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Now the God of peace... make you perfect in every good work to do his will. Heb. 13:20, 21

Dear brother,
Greetings in the Most Precious Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus!

I am honored to introduce my friend and partner in the Kingdom of God, Bishop Mikhail Kindruk.

In 2002 he was invited to Moscow to minister at the headquarters of the Union of Christian churches in Russia. He has shared with me his concerns about the leadership situation in the Church and I completely agree with the following:

1. Many who become leaders are young and sometimes recent converts, full of fire but not informed of all the difficulties of the ministry, not having wise and spiritual mentors. Making mistakes and fall into pride get wounded and wound the others.
2. After graduating Bible schools and Institutes some leaders come to minister in the remote places, sometimes abandoned and left without any support, encouragement and care, get hurt and fall into desperation.
3. To be sincere, in cities many pastors, having a lot of administrative work, become more administrators then overseers of souls. They look more like tired old horses then human, ready to "preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!" (Rom.10:15)
4. Often God's servants are not able to receive an adequate financial support from their congregations. So, they struggle with poverty, surviving. Finally they give up their ministries for the sake of the better jobs with better salaries.
5. Mostly the shepherds are those who are ready to minister day and night. They are those whom anyone may call in times of need and they are willing to serve. They are those who bear multitudes in their hearts with their pains, troubles and sins.

During his experience as pastor he has noticed that there is something vital missing - there is simply not enough support and counseling for the church leaders and pastors. He believes that God has laid on his heart to do it. In Russia this will be a pioneering ministry which already many Russian pastors have been waiting for a long time.

He has a vision to open a center where couples involved in ministry can come for a time of restoration and renewal, providing them with a well needed break and time of rest and recuperation from their work.

We believe that offering this kind of center will have a great impact on ministry throughout Russia as pastors and their wives return to their homes refreshed and re-equipped to meet the needs of their churches.

This vision is a desperate need of the Russian Church, so we ask your understanding and support.

Yours in Christ, Bishop Pavel Okara,
President
The Russian Church of the Christians of the Evangelical Faith