europe Missions." Thank you!

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## Ex-Jehovah's Witness Finds the Truth

Yevgeni has a very interesting story. He met Maksim on his "Russian Facebook" Page about a year ago and they have been corresponding ever since.

Yevgeni's family was from Western Ukraine and in the late 1940's Stalin deported his grandparents to Siberia because they were Jehovah's Witnesses. Due to their beliefs they were deported along with Adventists and other religious groups. His father later moved to Kazakhstan where the family practiced their JW faith.

Yevgeni's mother died in his youth and later he and his father began questioning the JW beliefs and practices. They had a tragic house fire and Yevgeni was burned on more than 30% of his body and he needed a blood transfusion.

At this time, they left the JW movement since the organization would not allow him to receive the blood transfusion. The two men began searching for truth and unfortunately Yevgeni's father died the year before he met Maksim.

Praise God that Maksim has been able to mentor and study with Yevgeni and show him the simple truths of Scripture and how they bring freedom, not bondage.

Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, Maksim hopes to leave, after the weekend with his Little, Nikita, and take a day and a half train to meet Yevgeni and baptize him.

They will be meeting at an elderly relative's apartment that is closer for Maksim. Please pray for her; she left the JW movement after being brainwashed with Soviet ideology and is now very secular with no faith. Please pray for both men and rejoice with the angels in heaven that one more child has come home to the Father!

## Does the Bible Teach God is Three Persons?

**Sunday April 28, 2019  
7 PM EST**



**Ethan Smith**

[youtube.com/user/ETHANGELIST](https://youtube.com/user/ETHANGELIST)

**Zoom Live Webinar**  
[zoom.us/j/928693657](https://zoom.us/j/928693657)

**YouTube Live**

[youtube.com/user/AbrahamicMovement](https://youtube.com/user/AbrahamicMovement)

**Audience Q&A**



**Carlos Xavier**

[TheHumanJesus.org](https://TheHumanJesus.org)

Join us for a **LIVE Online Debate** on Sunday **April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM EST**. We are excited to partner with *Restoration Fellowship* and Carlos Xavier.

We will be taking audience questions at the end of the debate.

The previous debate with Johnathan McLatchie, *Does the Old Testament Teach the Trinity?* can be viewed at:

<https://youtu.be/Muqv7gy7MjY>

# Thank you for the Fellowship!

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acknowledged that they need to keep that love for truth burning hot. They talked about how Satan wants to lie and to use worldly life and false groups to lead us away. They were strengthened greatly in the kingdom hope and encouraged to stand firm, even when they returned home.

The brethren are all very thankful for your prayers and for helping make this time of fellowship possible. When the scattered brethren have the opportunity to meet, they try to get the most out of their time as they can. They were extremely grateful that they could spend these two weeks together being strengthened and encouraged. Natalia was happy that her young daughter was also able to be there and listen in.

Please pray for Zhanna and her teenage children. Her husband is not a strong Muslim, and he has allowed her faith, but has said neither of them would teach or push their faith onto the children. I can only imagine how hard that is for her!



Maksim rejoices in these faithful sisters and sees the importance of building a strong foundation of truth for the new believer.

When I asked Maksim if he took any more pictures, he said, I don't think about pictures, I'm not a photographer. I'm thankful to see a few pictures of our sisters, but I'm much more grateful to know they love the truth and I will meet them in person when Jesus returns!



**PLEASE PRAY** for our brethren in Malawi and Mozambique who have been devastated by Cyclone Idai. Many of our brethren have lost their homes and are starving and in need emergency food relief and shelter. More information can be found at: [http://lhicog.com/images/Africa Diaster Relief.pdf](http://lhicog.com/images/Africa_Diaster_Relief.pdf)

## Upcoming Events

*Jesus is Human and Not Divine*

Debate ~ May 31, 2019

Dale Tuggy vs. Chris Date



Free Admission

Location: Pine Grove Bible Church  
4000 - 101st Ave. N, Brooklyn Park, MN

Time: 7:00 PM CST



Join us in Minnesota at Pine Grove Bible Church on Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM CST.

[More Info & Debate Poster](#)

[kogmissions.com/debate](http://kogmissions.com/debate)

MN Missionary Conference

Guest Speaker

Carlos Jimenez

Special Appearance by Ex-JW Elder & Translator,  
Igor Kocelj from Split, Croatia

June 1, 2019, 2-6 PM  
@ Eden Valley Church of God

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MATTHEW 24:14

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