



PASSWORD

CHRIST IS RISEN HE IS RISEN INDEED

*Our dear friend of the Mission, we are glad to greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!
May your peace increase!*

The days of Easter are coming - the greatest holiday for all humanity! The Easter holiday is a holiday of Life! Let us rejoice and be glad! Christ destroyed and conquered Death! To him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen. "But God raised Him up, breaking the bonds of death, be-

cause it was impossible for it to hold Him" D.Ap.2:24. "Death! where is your sting? hell! where is your victory? 1 Corinthians 15:55.

We don't know what color your eyes are: blue, brown or black... We don't know your age: maybe you are gray or

you're young and fly through life like a free wind... Who are you? Man? Woman? Young man? In any case, we are glad that you are holding our Letter in your hands. We call upon you God's blessing and are glad to congratulate you on the most joyful holiday on earth!

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“And Christ died for all, so that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again for them” 2 Corinthians 5:15.

Many of the Lord's parables and sermons were about the Kingdom of Heaven. We invite you today to pay attention to one of the Lord's parables, which especially illustrates the magnitude of His love for us! ***“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a merchant looking for good pearls, who, having found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it” Matthew 13:45-46.***

Reasoning about this parable usually comes down to a simple conclusion. People are mer-

chants who, having heard the news of the Kingdom of God, renounce everything worldly, all goods, pleasures, sell everything and completely devote themselves to the Lord. This interpretation is simple and beautiful, but in practice we see that in the lives of millions of Christians, this is not at all the case. The Lord does not require people to sell everything we have and live on like birds of heaven. Such conclusions from this parable are directly opposite to its true meaning.

Scripture says that our tithe is already sufficient. In fact, the image of the merchant who was captivated by the image of the pearl of great price is the image of Jesus Christ. The Heavenly Merchant, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in order to acquire us, left the glory of Heaven, became poor, took on the form of a servant, becoming in appearance like a man, in order to acquire each of us like a pearl of great price. The price of this acquisition was very high. With this par-

able, the Lord tells people how dear we are to Him, how great His love is for us.

“You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed” Isaiah 52:3. – Writes the prophet Isaiah. 600 years later, the Holy Spirit, through the Apostle Paul, reveals to us:

“For you were bought with a great price. Therefore glorify God both in your body and in your soul, which are God's” 1 Corinthians 6:20.



PAGES OF OUR HISTORY

SLAVIC EMIGRATION

"For I alone know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for good and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope." Jer.29:11.

Today we invite you to get acquainted with the History of Slavic Emigration of the 20th century, which has three main Waves.

1) The First Wave of Emigration began after the Bolshevik Revolution of 1917. Emigrants from this Wave arrived in Sacramento and in 1928, or-

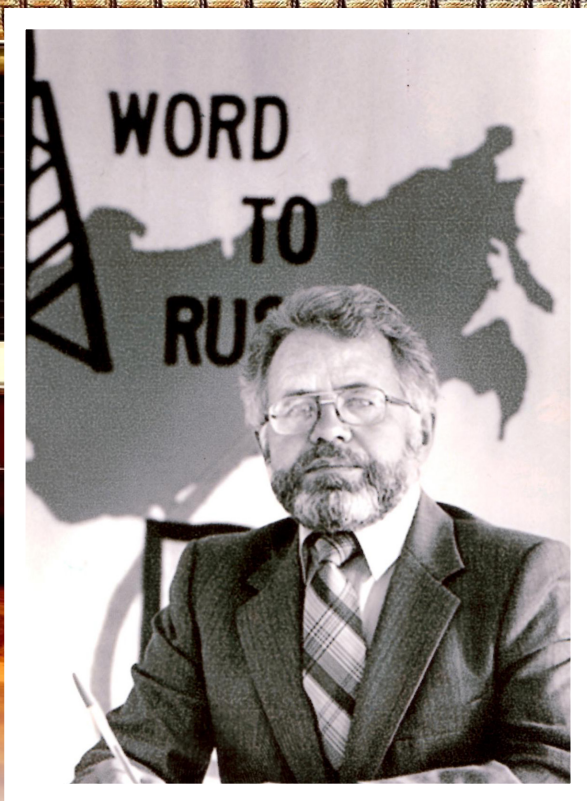
ganized the Russian Baptist Church in the city of Bryte.

