

January 31, 2019

We cordially greet you, our dear co-workers in the field of God, dear friends and relatives! Peace and grace to you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

The first month of 2019 is now behind us. January passed quickly. In Moldova, in terms of the weather, it was marked by heavy snowfalls, strong frosts and unusually deep thaws. In terms of our ministry, this month was marked by the following events.

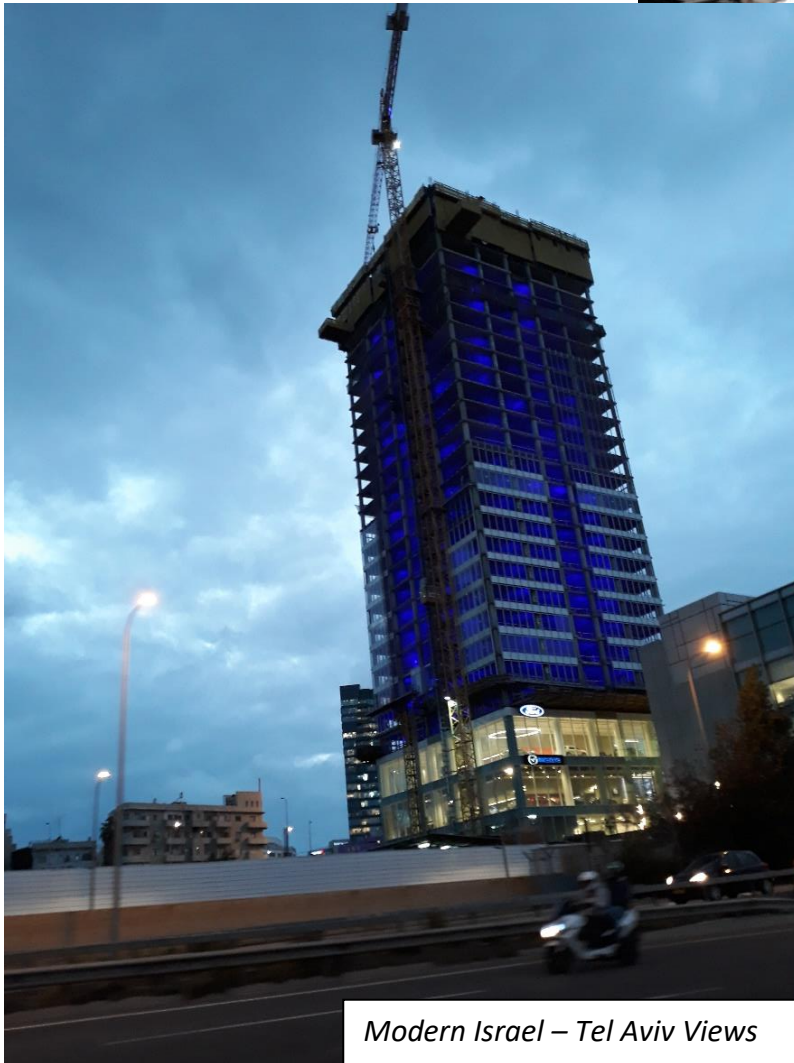
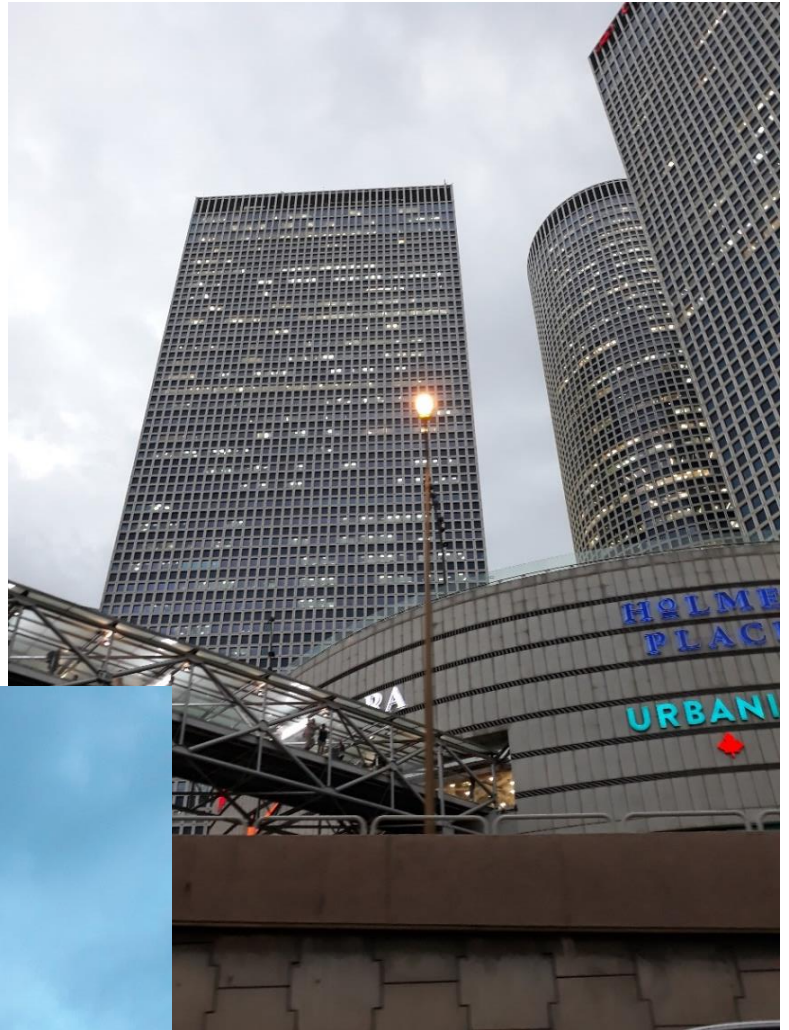


