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unconscious with multiple fractures. At the moment he is in the hospital in Sterlitamak. We ask you to pray that Sasha will regain consciousness and his body will heal from all fractures and bruises. We ask you to pray for Leroux, his wife, and his parents.

“And yet I tell you that if two of you on earth agree, and both pray about it, then it shall be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I will be with them” – Matthew 18:19-20

In the last year, Sasha devoted a lot of himself to running and swimming. His body is strong! Ask God to give him the cure! We ask you not to bother Leroux too much with calls. We will update this article to spread the information as it becomes available.

**January 9:** We have good news! Sasha is conscious. He has responded to doctor’s requests to raise an arm and a leg and to move his fingers. He nods, and when he greeted a relative, he squeezed his hand. He also tried to move the blanket when he feels hot. For the average person, these actions do not cause any effort, but for a person in Sasha’s state, this is a real victory! Keep praying!

**January 3:** Sasha’s condition is still serious but not deteriorating. Unfortunately, we cannot report any good news about his improvements. Sasha’s relatives visit him daily in ICU, for only a few minutes each day. We will try to keep you informed.

**January 2:** To date, no specific news. Sometimes Sasha opens his eyes. We cannot say that he sees something, the doctors say that it was still too little time. He is trying to move your hands. We cannot tell if he recognizes something or not. Continue to pray, please!

**January 1:** Friends, it seems this is the first major good news! Sasha came to himself. He is not paralyzed; his feet and hands move, and he has lifted the torso! Doctors and relatives say, however, that Sasha has not yet delivered awareness signs themselves. Please continue to pray!

**December 30:** Today, when he was with his mother, Sasha opened his eyes twice. He does not understand anything. Doctors say that the situation is very serious, but there are worse. Thousands of people are praying around the world. Ask God to bring back to life, Sasha! Do not stop praying and believing!

**December 29:** While the situation is unchanged, Sasha is on a ventilator and unconscious. Continue to pray.

**December 28:** Posted by our friends :”Fractures - arm, clavicle, rib, hip; rupture of the diaphragm operated yesterday. CT results show spleen intact. Suspected spinal injury and a kidney condition. Serious but stable....”

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*One Year Challenge — Monday, 10 April 2017*

So far in 2017, we’ve received 56 registrations from disciples interested in a One Year Challenge! At the same time last year, we’d had only 39 registrations. We’re on track for over 200 OYC registrations...

#### • **Register for Caribbean Youth Conference & Camp this Summer**

*Gregory Baugh, Kingston, Jamaica — Monday, 10 April 2017*

‘Rise Above’ is a week-long conference and camp combined to pave the way for days of fun, bonding, and spiritual development for Caribbean youth ranging from nine to 25 years old. It will take place from ....

#### • **Mourning Our Daily Losses**

*Kasia Kedzia, Northern Virginia, USA — Sunday, 09 April 2017*

I’ve recently been faced with mourning the loss of my father, again. I didn’t grow up with my father. I lived with him briefly the summer before starting high school. We were not close when he died over 10 years ago. I didn’t want to go to the funeral and I remember...

#### • **Austin Christian Church Seeks Campus Interns**

*Christian Ray Flores, Austin, TX, USA*

*— Wednesday, 05 April 2017*

The Austin Christian Church is looking to hire campus ministry interns for the 2017-2018 school year. The University of Texas, with an enrollment of 50,000 is one of the largest universities in the country with...

## Recovering Russian Church Leader Expresses Appreciation

*Tammy Fleming, Seattle, WA, USA*

Sasha Milnikov, leader of the church in Ufa, Russia (Ural Mountains), is on the road to recovery after a very serious car accident in December 2016 left him in a coma. Seven surgeries and two months later, to the day, Sasha was released from the hospital and returned home to his family, to begin a long process of rehabilitation.

Sasha, shown here at home on his crutches, made a short film to express his appreciation for all the support in prayer that he has received since the accident. In the video, shown last week to a gathering of Russian church leaders and representatives of US-based churches who support Eurasian churches held in Dallas, Sasha’s wife, Valeria (or Lera for short), translates into English her husband’s words of appreciation and news of his progress since the operation. Sasha’s physical rehabilitation procedures are now a crucial part of his daily life. He and Lera ask for continued prayers for his complete and full recovery.

Sasha and Lera have two children: a three-year-old, and an infant born in the autumn of 2016, just a couple of months before Sasha’s accident. The church in Ufa has a membership of approximately 40 members.

Thanks very much to everyone who has been concerned and has been praying for Sasha.

### **Previous Story and Updates: Russian Church Leader in Serious Condition After Car Accident**

*Igor Petrov, Yekaterinburg, Russia — Tuesday, 03 January 2017*

Please pray for Sasha Mylnikov, church leader in Ufa, Russia who was in a head-on car crash last Tuesday. He is in grave condition;



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