2) The Second Wave of Emigration began after the 2nd World War. Some of the emigrants came from Germany to escape the Soviet Gulag, while others came from China and South America. These people, fleeing hunger and the Com-

munists, fled the Soviet Union and America became their new home. Second Wave emigrants filled the Church in Bryte, built a new church building, and opened a branch in Sacramento.

3) The Third Wave of Emigration of Slavic Peoples - thanks to Reagan and Gorbachev

- began in the mid-80s and reached its peak in the mid-90s. It continues to this day, but not on such a scale. Third Wave emigrants began coming to the Russian Baptist Church in 1988. At that time, the Church in Bryte had about 18 members.



RADIO SERVICE TO THE SLAVIC PEOPLES

***"For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea"**
Hab.2:14.*

The radio ministry of the church in Bryte began in the mid-50's shortly after the construction of the new House of Worship building. These were radio broadcasts in Russian in Central California. Radio programs were also sent

to Transworld Radio Stations and covered the entire territory of the Soviet Union.

In 1972, the Radio Mission "Word to Russia" was organized in San Francisco. But two years later it was on the verge of closure. Knowing that the Radio Ministry has been actively functioning in the Bryte Church for 20 years, the leadership of the Mission

turned to Michael Lokteff with a request to take over the management of the "Word to Russia" Mission.

The church in Bryte agreed and delegated Michael Lokteff to head the Word to Russia Mission, which he led for about 48 years until 2022. The Church Committee decided to leave the existing name "Word to Russia" for the Mission,

which had already been registered by the brothers Efimoff and Romanoff as a Non-Profit Humanitarian Mission under 501c3 Code.

Thus, in the mid-70s, the "Word to Russia" Mission joined the Radio Ministry of the Bryte Church and for about 70 years the airwaves have been filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord.



SERVING THE MISSION TODAY

The 21st century has brought great changes to the life of our world. Much has changed in the countries of the former USSR. Our approach to preaching the Gospel has also changed. Along with preaching the Gospel in California, we organize and support the ministries of our brothers and sisters locally. Today they openly preach the Words of Truth, which previously they could only hear through Radio.

It is difficult to overestimate the importance of modern technology in proclaiming the glory of God on earth. Internet, telephone, computer, television, radio. It is in our time, thanks to technology, that the words of the Lord are actually being fulfilled: "And this gospel

of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come" Matthew 24:14.

Shortly before he passed away, Michael Lokteff finished writing a book as a history of a family of several generations, starting in 1872. The Lokteff family decided to call it "River of Faith". Today, as a sign of special respect for Michael Lokteff, his family and his many years of service in the Radio Mission, the Board of Directors made the decision: - Legalize the new name of the Mission.

Thus, starting in 2022, our Mission is called "River of Faith Ministry". The former name of the Mission "Word to Russia" has also

been preserved and remains legal in America.

Continuing our ministry, we help publish books in Novosibirsk and California. During this time, more than 70 Christian books were published. A translation and publication of the New Testaments was made in Georgian. In 1997, with our help. The First Christian Hospice was organized in Samara, which we continue to support. Hundreds of seriously ill people received help and care within the walls of this Hospice. Many of them were reconciled with the Lord a few days before moving into eternity. In 1997, we opened our first branch in Vinnitsa (Ukraine). From Vinnitsa, in addition to broadcasting Ra-

dio programs in several Regions of Ukraine on Local Radio, Children's Christian Radio has been heard 24/7 all over the world for more than ten years. (www.detskoeradio.org) In 2005, we opened the second branch of the Mission in Donetsk (Ukraine).

Our two waves of Christian Internet Radio broadcast Christian Radio programs around the world 24/7. Our branches are today in Ukraine, Russia, Uzbekistan and Pakistan. We pay special attention to Children's and Youth Ministry. We try to provide special assistance in conducting Summer Camps and organizing Christmas Holidays.



SERVING THE MISSION IN CALIFORNIA

In the 21st century, Word to Russia is focusing more on serving the people of California.

Street Ministry Department of the Mission.

Twice a week we visit the homeless with sandwiches, drinks and preach the Gospel on the streets of California cities. We are especially grateful to the "Boudin Bakery" on Fair Oaks Avenue in Sacramento. For several years they have been donating bread and soup to us to feed the homeless and elderly in our area.

For more than 15 years, every week we have been visiting the Day Care Center for Adults "Golden Days". The

elderly and disabled, in their declining years, need special care.

