



In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll... (Is. 29:18)

Despite the cold weather, January was on fire with events in college. We've had lectures for students of the evening courses in Kazan and Bugulma. There were seminars on how to preach the book of Revelation and we also held a seminar for the deaf and hard of hearing.

The latter was a true miracle for me. For a long time now I have had contact with people who have physical problems. Very often in Russia such people feel people like "third class citizens". They feel unnecessary and rejected by society. Unfortunately, they also feel lonely in church. Therefore we held a training seminar especially for them which was God's answer to my prayers. Deaf people from Moscow and Kazan were able to attend the seminar. It was a real celebration for them.



During the week they studied the nature of God, and learned more of him. And by the end of the seminar some unbelievers were added to their number. It was a joy for me to see that their hearts were filled with love and their feeling of being "third class" was beginning to fade into the past.

The sermon on the book of Revelation

From January 19 to 24 the college hosted a seminar for pastors and preachers on preaching the book of Revelation. UK pastors David McCahon and Peter Comont led the sessions. Insur Shamgunov also taught!

During the week the participants listened to lectures and worked in groups to learn how to structure and prepare a sermon. On the weekend they had an opportunity to preach their sermon on the set passage from the book of Revelation. The seminar atmosphere helped us to better master the skills needed for preparing a sermon and to see the typical mistakes to avoid. Many of the pastors have received good material for a series of sermons to take back to their churches. Some of them have started to preach on the book of Revelation already! In the "Revival" Church



at Nizhnekamsk two sermons on Revelation were preached on a single Sunday. The seminar also included teaching on the themes of "Integrity in the life of the pastor" and "The emotional involvement of people in our churches". This provided the opportunity for preachers to reflect on their spiritual lives and to share experiences about the lives of people in their churches.

Many of the pastors are isolated and minister in difficult places. The last seminar was of great encouragement to them. I thank you for your participation and prayers for the ministry in Tatarstan.

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College News

- **The deaf hear the words of Scripture**
- **Second preaching seminar for pastors and preachers**

"Invisible in His own nature [God] became visible in ours. Beyond our grasp, He chose to come within our grasp".

Prayer Points:

- Pray for new members for the EMC team
- Pray for new students for the next academic year 2009-10
- Pray for new seminars for different groups of people in the spring

