



The Spiritual Resource Foundation

Supporting Christian Science activities in the Russian-Speaking Field

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Здравствуйте! Hello!. These newsletters are intended to keep you up to date on our continuing efforts to see and supply the need of our brothers and sisters in the Russian-speaking Christian Science field.

Many of you have probably seen the Marie Helm interview titled “Where the heart finds home” in the September 2013 *Journal*. If not, we encourage you to read it. Marie is a practitioner, teacher, and lecturer who lives in Russia six months out of each year. The article covers how, after experiencing many changes in location, she came to find home in her unity with God, regardless of where she lives. And that understanding has led her to feel at home now in St. Petersburg. We are very grateful for all the ways Marie shares Christian Science, and supports Christian Scientists, in that highly receptive part of the world.

One of the pressing needs in Russia is for good quality copies of the Russian *Science and Health*. The ones available for sale there are in very poor condition – they fall apart and are difficult to read, which is obviously not in keeping with the character of our church. Mary Baker Eddy went to great lengths to ensure high quality of materials, as well as content, in her books.

Shipping large quantities of books to Russia is challenging. Tariffs can cost much more than the sale price of the books. The Spiritual Resource Foundation (TSRF) has identified a way to ship the books without tariffs that, although it is slow, appears to be the only way to ship at a reasonable cost. The Mother Church has generously agreed to pay half of the costs of the books and shipping (TSRF is paying the other half). As a result, Russia is now receiving new copies of *Science and Health* for the first time in many years.

As Poland is not a Russian-speaking country, TSRF bylaws do not allow it to provide direct financial support to Polish Christian Science groups. However, we would like to make a need known. The Warsaw Christian Science Society has been in existence since two weeks before World War II started. They currently hold Sunday services, Wednesday testimony meetings (once a month) and maintain a Reading Room. They have held lectures for 2 of the last 3 years. However, they are now having trouble paying the rent (which recently more than doubled) for their meeting place, which they have occupied since 1962. If they lose their meeting place, their law does not allow them to meet in private homes.

Ryszard Smoragiewicz, First Reader, writes: “Your prayers are most needed and your extending some help to us would be most welcome. Right decisions are always coming from God and I am sure He will guide you to the right thoughts regarding the situation of our Society . . .”

“Soul has infinite resources with which to bless mankind” – Mary Baker Eddy

Those who would like to help may contact Ryszard at the following email address. Please do not send donations for the Warsaw Society to The Spiritual Resource Foundation.

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All the financial support the foundation provides to the Russian-speaking field comes from donations by Christian Science churches, organizations, and individuals. As our outreach grows, the need grows with it. We, the all-volunteer board of TSRF, are most grateful for your support.

For further information about Christian Science in the Russian-speaking field, please visit the following web sites:

United States (English/Russian): <http://spiritualresource.org/>
Russia: <http://www.christian-science.ru/>