

## Russia

In 2008, two RHCC members traveled to Russia at their own expense with Volunteers in Mission. Our church seeks to reach out to show that God cares for All people.

The Good News United Methodist Church in Vologda, Russia is a small wooden building that sits in the shadow of a large state sanctioned Russian Orthodox Church. They aren't allowed to even put up a sign. Their pastor, Rev. Vera Agapova leads a small group of enthusiastic young Christians with the support of the Russia Initiative Program. (Funded in part by Partner churches of the Southwest Tex. Conference) With the fall of Communism and its atheist doctrines, many Russians are seeking a Christian environment. Growing new churches in Russia is the Goal of the Russian Initiative. Alcohol and unemployment are severe problems. Support and encouragement of this small church is producing significant results. We plan to provide firewood for the church for the 2009 winter.



Good News UMC – Vologda Russia



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