



RUSSIA

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Dear prayer partners, greetings from Iskitim!

It's March and here in Siberia we have had snow every day for the past week! This gave us a chance to enjoy snowtubing with our children. This week starts a month-long Mud Season when many sidewalks and even roads get impassible because of high water.

At church we have had several visitors this past month, and we are thankful for that. I had a chance to meet a man who is struggling with alcohol addiction. He knows he needs to stop and is not strong enough to do it himself. He is religious and has attended all other churches in town, but he is lacking a love relationship with Christ. Please pray that I can develop a relationship of trust with him, so that he will listen when I share Christ and His Word.

We had a wonderful surprise the beginning of this month, and we are excited to share it. My wife started a bi-monthly Bible study about the fruits of the Spirit. She was expecting to have 7 or 8 ladies to attend, thinking this would be a good number to plan for, maybe even a little high. She had 16! Praise the Lord! What's even more amazing was to see a young woman there from one of our independent Baptist churches in the area, who was recently saved, and she brought her sister with her. Her sister is lost, and we praise the Lord for the opportunity to witness to her.

Our ladies were also invited to attend a Ladies Conference in Novosibirsk this month. We had 8 ladies attend and learn about the "Windows of Our Hearts". They all came back talking about the need to guard our hearts from sin and how the Lord spoke to them about different issues in their lives. It has been a blessing to see God working through our various ladies ministries this month.



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Summer will be here before we know it, and we are working on plans of outreach. One thing we would like you to pray for is the opportunity to do a Vacation Bible School. Often it is difficult to get children to come, as we must have written permission from every parent whose child attends. After parents learn that we are not Orthodox, children often are not allowed to return. However, God has laid this on our hearts, so we are planning for it. My wife has already started working on lessons, visuals, and craft materials. We were very blessed that an online visuals and craft site gave us a free membership and permission to translate and use their materials. Again, it is God's way of encouraging us as we keep pressing forward to witness and share Christ in a very cold place.

We also wanted to share a quick note of thanks for all of the recent birthday cards for myself and my wife – we are still getting them! This past month also blessed us with another supporting church. It was totally unexpected and an amazing blessing. Thanks so much for your continued prayers and faithful giving. We are grateful.

*For Souls in Russia,
Vladimir, Debbie, Alexei and Alexandria.*



Images from left to right: Russian ingenuity - who said you could not ride bikes on the snow. The front sled can also carry a heavy load!

Deb is teaching our ladies about life in the Spirit

Alexei and Sasha love being pulled on snowtubes behind a van. No injuries reported so far...

in the next letter: What a Russian McDonalds looks like.