



Mary Mother of God Mission Society

Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

November 28, 2010

Thank you for your donation! How important your help is to us in these difficult financial times. When I went to America two months ago and when I returned across the Pacific it was with free tickets provided by a benefactor, else we couldn't afford the trip! And now we have the four seminarians to support for several years until they can be ordained, so you see how valuable is your help. Your spiritual and moral support is also important as we preach the Gospel and try to help this society understand Christian values again after so many years of hatred and murder.

Right now we are struggling to help two parishioners who have serious diseases, one Alzheimer's, and the other compulsive psychosis. There aren't facilities dedicated to these types of problems, and so we have scramble to try to meet their needs. Neither of them have families in this region of Russia. One is currently in the hospice where we regularly work, and the other is living in a stairway, as he can't hold a job for long, because he doesn't believe he needs the medicine that the doctor gives him, and then he gradually becomes ineffective on the job when he doesn't take his medicine.

Then tomorrow I have to give a talk at the Governor's Forum on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse. While there are anti-narcotic clinics here, there isn't a local rehabilitation center for alcoholics. Only high priced private clinics are available, and few can afford that. Alcoholism is a major social problem in Russia where the average consumption is 14 quarts per year of alcoholic equivalence per person.

Remember I told you about the foundation that foundation is willing to give us 1/3 of the cost of the fire safety equipment required by the Fire Department here, if the Russian benefactors will give 1/3 and American benefactors will give 1/3? Each "third" is \$9233.00. So far we've collected \$2735 for the American third, and \$2426 of the Russian third. We have until March to collect the whole amount. If you'd like to make a donation for this, mark your check "Fire Safety."

Since I was gone from America for a year, fresh impressions are still on my mind about my time there—How much fun it was to be in South Dakota for the opening of pheasant hunting season, my talk at St John Vianney Seminary in St Paul, MN where I got a standing ovation (but I was more impressed by the quality and quantity of the seminarians!) and my birthday party at my home parish of St Joseph's in Vanderburgh County, Indiana. I'm grateful for all those who helped make my time in America productive and helpful. I returned from sunny California to snowy Vladivostok.

Another highlight of my trip was the blessing of our office in Modesto. Our office has had to move several times, and it spent the last two years in a garage that was cold in the winter and hot in the summer. Vicky and her volunteers have suffered and sacrificed so much for us. Here is a photo of the new office entrance.

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God bless you! Thank you very much for your help!! We'll be praying for you as the Advent Season progresses, so that you have a very Merry Christmas! And a special prayer from the Blessed Virgin.

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.

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