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PASTORAL AND CHURCH CARE FOR SPCU STUDENTS

JANUARY 2006 – In November and December we shared with you about a special project that was taking place on behalf of St. Petersburg Christian University. The special project was called “Pastoral and Church Care for SPCU Students” and the goal of this effort was to have prayer for the students of our university during the Sunday worship time at churches all throughout the former Soviet Union as well as to take up an offering on behalf of the university.

Over 25 different Churches and Christian organizations from Russia and the Ukraine participated in this project as well as the administration, faculty, staff and students of SPCU.

Prior to the day of prayer and offering the leadership team and students of SPCU identified a need in the dormitory where the funds from the offering would bring the most benefit and blessing. Many of the refrigerators that were in the dormitory were used ones that had been donated to SPCU nearly 10 years ago and were sorely in need of repair or had stopped working all together. It was decided that the offerings would go toward the purchase of new refrigerators for the student kitchens in the dormitory.

There was great excitement throughout the SPCU campus as this project developed and as the day of special prayer and offering arrived. And then following this special day we began to receive regular updates from SPCU President, Alexander Negrov concerning the offerings that had been gathered on behalf of the SPCU students. To date, over 97,000 rubles (over \$3,400 US) have been received which, have been used to purchase 10 new refrigerators and one new electric range for the student kitchens.

We continue to rejoice that the Lord blessed this project and that His people around Russia and the Ukraine prayed for us and gave so selflessly to help us provide better conditions for our students in the dormitory. It is also very exciting for us to see the local churches here in Russia and the Ukraine become more involved in the activities of SPCU. The Lord continues His work in all of us!



SPCU CHRISTMAS CONCERT OF HOPE AND CELEBRATION

DECEMBER 2005 – On the 23rd of December, St. Petersburg Christian University hosted an evening Christmas concert which was organized by SPCU Music professor Vladimir Kashalaba and the students of SPCU. It was a wonderful evening of song along with a fantastic theatrical performance that was written by SPCU second year student Svetlana Kirichenko and was performed by other SPCU students. The play was an interesting combination of vignettes which showed the strength of light over darkness and good over evil all in a setting that bridged time back and forth from the present to over 2000 years ago when Christ was born. It created a message of hope that arrived with the birth of our Savior!



The musical portions of the program were provided by both SPCU student ensembles and the Young Peoples choir from the Central Baptist Church of St. Petersburg “Poklonaya Gora.” A message for the evening was also provided by SPCU President, Alexander Negrov. People from a variety of different churches as well as SPCU students, staff, professors, administrators, and guests attended this special evening. The evening was then concluded with a Christmas Surprise. SPCU President Alexander Negrov blessed the audience by playing a song on the piano and singing along with the support of two brothers from the choir. It truly was an evening of hope and celebration of the birth of Lord and Savior!

FIFTEEN YEARS OF SERVING ALONGSIDE THE CHURCHES IN RUSSIA!
FIFTEEN YEARS OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION!
FIFTEEN YEARS OF PREPARING LEADERS!

Join us as we celebrate our fifteenth birthday. Be sure to mark the following dates on your calendar:

MAY 19-21, 2006

We are hoping that many of you who have served with us as professors, students, staff, prayer partners, financial supporters, volunteers, as well as other friends of SPCU will consider joining us for this wonderful time of celebration and praise to God for His abundant grace and provisions which have allowed us to develop as a servant to Him and to His churches in the former Soviet Union.

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Dates to Remember

- February 2-3, 2006—SPCU hosts the OCI Think Tank for Leaders of Theological Education.
- April 13-14, 2006—Third St. Petersburg Christian Reading Conference: “Christ, The Gospel, Russia”
- April 18, 2006—SPCU Easter Concert
- May 19-21, 2006—Fifteenth Birthday Celebration of SPCU