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But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:8

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Dear friends and partners

Welcome to this first edition of our Missions newsletter for the year. We hope that in it, you will find interesting reading, discovering what our missionaries have been doing in their different places of service.



Yours in Him

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Margit and Vitali Taks! Margit and Vitali have just returned from a Missions trip to Astrakhan in southern Russia. There they assisted a missionary called **Oleg**, who is from Izhevsk. He has started a ministry to the deaf in that city.

In Astrakhan they served in the deaf club, where over 80 people attended the meetings they shared at. They also served in a hearing church and also at a deaf school, but not in the way they were expecting. Oleg had distributed a CD containing Christian content amongst students and this had caused the staff to get a little upset. However Margit and Vitali were able to explain to the school director that they weren't there to represent a sect, but a proper church, and their befriending of the director greatly helped Oleg in his work reaching out to the students.

It was the same in the deaf club where they served. Margit and Vitali became good friends with the director there also, which has also helped the local missionaries work a lot. Oleg once said to them, *"I was so surprised. When I went there myself it is difficult to get a foot in the door. But you two are different. You can relate to anyone, you succeed where others have failed and God is truly with you!"* They report that five deaf people came to the Lord in their meetings and one was set free from an evil spirit.



At the deaf school.



Margit in fellowship



At the deaf club.

- **Margit and Vitali.** Pray for their next missions trip to Kazakhstan, where they will be teaching at a deaf Bible School

**Mission trip to Russia - St. Petersburg, Volgograd and Astrakhan.
Margit and Vitali Taks (30.12.07 – 27.01.2008)**

We were visiting Russia with the aim to meet and support local people and find out new ways to evangelize and support evangelizing in Russia.

Our visit was delayed for one week because we didn't get the tickets to Volgograd as it was the time of Christmas in Russia. So we stayed in St.Petersburg for one week and also visited Viiburg. On the other hand it was good because staying in St.Petersburg gave us possibilities to meet the people we wouldn't meet other wise. We also visited the fellowship group for elderly people and gave our testimonies there.



St.Petersburg and Viiburg

Then we went to Volgograd and visited the Deaf church there. We remembered the time ten years ago when we were in Volgograd and taught the local children to sing and we made a film there and preached the gospel to the parents also. Now the kids have grown up, the parents are strong in faith and they have formed a strong Deaf church. We preached there and gave our testimonies.



Volgograd

Our next stop was in Astrakhan. In Astrakhan, there is a Deaf family who moved to Astrakhan to start a Deaf church there from Izhevsk. They have three kids, two of them are big already, the third was born in Astrakhan and is two months old then. Our aim was to support them. The week there was wonderful. We visited the local Deaf club and met the young people there who had gathered the club.

The interpreters saw us and asked us also to come again and meet the elderly people as well.

Preaching the gospel is actually not allowed in the Deaf club there. So we just talked to the people about Estonia and Vitali performed some dramas. And also signed that "Jesus loves you".

So, the chairman was quite surprised when she saw that but afterwards invited us into the kitchen where we openly could discuss who we are and what we believe and they had so many questions.

So, it was very positive. And they asked us to come back.



Astrakhan Deaf club

On Sunday they were not sure, if any new Deaf people would come to the service. But 5 new Deaf people came and after the service we talked for a long time, and 5 more Deaf came and joined us. And some of them received Christ. And in the evening they came to the place we stayed and we continued talking with them. The most interesting thing was the visit to the Deaf school. After we half left we got a message, that some more people have got saved.



Astrakhan

Back in St.Petersburg we participated in European Christian Deaf Pastors and Leaders Week. There were representatives from 17 countries, all together 67 people not including local people. The week was wonderful, with different activities and many good sermons. We met different people with families and counseled them. The week was very useful for so many Deaf people to get more knowledge and wisdom and experiences and joy.



St.Petersburg, European Christian Deaf Pastors and Leaders Week

Thanks be to God who protected us during our trip and thank you all for supporting us in your prayers.

Astrakhan city



St.Petersburg city

