

Nina Koptseva / Summer 2015 #2

My dear Prayer Friends!

Greetings again from the summer cottage! Thank you for the prayers; the operation went well. The new lens is getting used to my eye and my vision is improving. Two hours ago, when I sat down at the computer, right eye saw everything dull, but now I found that I see by it almost clearly! Only a bright crimson stain in the middle of the field of vision is confusing me, but doctors assure me that within a week after surgery, my vision will be normalized.

As promised, this letter is our prayer requests from Istanbul. First, please pray for the health, finances, and the inspiration for our pastor and his precious family. Here he is in Photo1 with his son Ozcan, his wife Irada, and daughter Gloria Maria.

P2 is our team in Istanbul which, praise God, has grown. I present to you, on the far left, Pastor Roger Robbins, our main teacher at the Bible Institute. His wife Elwira, standing closest to him, serves as a Sunday school teacher and a member of the worship team. Next is me, Grandmother Nina, and Irada, Ozcan, pastor Niyazi, Carol (boss of our kitchen and service participant in Sunday School), and Gloria (who also wanted to be in a chair and pulled it herself, barely having time to get into the frame).

Next row standing from right to left: Taufiq (translator into Arabic, teacher of the Old Testament, the head of evangelization, leading worship, etc.), and Peter Merry & Tatiana. a wonderful couple. Peter teaches at the Bible Institute, helps with computers, manages holidays for children, and makes the whole team constantly laugh, Tatiana is our Internet specialist to offer a variety of events in the Church, can help with the translation from English into Russian, and serves at Sunday School. Now for Tiina, Sunday School director, painter, singer & active soul winner. Missing in this picture is Annette, the youngest member of our team. She is in the photo 3, third from the right. Annette also teaches Sunday school, participates in the worship team, draws all our posters and leaflets and continually brings to the church her new friends.

Our prayer requests:

1). Continue to pray for our team, especially for new young members of the team and new creative methods to reach students. For example, on June 13 in the church it was a wonderful concert of two amazing singers: Tatiana from Finland and Gabriella from Poland. Many new young people were invited. Photo 4-7.

2). Please pray for the Sunday School, for ensuring that the owner allowed us to use the two extra spacious rooms, that we would equipped them and could take more children. In April, we held in the premises of the church children's holiday, where 11 families came with 19 children. It was fun for both children and adults. Picture 8-22

3). Pray for our "semesters" of the Istanbul Bible Institute. The last was held in April, and the next will be from August 10 to September 6. (Photos 23-36 will be attached to the next letter.)

4). At the end of April, a large group from Hungary led by Pastor Kende came to visit us. (Photos 37-40 will also be in the next letter). They were a great blessing for our church. We always welcome guests! Come to visit us to relax, watch the beautiful sights of Istanbul, and serve people.

Thank you for all your prayers! Coming soon is "Newsletter from the summer cottage #3 " I will write to you about my month-long stay in Baku. God bless you!





