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TWO DAY MISSIONS SEMINAR ON CAMPUS!

Representatives from the Swedish mission "Light for the Peoples" joined us on campus and conducted a wonderful two day seminar on their work, as well as challenging SPCU students to consider how they might participate and contribute.



*March 21 and 22, 2007
Wilgot Fritzen, Director for Light for the Peoples and Rauli Lehtonen, General Secretary for Missions for Light for the Peoples conducted seminars for SPCU faculty and students.*

It was a great pleasure and a huge honor for all of us at St. Petersburg Christian University to welcome Wilgot Fritzen and Rauli Lehtonen to our campus for this time of special seminars. We had been planning this event for about nine months and it was exciting to see it become a reality.

On the first day of the seminar, Wilgot Fritzen shared a three hour introduction to the history of Light for the Peoples and also into their work in China.

Light for the Peoples was founded in 1903 with the vision to work alongside of and in support of

local missionaries. It is an interdenominational mission that currently supports more than 320 national missionaries in partnership with local churches. Their focus is primarily for work among unreached people groups who have little or no Christian witness and who currently do not have the whole Scriptures in their native language.

Some interesting statistics that were shared during the seminar are:

The religious make up of the world today is estimated as follows:

Christians	34%
Muslims	22%
Non- Religious	17%
Hindus	15%
Buddhism	6%
Animism	4%
New Age	2%
Total	<u>100%</u>

In 1900 2.5% of the people in the world were Evangelical Christians

In 2000 12.5% of the people in the world were Evangelical Christians

Today the Christian Church grows by about 100,000 people per day. Especially in Africa, Latin

America, and Asia; and, nearly 2000 to 3000 churches are founded each week.

Light for the Peoples also works extensively in China. During our time together Wilgot shared with us that in China nearly 25,000 people receive Christ as their Lord and Savior every day. In the evening session we watched a very interesting film about Christians in China.

On the second day of the seminar, Rauli Lehtonen shared with us about the situation and work in Russia and the Former Soviet Union with a special emphasis on the Caucasus region. In the evening we watched a very interesting film about the situation in Chechnya and we also discussed missions possibilities and partnerships among the students, graduates, faculty, and administrators of SPCU and Light for the Peoples.



SPCU NEWS & NOTES

February 27 to March 02, 2007
SPCU Rector, Alexander Negrov and Senior Vice Rector, Konstantin Kravchenko traveled to Odessa Ukraine to attend the Overseas Council International "Institute for Excellence in Christian Leadership Development." The goal of this conference was to provide assistance for professional development and growth of leaders working in the sphere of Christian education. Taking part in the conference were representatives of the leading theological institutions from the Ukraine, Russia, Byelorussia, Moldova, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Latvia.

March 7 to 10, 2007

SPCU Rector, Alexander Negrov and Vice Rector Alexei Dadochkin attended the second Conference for Theological Librarians at The International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague Czech Republic. This conference built on the 2005 Conference by developing cooperation and professional and spiritual support among librarians working in European theological institutions. The conference included a rich diversity of workshops, seminars, hands-on experience, formal lectures and informal discussions which involved participants in an enriching exchange of ideas on a wide variety of topics.

March 11, 2007

The student body along with faculty and staff of St. Petersburg Christian University were invited to lead the second half of the

worship service at the Central Baptist church of St. Petersburg "Poklonaya Gora." It was a wonderful time of singing, hearing God's word through sermons and after the service of fellowship among people from SPCU and members of the church congregation. This was the first time that SPCU had been invited to participate and help lead a service as a student body. We were very blessed by this opportunity and we trust that the members of "Poklonaya Gora" were equally blessed.



ST. PETERSBURG CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY PRAYER REQUESTS

- **April 9-27** Students in the Master of Theology Program and students in the Part-Time Bachelor of Christian Ministries program will be on campus for their spring sessions.
- **April 25** Special Commission from Great Britain comes to evaluate the Master of Theology Program.
- **April 25-27** Bachelor of Theology students defend their Diploma Papers.
- **April 30** Examination committee from the University of Wales for Master of Theology students
- **May 4-6** Visitation day for all students interested in applying to SPCU followed by a special Youth Conference on campus, "Marking Eternity - Battle with Darkness".
- **May 14-18** Examination week for SPCU students
- **May 19** SPCU Graduation Ceremony
- **May 20-22** SPCU Board of Directors Meetings

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