On Sunday, **January 6**, the first in the new year communion was observed in the morning service, and I was given the opportunity to give a sermon. Considering that most of the population of Moldova celebrates Christmas on January 7th, I spoke a sermon on the Christmas theme. Most of our church's youth were absent from this first Sunday service this year. The reason for this was that on Saturday morning they went to the north of Moldova to participate in a

missionary project. For three days they visited three villages, in which, in spite of the snow and frost, they walked from house to house, congratulating the villagers on Christmas and preaching to them about Christ. A similar project was carried out at the beginning of last year in another district of Moldova. As a result, a church was planted in one of the villages that the youth visited at that time. We hope that this year the results of visiting by young people of these three villages in the north of Moldova will be equally blessed.



From January 12 to January 25, Nina and I had the opportunity to visit Israel. Although many of our fellow immigrants have visited this special country long ago (and some more than once), the Lord had not opened the door for us until now. And finally, He allowed us to be at the place of our planet that God chose to carry out the most important act in His plan for the salvation of humanity—birth, life, painful death, and the solemn resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. There is no need to write about the feelings that filled our hearts when we went to the places that the Bible tells us about. For



many years we read in the Scriptures about the events that took place there, and now we could personally be present in these places. This is a special, touching feeling. However, a special blessing for us was the opportunity to meet and talk with our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in Israel. We learned about their lives, their aspirations and experiences. It is not easy for Christians to live and serve in Israel, so we should pray for them. We are very grateful to God for giving us this opportunity, sending finances, and providing us with health and necessary strength for this.

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Ancient Israel - The Wailing Wall



