

Reasoners In Russia
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December Prayer Letter 2011

Dear Pastors and Co-laborers in Christ,

Grace be unto you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. The snow is finally falling in Russia. We were afraid that we would not have a White Christmas for the first time since coming to Russia in 1993. But, it started snowing yesterday and has not stopped yet! White Christmas, here we come!

It is a blessing to have all of our church families finally back from all their vacations and we are now full force in the ministry. We ourselves just came back from another visa trip in the States. While stateside, we try to visit some of our supporting churches. We were blessed to be in a mission's conference in Eldorado, Kansas in November. What a blessing to know that God's people are still excited about caring for their missionaries and sending the Gospel around the world. We also celebrated Christmas with most of our family in November. Now we are back in Russia and we look forward to a winter of ministry opportunities.

We have two young American men here for a two month internship. It is exciting to train new men for the ministry. This is the first time we have had an internship during the winter. It is the time of year in which we accomplish the lion's share of the ministry. We have our Christmas play/Cantata on Christmas morning and again on Russian Christmas Sunday in January. Then, we head to Kolmykia for the fifth annual Bible Conference. We will be the catalyst to start two new churches in the Southern part of Russia. Each year since we have been hosting this Bible Conference, we attempt to start the New Year by evangelizing an entire city. After our mass evangelism outreach, a pastor-in-training will do follow up work with all the people that are saved during this time of evangelism. Eventually, those young Christians will become the charter members of a new church. After the Bible Conference in Kolmykia, we will host an English Intensive Weekend in Moscow where 15 selected students will live with us from 10:00 Friday morning until 6:00 Sunday night. They will hear and see the Gospel over and over during this time. They will also attend church with us on Sunday morning and act as our interpreters as part of their class assignment. Last English intensive, we had two people saved. We are looking forward to what God will do in this next English Camp.

After all this excitement, some of our team will head up to the Reindeer people with our son, Joel, as he seeks God's will for a city to move to in Northern Russia where he can start a church and also work with the Reindeer people on a daily basis. God is faithful and watching over our ministries. We are setting out to do the impossible this New Year. In a time when most of our fellow missionaries in Russia are pulling back, we are surging forward.

Please continue to pray for our visa situation. We continue to look for a way to get out of the three month visa trips. We have found a few possibilities so please pray for wisdom in this area. Pray for our preacher boys as they strive to serve the Lord with us in Russia. Lastly, please continue to pray for open doors and souls to be saved as we continue to labor in the harvest fields of Russia.

Yours for Souls in Russia,
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