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ON THE WAY TO DO EVANGELISM

Saturday evening, March 14

PAY ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU READ ”

One time my next door neighbor said that long ago he proved that God didn't exist. I asked how he did it. He said that his mother was an orthodox believer and had icons in her home that she prayed to often. He said one day he got mad at her, threw one of her icons and broke it to pieces. God didn't punish him so evidently there is no God. I laughed and said all he proved was that the icon was not God and was powerless to bring him to judgment, but the true God would bring every one to judgment for their actions.

Saturday, March 14th, I stepped out of our apartment into the stairwell and saw my neighbor standing at the elevator door. After we exchanged greetings he said, Kevin, if you find good reading material and pay attention to what is written, you will see you don't need God. I asked what he had been reading, but he didn't say. Then I handed him the tract *Are You An Intelligent Person? Test Yourself* which logically proves God exists. As we parted I told him to pay attention to what you read in the booklet. ”

AT VICTORY PARK, Saturday Evening March 14th

I often go to the subway stations to pass out tracts. On this evening a man named Andre approached and said he read my booklet. He said my knowledge of the earth was greatly lacking and evolution proved God didn't exist. I told him not to underestimate me, and we had a good discussion about earth science. Andre then tried to convince me that my efforts were ineffective.

Andre stands too close when he talks in an effort to intimidate others. I stepped back once and he just closed the gap. So, I decided we could stand nose to nose and continue our conversation. (It was a peaceful conversation, but he was in my comfort zone.)

All the while crowds of people were coming out of the subway. My nose to nose discourse with Andre drew attention causing loads of people to interrupt so they could take a tract from me. So much for being ineffective!

March 16, MONDAY EVENING, Victory Park Subway station.

One man named Ibragim (Abraham in English) approached and asked about the booklet *Are You An Intelligent Person? Test Yourself*. I told him I was the one passing them out. He said, Praise Jesus. If people will pay attention to what they read they will know God exists and what Jesus did to save them from God's wrath. Then he said he often witnessed, telling others that Jesus had totally turned his life around.

I laughed and said that was the last thing I expected to hear, that people often respond in just the opposite manner. At this time a lady comes up giving me a piece of her mind. I told Ibragim to excuse me for a moment, then turned and asked the lady if she would like to participate in our conversation. She left in a huff. Turning back to him I said, That's what I was expecting. ”

Ibragim lives in the south of Russia, near Chechnea, and took some of my tracts to share with people there.



Kostya Lopunov

TRACTS! TRACTS! EVERYWHERE TRACTS!

We have printed another 10,000 of the tracts. Are you an Intelligent Person? Test Yourself. They are time consuming to make, but effective. There is no way I could do this without help. I have friends that help me get the job done.

These men also translate my materials, check it for clarity, and give constructive criticism. Some of them come to me to have their own tracts printed. They are also faithful distributors of this gospel literature.

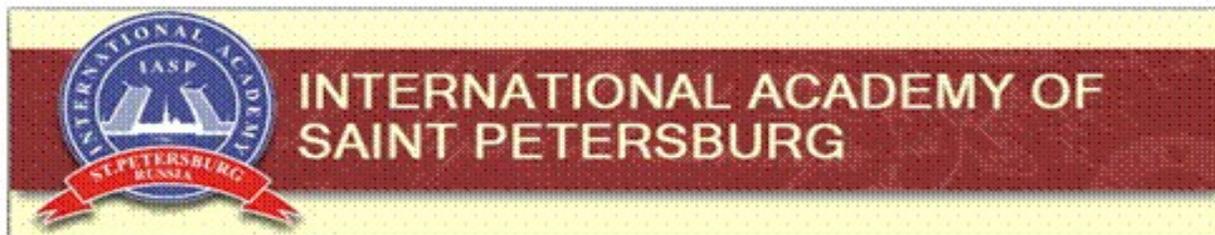
(Production is useless without distribution.) I charge them only for the cost of the paper. Ink, labor, and all the things that are included in producing a finished product are provided as a ministry.

WITHOUT THE HELP OF THOSE WHO SUPPORT RUSSIAN MISSIONS THIS WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. MAY GOD GIVE FRUIT THAT ABOUNDS TO YOUR ACCOUNT.

This is a team effort for the cause of Christ. The plan is to work for the night is coming when no one can work!



Men's prayer breakfast. They participate in tract production and distribution. May their tribe increase!



" Building Bridges for Third Culture Kids "

The school is now able to offer work visas for the school staff! The next obstacle is to obtain a building that is both affordable and allows for growth. Please pray for Tammy, the school board and staff as they plan for the future.

A NOTE FROM JARED

Tammy and I will be in the states in May for Jared's graduation from Stephen F. Austin State University. July 21st he will return to Russia with us to teach at the International Academy for the 09/10 school year.



International Teaching

In April of 1996, I moved to St. Petersburg, Russia with my parents, Kevin and Tammy Plaster.

In the fall of 2000, I began attending the International Christian School, now the International Academy. I graduated from there in May 2005.

Following graduation I moved to Nacogdoches, Texas to attend Stephen F. Austin State University. I am graduating this May with a degree in Kinesiology and am also a Health and Fitness Specialist certified through ACSM.

My plan, God willing, is to return to Russia to teach at the International Academy for the 2009/2010 school year. All international teachers at the school are Faith Missionaries, i.e. responsible for raising their own financial support.

I need your prayers and support! Please contact me at (936) 645-5352 or by email at jaredplaster@yahoo.com to find out how you can help me make a difference in the lives of Third Culture Kids (TCK's).

Our sponsor, FBC of Ranson, WV, has agreed to collect funds designated for his ministry. Keep us in your prayers! Kevin

Sincerely, Jared Plaster