Ministry of the Music Department. 17 years ago, Michael Lokteff and Irina Kravets organized the Music Department at the Mission. Our Music Department's 15 Music teachers provide free Music lessons to low-income children at three Charter Schools in Sacramento and Yolo County. Music helps parents instill good characters in their children and keeps them away from the influence of the streets.

Also, for more than 10 years, on the basis of our Mission, we have had a Violin Ensemble

with a wonderful name: "Heavenly Strings". This Ensemble was also organized by Irina Kravets and Michael Lokteff.

They are already in eternity, but their work is continued by Irina's son Vitaly Kravets. Vitaly is also the head of the Music Department of the Mission.

Over the past two years, the Mission has published three New Books. In Russian and English.

Our radio broadcasts on 1430 AM, KJAY cover three counties in Central California. The Slavic population in these three counties is more than a

hundred Churches and about two hundred thousand people speaking and understanding the Russian language.

When fighting broke out in Ukraine, the Mission sent thousands of pounds of aid to refugees from Mariupol who are now in Western Ukraine with no hope of return. The houses they lived in simply no longer exist.

We continue to visit local churches, participate in Missionary Conferences, and continue active correspondence with our donors and other ministries of the Christian Mission.

CHECKLIST



SPECIAL NEED

Unfortunately, some of our sponsors are no longer supporting the Radio Ministry and we find ourselves in a difficult financial situation. But we believe that with your help and the Lord's blessing, the Sacramento Radio Ministry will continue. Ap. Paul writes to the Galatians:

"I declare to you, brethren, that the gospel which I preached is not of men, for I also received it and learned it, not from man, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ" Gal.1:11-12.

The Gospel that our Mission preaches is not a human Gospel, but it was

brought to people by Jesus Christ himself. Our radio is free, we devote all airtime to serving the Lord and we have no advertising. Airtime costs us one dollar per minute. The Mission has 5 hours per week of broadcasting in three Counties in Central California. (Yolo, Sacramento and Placer)

So we pay the Radio Station for wave 1430 KJAY AM - \$300 per week. In these three Counties of Central California, there are about 200 thousand people who understand the Russian language. This is a large audience and it is worth all the costs of broadcasting the Good News.

We have 22 – 25 hours of airtime per month. It costs us \$1,300 - \$1,500, not including the Sound Engineer's labor, rent, internet, electricity, etc.



POWERFUL PRAYERS

Pray for childrens ministry in our branches.

Say prayers for Israel, for Ukraine and Russia. May God send peace in all these countries.

Pray for brothers and sisters in countries where persecution continues today.

Pray for Christian countries where faith is dwindling and where there are empty church buildings and the biblical laws of family and society are perverted.

Pray for America's awakening, for our leaders, for our new country in which there are also many problems, so that God gives power to people, who will lead the country according to God's plans.

Pray for our Mission that the Lord will grant us wisdom and knowledge from above to bring the Light of Grace and Truth to all near and far.

Pray for the listeners of our Children's Radio from Vinnitsa. This radio Broadcasts 24/7 all over the world. Share Children's Radio address with all your friends and loved ones. www.detskoeradio.org

Pray for our Music Department. Music lessons began in August and 15 music teachers from our Music Department, provide free music lessons to children from low-income families in three Charter Schools in Sacramento.

Pray for our Sacramento radio listeners on KJAY-1430. Three days a week, our radio broadcasts cover three counties in Central California.



SPECIAL NEED

We address our listeners with a special request: Our Radio is in a difficult situation today. In order for the Gospel to continue to sound in our city, we invite you to personally take part in the work of evangelism.

- ♥ Every week, 300 minutes of the Gospel of Christ are broadcast. One minute of evangelism costs one dollar.
- ♥ If You can send \$30 a month. It will pay for 30 minutes of preaching the Gospel.
- ♥ 60 dollars – will pay for one hour of broadcasting.
- ♥ 120 dollars – will pay for two hours of preaching the Gospel per week.

If the Lord inclines your heart to commit to sending 300 dollars, this will be YOUR WEEK of broadcasting the Good News in our big city, where live more than 200 thousand people who understand the Russian language.

Listen us on KJAY 1430 AM every Saturday from 10am to 1pm. Tuesday and Thursday from 8am to 9am. You can also listen to our Radio on phones and computers at: www.kjayradio.net

May God bless You richly. Amen

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