



K R A S N O D A R , R U S S I A | January 26

## KIDS Do It!

Children make great missionaries!

Hands flew up throughout the congregation. “I’ll take 100!” one man said. “I want 50,” said another. “May I have 25, please?” a woman asked. “Please, Pastor, I want some too,” a young boy says. The pastor smiles broadly and gives Alexei a pile of newspapers. “I want to share these with my teacher and classmates,” Alexei [ah-LEX-see] says happily.

### LIFE HERE

- In cities in Russia, people live in apartment houses. Hundreds of families will live in a single apartment complex made up of six to 12 apartment buildings. While people may not answer their door for a stranger, they will read the mail that comes to their letter boxes.
- Children living in apartment complexes usually play in the open space between apartment buildings. They call this area the yard.

Church members in parts of Russia give out literature each week. Sometimes it is a small tract to encourage people to trust in God. But once a month church members give away a newspaper that tells about church programs and invites people to take part. Alexei and his friends like to be part of this ministry. Some children give away newspapers and tracts in their apartment building, and others stand near a store or bank to give them away. People gladly take a newspaper or tract from a child that they may not take from an adult.

### Where to Share?

Alexei filled his backpack with newspapers for his teachers and classmates. He gave some to his friends. But he still had a lot left. His family had given newspapers to the people in his apartment building. *Who can I give these to?* Alexei

wondered. Then he had an idea. *I'll put them into the mailboxes in the apartment house next door!*

Alexei grabbed the remaining newspapers and hurried down the stairs, out the door, and into the next apartment house. He entered the hall where people pick up their mail and began inserting newspapers into each letter box.\* He worked his way across the bottom row, then he started on the next row.

As he was finishing the second row, Alexei heard footsteps approaching. He looked up and saw a stern-faced man standing in the doorway. "What are you doing?" the man asked.

Alexei swallowed his fear and said, "I'm putting these newspapers into the letter boxes. They're free, and they talk about Jesus!" Alexei held out a newspaper for the man to see. The man looked at it for several minutes, then he looked at Alexei. *Is he going to report me*

*to the apartment managers?* he wondered.

### May I Help?

"May I help you?" the man asked. It took Alexei a moment to realize what the man meant. Then the man said, "These top boxes are too high for you to reach. I can put your newspapers into them if you wish."

Alexei smiled and gave the man a pile of newspapers. Soon they had given out all the newspapers. Alexei thanked the man for helping him tell the people in the apartment building about Jesus. Then he hurried home.

The next Sabbath when the pastor asked for reports on the missionary literature program, Alexei jumped to his feet, eager to tell how God sent a man to help him be a missionary. 🌍

*\* In some areas it is not legal to put papers into mail boxes. Check with the local postal service if you wish to do something such as this.*

## FUN WITH RUSSIAN

Review the song on page 30 and learn the days of the week in Russian. Vowel sounds are pronounced as follows: *ah* as in father; *ai* as in eye; *ay* as in hay; *ee* as in bee; *eh* as in bet; *ih* as in tip; *oh* as in toe; *oo* as in boot; *uh* as in butter. Accented syllables are written in capital letters.

### Days of the Week

Sunday  
Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday  
Saturday

### Pronounce It

vahs-kree-SEHN-yeh  
pah-nyeh-DYEL-neek  
F'TOHR-neek  
sri'eh-DAH  
chit-VYERK  
PYEHT-nee-tsah  
soo-BOH-tah