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Thank you for your donation! And thank you for your prayers and support. As I look at the big challenges ahead for us, I also realize that we can't get all of this done without your help! And only by the grace of God and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin! So today, the first of May, the month of Mary, I'll be especially praying for you and hoping for us! Of course we also sang a hymn to St Joseph this morning, too, as it is St Joseph the Worker Day in Russia. We are counting on his intercession for us and for you, too!

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What about those big problems? Here they are: **1.** We've had problems with our **computer** and server in Modesto for some time, but it is expensive to do anything about it, and we are poor, as you know, but finally the problems became unbearable. Our computer guru found that some hacker had taken over our computer and was using it to send mass email spam. The thief had access to almost everything, so we don't know what mischief he might have done. If you've gotten unwanted or bad emails from our address, please accept our apology! Please check your credit card reports carefully. Meanwhile the guru will try to clean up the mess and we hope to be back on line soon.

2. The second problem is paying for the **roof repairs**. The bill is coming in higher than we planned, so that is scary. The workers are here now, dismantling the old roof and getting ready to install the new one. If you could help us with this problem soon, it would really be appreciated!

3. The building where our parish is located in **Lesozavodsk** will go on sale this summer at the city auction. We absolutely need to buy this building, as anything later will be even more expensive! We do not know what the final price will be, as it is an auction, but we have to be ready with CASH if you know what I mean! We missed a chance to buy it at the earlier auction when it would have gone for only \$25,000, because I was too honest!-- I didn't send someone extra to the auction, and, since I was the only buyer, the auction didn't happen!! Now maybe I'm not so honest! If we can buy this building, it will solve our space needs for the parish in Lesozavodsk for a long time to come, and maybe even provide some income, as we can rent out some of the space. The kids are so hoping that the sisters will soon come to work with them. We need space.



4. This is a great problem to have--But it is a problem none-the-less! Our **seminarians** need to go off to school with the new school year. There will be transportation expenses, room and board, and tuition. They are really great guys, and we are so blessed to have them, but meanwhile... Brother Arnulfo and Brother Inosensius will be in the seminary in Manila, Philippines, beginning in June, and Brother Patrick will probably be in the seminary in St Petersburg, Russia, beginning in September. Thankfully these seminaries are economical, but we still have to find the means to pay for it and for their travel expenses. Maybe someone would like to sponsor a seminarian for the year?

Meanwhile, while I was travelling to Lesozavodsk, Arsenyev, and Ussuryk for Easter Masses, I made a stop at the orphanage in Zavodskoi. I took a picture of the playpen that our benefactors at Orphans-at-Play bought for the children there. Actually it is three playpens fixed end to end to make a fence. Orphanages are a fact of life here, where the average woman has had seven abortions! You would think that with so many abortions there wouldn't be any orphans, but it doesn't work out that way. Here is a photo of the play pen and one of the nurses:



Happy Month of May! I was so happy for Lent to arrive as I was looking forward to the fast. But now it is time to rejoice! Happy Easter Season! God bless you.

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.