



# The Spiritual Resource Foundation

*Making the healing truth of Christian Science available in Russian-speaking lands*

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**Здравствуйте!** Hello! Thank you for your interest in sharing the blessings of Christian Science with the Russian-speaking field. We are sending The Spiritual Resource Foundation (TSRF) newsletter to keep you up to date on recent and planned Christian Science activities in that part of the world. Each day is an opportunity to share and demonstrate the healing power taught by Christ Jesus. Your prayerful support and financial contributions are helping to spread the healing message of Christian Science.

## New Board Members

We are pleased to announce the addition of Elizabeth Schelle and Laura Leavitt to the Executive Board. We give a big thank you to departing board member Richard Block for his many years of service.

## Moscow International Book Fair (see related CS Journal article, page 44, January 2015)

With your support, TSRF (jointly with the Mother Church) funded members of the St. Petersburg Society to participate in the Moscow International Book Fair (September, 2014). Practitioners Marie Helm (who splits her time between Russia and Las Vegas NV) and Alex Fischer of France were on hand to answer questions. Below are some of the encounters and comments from visitors.



**Moscow Book Fair, September 2014**

A Russian woman came to the booth and began browsing through *Science and Health*. She decided to buy the book and exclaimed “*I have quite a collection of spiritual literature but I believe this book is worth more than my entire collection of books*”.

A Russian man came enthusiastically to the booth. He explained that he had given his only copy of *Science and Health* to a friend with a health problem. He was concerned that he could not get another book for himself. He was thrilled when he saw that Christian Science was present again and that he could buy another copy of *Science and Health*.

## Science and Health Shipments to Russia

Shipping books to Russia is challenging and expensive. The Mother Church has generously agreed to pay half of the costs of the books and shipping (TSRF with your support is paying the other half). Russia is now receiving new copies of *Science and Health* for the first time in many years.

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### Extending the Reach of Christian Science in the Russian-Speaking Field

Because internet communication has become so important, the St. Petersburg Society is saving up for a more effective sound system and internet connection in order to better serve those interested in learning more about Christian Science. Your financial support on this initiative has potential to reach far more people in the vast expanse of the Russian-speaking field than ever before.

Christian Science groups and churches in the Russian-speaking field have very limited access to lectures. In general, people are just too far away from the events to participate. In spring, Marie Helm was asked to give a lecture in Tambov, Russia as well as in St. Petersburg. Because of time limitations it was not possible to do both lectures (Tambov is 750 miles from St. Petersburg and a 20 hour roundtrip by train). That being the case, it was decided to try something new. The lecture was given in St. Petersburg, but broadcast via Skype to Tambov. Other attendees joined via Skype from Kazakhstan, Ottawa Canada\* and from outlying areas around St. Petersburg. This was a wonderfully successful event and there was a feeling of renewal within the church. The reach and impact of sharing lectures over skype was truly an important discovery. (\*There are immigrants from Kazakhstan living in Ottawa who only speak Russian or Kazakh).

There were newcomers at the lecture and they stayed after the lecture to continue discussing ideas shared. One woman stated she'd never been to such a lecture before, but was very much taken with the ideas shared and commented that she'd like to know more. Another woman who occasionally attended services said the lecture had awakened a desire to study Christian Science more thoroughly. The next day a gentleman who had read the lecture poster in the Reading Room window, but had not been at the lecture, came to the church service and stayed a long time afterward to continue exploring the ideas in the lesson sermon.

### Opportunities for Your Support

TSRF is a 501c(3) charity and all the activities supported by TSRF are the result of your generosity. We work with The Mother Church to ensure our activities are consistent with and synchronized with their goals and activities. We are grateful for your prayers supporting, in all nations, a true understanding of God, and the true government and international harmony that must result from that understanding.

If you are interested in making a tax-deductible donation, please mail to:

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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/>

We, the board members of TSRF, send you a **Большое Спасибо (A Big Thanks)!**

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