



Christmas 2019

Dear friends

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year

Visit to Moscow

Two members from the board - Ellen Margrethe Krabbe and Elisabeth Louise Broeker - have been to Moscow to visit father Pavel Vishnevskii and the congregation and hand over donations. We were warmly received by father Pavel and our new contact in Moscow, Irina Smirnova, who picked us up at the airport.

Several visits were made to private members of the congregation. We visited Russian families each evening in their private homes. Everywhere we were warmly received. The dining kitchens are in several of the homes we visited, the center of the house. Here Russian specialties were served. Sometimes it was very small space here. But there was always room for icons.



Sunday Service

On Sunday, December 15, we visited the church and attended the liturgy of the service. We listened to the amazingly beautiful liturgical choral song and received congregation blessings in the form of incense, prayers and laying on of hands.



On the left photo are icons from the interior of the church: the holy martyrs Faith, Hope and Love and their Mother Wisdom and several saints. On the right photo are father Pavel in the middle, Irina Smirnova, who has taken over much of Connie's work in the congregation (television). - she has also invited him to live in her large family's home - and Katja, who is a great support for the church's work .a

One of father Pavel's important tasks are soul care and personal intercession. And congregation members are in line to talk to father Pavel. This task not only takes place at the church services, but it is a full-time job because father Pavel is called almost 24 hours a day by members of the congregation who need a blessing or good advice.

After the service, we donated both money and clothing to family representatives.

Then we went out together to Connie's grave, which is in the small cemetery outside the church. At the grave there is a beautiful picture of Connie. Here father Pavel performed a ritual of singing and incense. It was incredibly moving. We both got tears in our eyes. Everyone misses Connie Meyer.



Dr. Zinenko

On Monday, 16/12 we met with dr. Dmitry Zinenko, pediatric neurosurgeon and professor who treats children with hydrocephalus (fluid in the head) and children suffering from cerebral palsy and epilepsy. We handed him the donation for hospital equipment for which he raises money.

He talked about his work and the difficult working conditions of hospitals. In practice, hospitals work financially in the same way as private hospitals according to the rule. "The money follows the patients". The consequence is that the state pays the bill pr. patient, but there is little subsidy to the hospital as a whole. This means that money for the hospital equipment must be collected.



The last evening there was a festive evening arranged by Irina Smirnova and her family. We met Irina's large family in their new apartment, where there was also a room for father Pavel. The family's young couples with children lived in the same entrance, and they came and greeted. They all expressed great joy that we, the successors of Connie Meyer in Denmark, came and visited them. It was not only the donations that brought joy, but also the importance of the bonds that linked us, ties that Connie has attached. Everyone wanted to preserve this connection.

Everywhere we came in Moscow, there was a New Year and Christmas atmosphere.



Christmas bazaar

In Denmark we also started Christmas preparations early. Sunday the 10th. November, HCR had a festive Christmas bazaar with folklore and fine Russian art. And of course with donated gifts including warm home knit socks and shawls. The profits from the bazaar have gone to the families in Moscow.

Once again, we want everyone to have a Merry Christmas and a blessed and rewarding New Year. Love from "HumanCare Russia"