View of Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives



Ancient Amphitheater at Caesarea



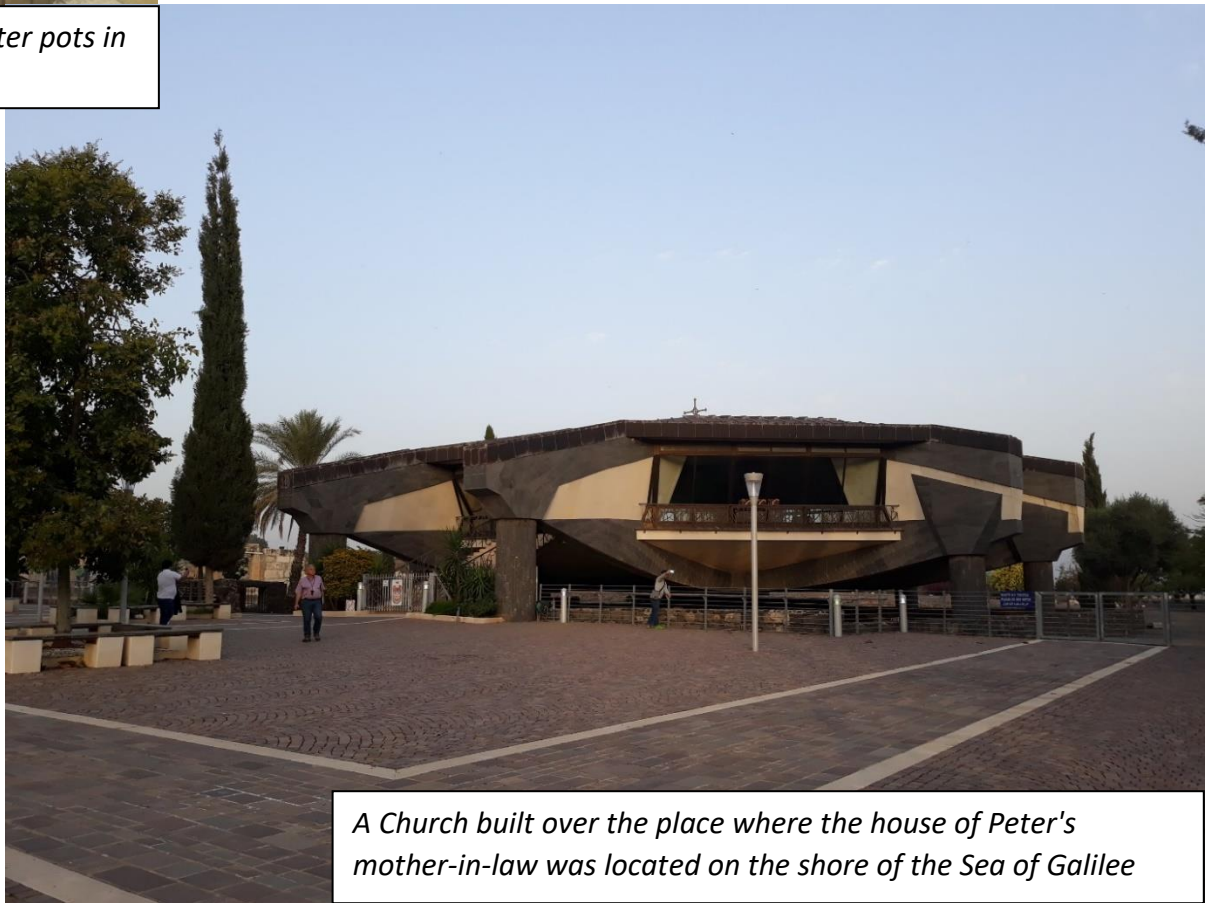
Caesarea - View of the Mediterranean



View of the valley of Armageddon in Galilee



One of the stone water pots in Cana of Galilee



A Church built over the place where the house of Peter's mother-in-law was located on the shore of the Sea of Galilee

Most of the month of January for teachers was free of classroom instruction. However, this does not mean freedom from work at the university. It was necessary to check the students' homework and exam results. It was also necessary to prepare for teaching in the upcoming spring semester.

The beginning of the new semester in January means meeting and getting acquainted with new students. I am teaching three groups of freshmen during this semester. For me, a great joy is the opportunity to come into contact with the lives of young people who came to the university from different countries, different cultures, different family and life circumstances. Serving them is a great blessing for Nina and me.

In general, January was a busy month in our lives. We heartily thank everyone who remembered us in prayers during this month. We hope that you will continue to do this in the future.

We wish you rich blessings of God in the coming month of February. Let the words of the Apostle Peter be a part of it for all of us: ***“But according to His promise we are looking for new heaven and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, spotless and blameless...”*** (2 Pet. 3: 13-14 NASB).

God bless each of you richly!

With love and prayer for you,

Vyacheslav and Nina Tsvirinko

Moldavian winter landscapes:



