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**CROCODILES
IN RUSSIA?**

I was doing evangelism at Vasily's Island subway station and offered a man a tract. He said he already had the one I was offering and asked for a different one. I have written several and had them with me, so I let him take his pick.



He chose one and then asked with a big grin, "Is this one about crocodiles?"

He was referring to a tract I wrote about the world-renowned shark specialist, Erich Ritter, who believes that sharks are not dangerous. Erich was bitten by a shark in the Cayman Islands while being filmed by Discovery Channel. The point of the tract is that you do not determine truth – you either accept or reject it.

BTW: If you would like to see a man get bitten by a non dangerous eight foot bull shark, go to youtube and type in Erich Ritter, shark bite. This is not for the faint at heart.



I DON'T KNOW

The same day I was asked about the crocodiles a man approached me, speaking with a heavy accent. The man was evidently from one of the southern Caucasus. I asked him four times to repeat his question and still

did not understand. So I finally told him "I don't know, either."

Only when he left did I realize that he said, "I don't know how to find your church."

MY PRAYER ANSWERED BY A DARK DAY

Tuesday, February 8th I was doing evangelism at subway station Technology. It was bitter cold and I was somewhat discouraged. While there I was praying, asking God if I was wasting my time, because people would take the tracts, but nobody was calling. I am not a fan of doing street evangelism in temperatures sub zero degree Fahrenheit.

The next day, Wednesday, February 9th, at 9:30 am I began receiving phone calls. The first person accused me of being an occultist.

Throughout the day I received more than 30 calls from 5 or 6 different phone numbers. These callers told me how stupid I was and threatened to cut my throat. After the first few calls I answered the phone but did not listen to them, but let them spend all the money they wanted on their pranks. By the end of the day I was somewhat distraught by the sheer volume of the calls but never felt that their threats were valid.

The calls started again on Thursday, but only from one caller. He began the call by asking if we could talk. We talked on various occasions throughout the day and he said he would be at church on Sunday. He did not come and I haven't heard from him.

I didn't know whether to be encouraged or distraught. So, I will continue to do evangelism and hope for warmer weather and not worry about the number of phone calls.



I have some small friends that play an important role at church. Our custom for the offering is to let the children ask God's blessing. Then we give them our loose change so they can participate in this part of worship. Not only that, they help me blow out the candles when my birthday is celebrated. Shown above from left to right are Me, Roma, Arkady, and Zina.



GIRLPOWER Tammy and several high school girls from International Academy of Saint Petersburg at the Anglo American basketball tournament in Moscow, Russia.

RECYCLE BOTTLES

Tammy and I traveled to Germany to celebrate Jared's birthday with him. During that time we were able to visit the school, Black Forest Academy, where he serves as a Missionary/Teacher. We know that he and his wife live on less than half the recommended financial support suggested for ministry in Germany. We did not know that they collect bottles for recycling to help make ends meet. (We could not put our luggage in his trunk because it was full of bottles.) He will be stateside during June and July and needs to raise more support. I know he would be glad to share his ministry with you this summer. He can be contacted at jaredplaster@yahoo.com.