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Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings from Russia! Thank you all so much for your prayers!

Last month, I continued to meet with the unbelieving son of one of our sisters in Christ. I told you of this man and his wife in my last letter and how they believed there were contradictions in God's word. I have clearly explained the gospel to him, but he refuses to follow the Lord. Now he is unwilling to see me. I keep praying for him. Maybe in time the planted seed will grow. Please continue to lift up this couple to the Lord in prayer.

Recently a 40-year-old businessman, named Sergey, began visiting one of our Bible study groups. Several years ago, he was given a copy of the New Testament. Now that he has read it, he wants to read the whole Bible. So he went to a Russian Orthodox Church and asked to purchase a Bible. The saleswoman tried to convince him to buy a book of prayers or any other spiritual book. He was pretty insistent on purchasing a Bible and the saleswoman finally exclaimed with annoyance, "Why do you want the Bible? When young people begin reading the Bible, afterwards they go to other sects!"

I have had the chance to meet with Sergey and have seen that the Lord is indeed working in him. He has repented and regularly reads the Bible and prays. He is hesitant in coming to church because his wife is strongly against it and has threatened him with a divorce. I explained to Sergey that the true believer will seek to be in the church—the body of Christ.

Since Sergey's visits to the Bible study group began, he has run into problems. His wife has turned him out of the house, his relatives are cursing him and pleading with him not to convert, and have begun attacks on the church. They actually came to me and tried to convince me to turn him away, but after I refused, they began to slander me and other believers. I have also received threats of physical violence. These people have also complained to the authorities about us.

Please pray for Sergey, that the Lord will strengthen him as he desires to follow Christ. Pray that he will withstand the persecution. Also, please pray for me and my family, that God will protect us from these threats. God bless you.

Your servant for Christ,

Pastor Timor Agnietiov

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Praise God for His powerful, transforming word; may it bring the lost to repentance and faith in Christ Jesus*
- *Pray for Sergey as he suffers persecution for the name of Jesus*
- *Pray that the light of Christ might be seen by Sergey's family*
- *Pray that God will protect Pastor Timor and his family as they support Sergey*
- *Pray for godly wisdom and discernment for Pastor Timor*
- *Pray that the evangelistic mission will bring many to Christ Jesus*

Truth must intersect with longstanding religious traditions.

