Seminarian Sponsorship

As a seminarian sponsor, you may choose any level of support you wish. For example, you might want to cover the cost of a seminarian’s textbooks with a one-time donation, or you may wish to send monthly gifts of any amount.

Right now, all of our seminarians are from Indonesia and the Philippines. Most have a very good command of the English language. As a sponsor, you may communicate with your seminarian via email, sharing news and prayer requests. Below, we have listed the costs for 1 seminarian’s year of novitiate in Vladivostok. Please contact our Modesto office (209-408-0728) if you wish to help.

Cost to support 1 seminarian in Russia

2014 Budget

1 roundtrip to Russia.................................................................$2,100
Visa & processing ................................................................. 230
Medical & dental coverage for 1 person while in Russia.................. 340
University tuition ($362/month x 12 months) ......................... 4,344
Car travel in Russia (400 miles/month x 12 months x 0.40/mile) (Note: Seminarians carpool, reducing the cost) ................. 160
Food & lodging in Russia ($180/month x 12 months) ..................... 2,160
Class materials, textbooks, CDs, etc. ($20/month x 12 months) ... 240
Personal needs, unexpected expenses ($100/month x 12 months) ... 1,200
Total for 1 year ......................................................................$ 10,774

Novices also provide their own laptop computers at about $399 each. Some families are too poor to afford this, but each student needs one, as higher education always involves laptops today.

We thank you for helping us to become priests.
God bless us all!