

**A Report from Hope Church
Ryazan, Russia
April 2006**

Pea Ridge Baptist has the honor of supporting the ministry of Pastor Pavel Jirov, pastor of Hope Church, Ryazan, Russia. Over the past few years, Pastor Greg has built a relationship with Pavel and the people of Hope Church. In 2005, a team of 6 from Pea Ridge visited Ryazan and worshiped with the people of Hope Church. What a joy it is to join hands with our Russian brothers and sisters in Christ.

If you would like to join in financially supporting Hope Church, contact the church office or talk with Pastor Greg. We can all pray for them and encourage them through our prayers to serve God faithfully each day. Below is a recent report from Hope Church, detailing some of their current ministry as well as prayer needs. Thanks for your partnership in Russia!



Pastor Pavel Jirov and family!

(L to R): Masha, Lena, Dima, Pavel, Zoya, Max, Nastya and Annya

1. Current ministry:

Last April was full of events. First of all, lot of time and strength members of the church devoted to preparation for Easter. The youth and grown up cleaned territory near the building. We sticket congratulations with Easter and invitations for worship service. The sanctuary was decorated by special way. The choir and puppet club prepared a program. Hope church and two other ones which were founded by Hope church – Ressurrection church and Vladimir Kochnev’s one got gathered for taking part in common communion on Maundy Thirtday. It was wonderful to be in one spirit and celebrate Jesus’s Last supper and glorify God together.

On Easter day many people come. There were congratulations, sermons, testimonies. The worship group “The light” and the choir sang songs. But the main thing was that two souls reconciled with God and one our former member, who stopped attending the church

one year ago, repented again. All thanked God with tears on the eyes for His grace and Holy Spirit's action in people's hearts.

After the service an Easter puppet performance was shown. On April 29 we gave the puppet performance for children of our relatives, familiars and needy families. The kids watched the show very attentively, they sang songs and took part in the contests. Certainly, all the children got a chocolate and children's Christian book and crayons. A goal of these meetings with children and their parents is to make friends with them and help them to come to the church.

After the Easter service in the Hope church the group "The light" and our choir came to Kochnev's church to give a concert of spiritual music for the church's visitors. Beforehand Vladimir and the church's members put invitations for this concert in their neighborhood.

Our family's cinema goes on its work. A film "Jesus" was shown on the Easter eve.

For leaders and ministers of Ryazan oblast churches a seminar "Holy Ghost" was held in Hope church. Some of the youth visited Moscow for a seminar on organizing and carrying out Christian camps.

One more joyful news. After great number of prayers women's ministry has started in the Hope church. Several directions of that ministry were designed:

- Social. It's planned that members of the church will make donations of second hand clothes to help people who need that and attract them to the church.
- Service of charity – visiting sick people and elderly members of Hope church.
- Study the Bible and prayer's ministry
- Crafts ministry. We want our women, young girls, children and our familiars to communicate working together. We would like them to listen to audio-sermons, songs while they are making crafts. We are planning to sell these things for those who want them to have. We are planning to use gained money for our church needs.
- "Hen-parties". Meetings with sisters from other Baptist churches once a quarter for common praying, Bible study and making crafts etc. Such kind of ministry we have "borrowed" from WV's sisters.

2. Plans for the next month:

- To continue family's cinema ministry.
- The youth is planning to recommence sporting games outdoors with neighbor's teenagers and go on youth meetings in the church on Sundays.
- The choir will give concerts in Ryazan oblast churches.
- The puppet club is going to Tambov for outreach.
- Preparations for summer tent camp
- Holding a musical festival for all musical groups all over Ryazan region

3. Testimony how God lead and directed us in the ministry we called to:

As we wrote you before we keep praying for a long time for the family's cinema ministry. Unfortunately, just some people come. Sometimes, doubts crept into our hearts "does this ministry is really need?" But praise the Lord, one woman who accepted Christ into her heart on the Easter service had been visiting our movie theatre on a regular basis. We continue to pray and believe that God will bless us in that ministry which He called us to.

Our prayer's meeting on Fridays brings spiritual fruit as well. We pray for those who has left the church and lost communication with brothers and sisters. And in that (Easter) worship service one woman renewed her relationships with God and the church through the repentance.

4. Prayer needs:

- For development of choir ministry

- For spiritual and numerical increase of the church
- For Family' s cinema ministry
- For development of women's ministry and its leader.
- For summer camp



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