



Community Bible Study International

“Everyone in the world ... in the Word.”

Russians in CBSI Classes Are Passionate about God’s Word

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Dear Ministry Partner,

We want you to be encouraged by the depth of love for God and His Word CBSI class members in Russia feel. As they make God a priority, He transforms their lives, igniting within them a passion to share their stories.

“In the past I found it almost impossible to forgive those who had hurt me,” says a St. Petersburg man, “but in studying the Word in CBSI, something wonderful is happening. I find that I can forgive others when the need arises, and it is not that hard now. I have had a total turnaround!”

A fellow class member tells of pausing on a pointed CBSI Home Study Question: “I had to stop and ask myself when I became aware of Jesus and whether I had a real relationship with Him as my Lord and Savior,” he says. “Right then I realized that I did not know Him personally, and I wanted to! Now, I am grateful to say, I love Christ and have a keen personal awareness of Him as my Savior.”

A third man had left his family for 40 years and then suddenly appeared on his daughter’s doorstep needing help. To the man’s wife, who lived there at the time, this surprise visit was emotionally wrenching, but the daughter, growing spiritually in a CBSI class, took the lead in accepting the challenge. “Jesus said we are to love God and our neighbor as ourselves,” she says. “My father is my family, and as such is my closest neighbor. I have chosen to follow my Lord’s command, taking my father into my home and caring for him, and I have come to love him!”

As God blesses people, He expands their influence. There is now interest in planting a class in Siberia, and a CBSI training team will soon travel to Vladivostok, a major city on the east coast of Russia, near Japan. This is exciting news, and by your faithful support of CBSI you have helped make it happen. We treasure you for this. Will you continue to support God’s pioneering passion in a diverse and difficult culture that has unlimited possibilities for Him?



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