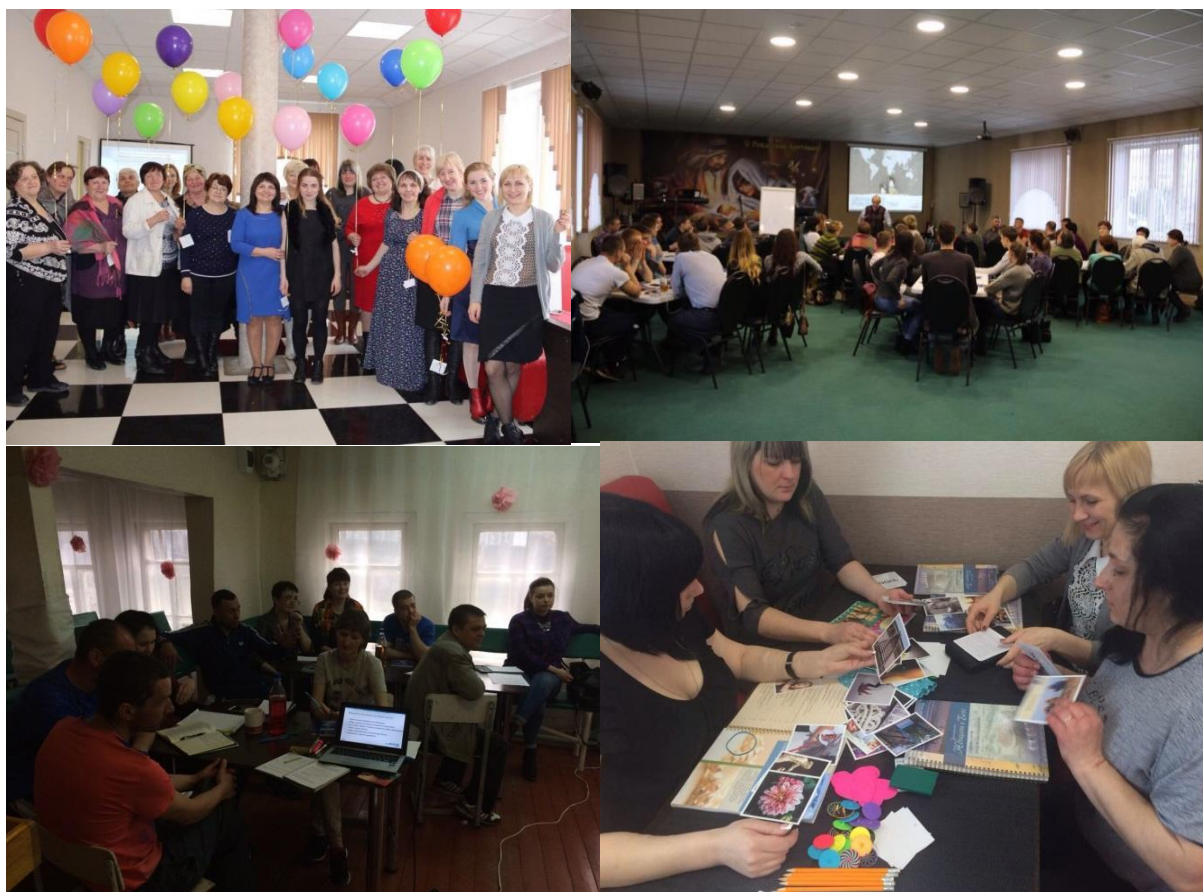




Here comes the month of May, which brought a cold snap to our Siberian land! A big change from April, which saw the snow melt, green grass began to appear, and the outside temperature rose several times to 20 degrees Celsius (68 F). But today the snow fell again and it seems that the winter is not going to go away! This is Siberia, with its unpredictable climate, but beautiful and kind people.

April was filled with trips across Siberia, where trainings for Multiplying Discipleships were held, as well as “The Significant Woman” (discipleship training) conferences- in the cities of: Kemerovo, Krasnoyarsk, Ulan-Ude and in Sharypovo. More than 140 new leaders have now begun apprenticeships and have been trained to meet people who are open to hear the Gospel and to develop those relationships.



During Easter, there were many showings of the **JESUS** film and the film, **Magdalena, Released From Shame**. Today, people who are having an inner spiritual search and a desire to get to know God, are going to watch Christian films. These films are shown not only in cultural institutions, but also in hospitals and nursing homes, in prisons, and Drug/Alcohol rehab centers. We are very grateful for the opportunities that our churches and volunteers have today to share Jesus Christ with others.

## Lilya's Story:



My name is Lilya and I am 44 years old. At a very young age I tried opium, and almost immediately, I began to try it daily. In a couple of years, I still found the strength. But I did not rule out drugs completely from my life, and began to use it occasionally. This continued until the year 2000, a new wave of insane thirst for opium completely overwhelmed me. At that time I was married, and my husband and I tried to get out of this swamp, but all our attempts were in vain. Then in 2009, I committed a terrible crime, I killed my

husband! While in prison, I promised myself that I would not touch drugs any more. In 2014, I was released from prison. I realized that I lost everything I had. The most terrible thing is that I lost all my family and friends. This fact finally broke me, and I was comforted by alcohol. But this alcoholic, in turn, ruined me.

In 2016 I was drinking every day. At that time, I already was indifferent to everything, and everyone around me. I did not like myself anymore. I did not want to live, and I gave up, and just started accepting things the way they were. Then God did a miracle in my life. He brought me to a rehabilitation center for alcoholics! While I was there, I saw the film *Magdalene*. This film helped me to see and realize that there is someone I care about. That He loves me, despite the burden of sin that lies on my shoulders. For the first time in my life, I read the New Testament, and I read it now every day. Every day we have different lessons from the films *Magdalene* and *Rivka*, which help me to learn the Word of God. I again wanted to live to follow God! (On the photo Lily second from the right in the Bible lesson "*Rivka*").”



In April, the second level of our training for Multiplying Discipleship for Leaders was conducted in the Siberian cities of: Kemerovo, Krasnoyarsk, Kyzyl and Irkutsk. These people have already found the people who are open to the Gospel and are leading discipleship groups of followers of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your participation in our work

and ask for your prayers for our immediate plans:

- For a trip to the USA, visiting our friends and co-workers and developing our ministry partner team.
- For conducting the Multiplied Discipleship Training in a Lutheran Church at the end of May.

- For our children's' upcoming final exams from school.

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