

CALVARY CHAPEL OMSK, RUSSIA

"bless the LORD, oh my soul"

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings to you from Siberia! It's been a mild winter and we haven't had much snow yet, but we love it anyway☺. I want to share about our fall season and how the Lord has blessed us!

My soul rejoices and my spirit blesses the Lord for the two amazing trips He has blessed me with!

Time in the USA. It's been 7 years since my last trip to the USA and CC Apple Valley invited me back in May over to the International pastor's conference which took place at the beginning of November. I came for 3 weeks and was thankful to the Lord for how the whole trip was arranged with His help and timing! Words can't describe how I am grateful to Gary&Danielle Malkus for having me over at their house most of the time and taking such good care! More than that I'm blessed to serve the Lord with likeminded people who love the Lord and serve His people. I also was able to see pastor Zeke Flores and his wife Blanca from CC Phelan and get reacquainted with them! What a great time of fellowship and Mexican food over at their house☺! It was special for me to share the Word at CC Victorville and get to know the church a little! It was my first time there and the Lord is doing amazing work through pastor Gary Jr. What a blessing it is now to be able to travel and teach at 3 churches and see familiar faces in all 3 from all the outreaches we did together in the past. I was also able to spend 4 days with Calvary Arlington in Washington state and stay with pastor Jim Jacobson and his family! The "growth groups" were great!

This trip was all about people and I loved it. I had 2 wonderful meetings while I was in Seattle area(sorry, couldn't do more this time). As soon as I came I had to visit, spend some time and pray with Susie Hughes who has been fighting cancer for a while now. She was in Omsk for 6 weeks back in 1997 helping our first missionaries to adjust and since then she's always been our prayer partner! We were able to have coffee together with pastor Wayne Taylor. Their church had started ours back in 1997 and it was great to catch up on things and pray together again! Right after my trip to Seattle I spent a day with my friends Max and Dasha who live in Simi valley now. The trip was filled with meeting people

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I know as well as meeting new people and families in each church I was at! My time in the US ended with a men's retreat and a pastor's conference right after it. The Lord spoke to my heart and I was blessed to see some pastors I know there!

Israel. It was my dream to visit this country. The Lord's timing was perfect! It was a group of CC pastors in Russia that I joined led by pastor Boris from CC St.Petersburg. The Bible came alive, started to understand a lot more and learned so much!!! We spent 7 days and were able to visit many places there. The weather was perfect up until the last day of the trip. I could see the Lord's hand on the trip, places and people we met there! God is good!



Mike and Mary Lou Bryan's visit

We were blessed to have Mike and Mary Lou with us for a week in September! It's been 19 years since they were in Omsk helping to start CC Omsk and serving those whom the Lord saved. I was able to take them to the places they remembered, to the area they lived at; they met with people they were in touch with back then. We had men's and women's fellowships with them and they shared some thoughts with the church on Sunday! I was encouraged by the thoughts so much as "little did they know how the Lord would use and what He would do in people's lives throughout the years and yet their part

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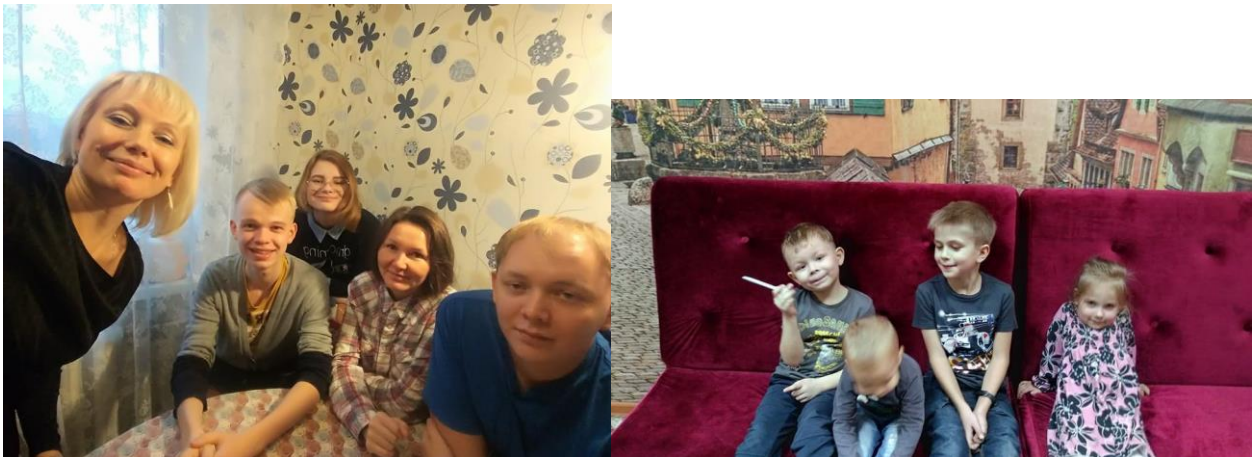
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was to faithfully serve, sow and water and let the Lord bring the growth"! What a treat from the Lord!



CC Novosibirsk church retreat

We had several people from our church joining our brethren in Novosibirsk for the conference in November. "Grace" was the theme and 3 pastors from the US were bringing the Word and sharing stories from the Bible on God's amazing grace. Wonderful messages, great time of fellowship, our people shared some great insights from their time at the retreat!



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Other events and church life

I was blessed to hear how the Lord had put it on Sasha's heart (our worship leader) to teach and talk about worship with the church while I was gone. It's always exciting to see God at work like that!

We were blessed to have Kostya from Nizhniy Novgorod teach at church while he was visiting and doing seminars on marriage and raising children to ministers at the Baptist Bible college in Omsk. Kostya and Marianna are friends to many of our families and Kostya was able to visit and minister to several of them!

God is at work, we have new faces, but at the same time praying for the ones we haven't seen in a while. We're getting ready for Christmas season, praying the Lord uses it to glorify Himself!

Upcoming events:

- Christmas season and Christmas Eve service on the 24th of December;
- Youth retreat in Saint Petersburg January 2-5 - it will be the first time the youth from all the Calvary Chapels in Russia getting together. Sasha is taking our youth and will be helping there with the worship;
- Women's conference with Debbi Bryson, Danielle Malkus, Elva Frye and others - March 8-10;

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Please, pray with us for:

- Everything the Lord has for us this coming winter;
- Christmas season - possible Christmas service on January 7th as well (Russian day for Christmas)
- Discipleship I do with teenagers, Sasha and Vanya;
- Ilya and his family;
- A new girl Natasha and her spiritual growth;
- Rimma and her mission in Abkhazia;
- The heart to reach out to people with Good news;
- Our own church building;

Thanks again for taking time to read, pray and support us in God's work in Omsk! His every blessing to you and your families!

In His grace, Max.

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