



# Mary Mother of God Mission Society

## Reviving the Catholic Church in Eastern Russia

Dear Benefactor,

May 31, 2012

Happy Feast of the Visitation!! It's the name of my little parish in Lesozavodsk. You may remember that Vladimir Pisorenko who needs to fly to Korea for a cancer operation is from Lesozavodsk. He will be flying on June 3. I don't know how the financial situation for him is, just now, as I don't have a financial report from California for May yet for those who donated for him from America, and I don't have a report of his Russian-side donations yet either. I'll let you know!

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A neighbor lady stopped me on the street recently to say "congratulations on the beautiful steeples on the church. It has made the building really special for our city. But when are you going to get rid of that RUSTY roof!?" I was glad she asked, so I showed her the scaffold which is now set up around the church, and the workers from China who are already beginning the repair of the roof! We promised the government to have it ready before the big summit meeting which will take place in Vladivostok in September. But it is expensive, and we are already scrapping the bottom of the barrel. If you can help, put "Roof" in the memo section of your check. Or use our donation site on the internet: <http://www.vladmission.org/donations/donations.htm> I'll be sure to send you pictures of the completed roof on the church when it is done! Here's a photo showing the change the new roof is making. Old roof to the left; new roof to the right.



Brother Inosens has left for school in the Philippines. He'll have two years to complete his master's degree in Scripture Studies. Soon Brother Patrick will leave for school, too. He is hoping to go to seminary in St Petersburg, Russia in the Russian language! So we are busy getting his application and all the documents ready. Brother Edwin will be with us here in Vladivostok until next year. He is quite a hit with the foreign students at the university, since he speaks Korean, Japanese, Russian, and English, besides his own Cebuano. And now he is also working on Chinese. He'll be my "right hand man" when Fr Dan is in the States this summer. The brothers have been working with the kids at Children's Hospital #3 now that it is summer and the kids can go outside. It's a riot of fun for the kids, as it is the only men they ever see, plus all the sun and trees and outdoor park equipment that we helped to buy some years ago. Of course our seminarian expenses are very high. I just figured out that for the 2012-13 school yet, the total bill will come to \$41,046! I always say that a priest is a million dollar man, as the church spends so much money on them. Pray that our guys make good priests. They have a good start!

The building where our Parish of the Visitation is located in Lesozavodsk will go on sale this summer at the city auction. We absolutely need to buy this building, as anything later

will be even more expensive! We do not know what the final price will be, as it is an auction, but we have to be ready with CASH if you know what I mean! If we can buy this building, it will solve our space needs for the parish in Lesozavodsk for a long time to come, and maybe even provide some income, as we can rent out some of the space. The kids are so hoping that the sisters will soon come to work with them. We need space.



*Sr Stella with parishioners in the too-small space in the parish quarters*

Thank you for your help! God knows how to be generous to you, too! And thank you for your prayers and support. As I look at the big challenges ahead for us, I realize that we can't get all of this done without your help! And only by the grace of God and the intercession of the Blessed Virgin! I'll be especially praying for you and hoping for you and yours!

I was so happy for Lent, as I was looking forward to the fast. But now it is time to move on from the Easter Season into summer! God bless you.

Yours truly,

V Rev Myron Effing, C.J.D.