

# Kingdom Newsletter



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## God of Miracles!

### Welcome Brother Nikolai to the Family!

Welcome Brother Nikolai to the family of God! It is amazing how God changes hearts and lives! His word is active and sharp and His truths are life-changing!

Nikolai met Maksim through the prison library where he found Anthony Buzzard's books and Bibles that Maksim had placed there. (You can read more details about how they met in the March newsletter.)

Nikolai said that there were Protestants and Russian Orthodox clergy that would come to the prison, but he just felt something was missing and he could never wrap his mind around going to heaven. When he read Sir Anthony's books, they made more sense, and when



he read the Bible for himself it became clear.

Upon being released he returned to his home town where he lives in a one room apartment with his daughter.

Nikolai was aware that there was a cost to following Jesus, but the cost didn't compare to the reward. There is no price we can pay for forgiveness, acceptance, new life and kingdom hope!

When he repented, he knew he wanted to put his old habits on the altar and he should begin right away, even before Maksim could come and baptize him. Nikolai made the decision to quit smoking, even though he started smoking at age 12 and smoked about a pack a day. He cut back day by day, and by the time Maksim came to baptize him, he had quit. Praise God for his victory!

As you can see in the pictures, Brother Nikolai's living conditions are not the best, but the new condition of his heart is worth more than gold! Please continue to lift our new brother up in prayer. May God continue to strengthen him and guide him on this new path!



## Please Pray...

Please pray for Maksim as he recovers from ten days of train travel and the illness that he got the last three days on the train. Maksim ministers to our brethren and to those searching for truth, and he needs his strength and health as he serves God and man.

I will be ministering in Europe this summer and won't be here to raise funds for his summer and fall travels to see the far scattered brethren. If you could, please [donate](https://kogmissions.com/donate-2/) (<https://kogmissions.com/donate-2/>) towards these important travels. Two of the people he hasn't seen for two years! Earmark your donation: Russia Summer Travels. Or, you can send a check to *MN Missionary Society*, ear marking it the same. Send it c/o Terri Moore (treasurer), 50585- 171 Ave., Verndale, MN 56481.

## Pray for all of the Summer Missions Trips with our Brethren

- Maksim & the Scattered Brethren
- Mexico with Ken LaPrade, Alane Rozelle & Team
- Europe Ministry with Tracy Zhykhovich
- Africa with Joe & Rebekah Martin and LHI Team
- Peru with Edward & Restoration Fellowship
- Peru with LHI
- MN Missions at the State Fair in August

## Praise God!

### Update on Constantine.

*Please read the full story in the April Newsletter.*

Praise God that a few days before Maksim left for his 5-day train rides to baptize Nikolai, he was able to visit Constantine and baptize him. The family allowed Maksim to visit him for 20 minutes. (And this time he didn't get punched in the head.)

We rejoice with the angels in heaven, and with Constantine that he had peace in his last days knowing that he had obeyed and was able to be baptized as he wished.

When Maksim returned, he tried calling Constantine, but there has been no answer so far. He said that Constantine was not doing well when he left, and he didn't expect his family to update him on his condition. As a result, we don't know if he has died, but we do know that we will see him at the resurrection when Jesus returns and gathers his elect!



## Rest in Peace

I am sad to share that our brother Bogdan has died. However, we can rejoice that he died with the hope of the resurrection and was blessed to have made Jesus Lord in his life.

His death was unexpected and tragic. He lived with some relatives and unfortunately his cousin is a drug addict. One day his cousin was going through withdrawal and hallucinating and he thought Bogdan and their grandma were burglars. He stabbed them both with a knife. Grandma was lucky that she was only stabbed three times and the knife missed all of her organs. Dear brother Bogdan was stabbed five times in his chest and stomach area. Due to the severity of his injuries he died after five days in intensive care. At least his relatives contacted Maksim to let him know.

We are greatly saddened that our brother died such a horrific death. Maksim also shared that Bogdan endured teasing and mocking by his relatives over the years for his faith, but remained faithful.

Bogdan was a faithful brother and son of the Most High God. May he rest in peace and rise at the end of the age to receive his inheritance. I look forward to the day when we will meet all of our brethren and rule the earth alongside of them!

