

To the churches of our Lord,

I wish to share with you a great burden that is upon my heart. And move your heart to pray concerning this great need. When I was in the Ukraine visiting Pastor Alex, Bro. Larry Lafferty, and I was rejoicing with Bro. Alex over the great truths that God has revealed unto us. Bro. Alex had learned these great truths by God's Holy Spirit through reading his Russian Bible and the writings of Bro. Milburn Cockrell and Bro. Tom Ross. Bro. Alex can read both Russian and English. It was during this time that Bro. Alex lamented that there was no Russian literature available that taught the truths of the Landmark position of our Lord's church. He wanted to share these truths with other Baptist pastors. Two Baptist Ukrainian pastors were supposed to be there for the conference but were told by the Baptist Union hierarchy that they could not come. It may seem strange to us that two grown men could be told not to do something but remember that they have not been taught the autonomy of the Lord's churches. There is a great need of good biblical literature on the Lord's church translated in Russian.

When we were in Cherkasy,, Ukraine, I was relating some facts of the history of our Lord's churches which existed before the Reformation. I asked the Ukrainian Baptist brethren if they had ever heard of these things and they stated that they had not. So you can see how important it is to have these truths in the Russian language or in any language so that the people can read for themselves.

In 1985 I was in Nigeria, Africa, I was talking to a brother who was a member of the Calvary Baptist church of Calabar. Knowing that he was at one time a Presbyterian, I asked him how was it that he joined a Baptist church. He said that he came across a booklet and read it. The title of this booklet was Trilemma written by J. R. Graves in the 1800's in America. God was still able to use it for His glory over 150 years later and 6000 miles away because somebody printed it and passed it out. So you can see how needful it is to translate good literature in the language of the people.

When Bro. Raul Enyedi visited the states, I invited him to speak during our conference. When he shared the work that God had given them to do in Romania; he reported that they had at least two manuscripts ready to be printed but they had not the funds to print them. This statement brothered me greatly. How is it that I have the funds to enjoy so many things in this world while God's truth is not being published for those who seek the truth because of a lack of funds??? Brethren, this should not be. Surely there is something we can do?

We here at the Providence Baptist Church have started a European Literature Fund. With this fund we plan to provide the funds that are needed to translate, typeset, print and deliver to anyone who asks for Landmark Church truth, doctrine of grace, and other Baptist truths that are not found in the Russian and Romanian and other European languages. We are a small church and we need your help in funding this great need. All funds will be accounted for and reported to the churches. All printing will be done by Bro. Raul and his church in Romania. If you have any questions please ask.

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