



BIBLES FOR RUSSIA

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Dear Partner,

What an exciting mission this was from the United States to Moscow to Vladivostok. Thank you for your prayer and/or financial support which made mission #76 possible.

We left Moscow on the Trans-Siberian Railway. Each time we stopped (approximately 25 times), we distributed Russian salvation tracts if the train stopped for at least 10 minutes. We also ministered to Russians on the train.

Our first two-day stop was in Angarsk, a suburb of Irkutsk. Pastor Anatoly, who has started and oversees many churches in the Irkutsk region, met us at the train station. The Lord allowed us to be able to sponsor another church while there. Two members of the congregation had been put in jail on two different occasions for engaging in evangelism in their city. The Russian Orthodox Church leaders opposed them but they were faithful and now have a church. Praise the Lord. On this mission we helped start a total of 5 new churches bringing the total to 957 since 1991. Please pray that many more people will come to know the Lord and more new churches planted. The team also ministered in two existing churches in Angarsk and one in the suburbs of Chita. There were 8 converts!

While in Chita we also ministered with Helping Hands Ministry to orphans, poor families and street children, taking them food, gifts and Christian literature. We were also privileged to pray for them and share the love of God with them.

In Khabarovsk we ministered with Sveta to 150 orphans, giving gifts, Bibles and the gospel. Sveta is a real "foreign" missionary coming from Ukraine (thousands of miles away). She ministers in 20 different orphanages, has a radio program and goes into China occasionally as the Lord leads.

Next, we visited rehab centers for drug and alcohol addicts in four different villages. What a blessing it was to share the gospel with them and hear their testimonies. We were able to give some of them their first ever Bible. One alcoholic man had heard of the rehab center and decided to go there. He had enough money for the train ticket but bought alcohol instead. He still had such a strong desire to go to the center that he walked 175 miles to get there. Another man who had been in prison for 23 years is now a pastor and the director of a rehab center.

Many people believe it is cold in Siberia year round but it isn't. We had temperatures of 90° on the train---and no air conditioning. We prayed for cooler weather and God sent rain to cool things down. Thank you Jesus!

Please pray for the following requests from our brothers and sisters in Siberia:

- * Pastor Anatoly in Irkutsk for opportunities to start more new churches
- * Indoor plumbing for poor family of 11 children (cost \$1,000)
- * Helping Hands Ministry in Chita: to rebuild their building that burned in January plus funds for summer camp for street children
- * Heating system for the church and rehab center in Duldurga (cost \$9,500) (the temperature gets down to -40° in the winter)
- * Sveta in Khabarovsk for money to fund summer camp for orphans.
- * Pastor Genna in Vladivostok as he ministers in two churches, that many more people will come to know the Lord. Also pray that God will provide the necessary funds with which to buy an apartment. Churches there can't be registered until the pastor owns an apartment and is registered with the government

How surprised we were when the team was invited to the Embassy in Vladivostok to meet with the consul. It was an honor that we enjoyed very much.

In the making is a medical mission to Ukraine planned for August 25 through September 5. Another mission to Chusovoy and Kemerovo in Russia is being planned for November. If you are interested in being a part of one or both of these missions, please call, write or email us. It will change your life and the Lord will use you to bring change to the lives of many others.

Thank you again for your prayer and financial support; for being partners with us in God's kingdom.



In Christ,

Jean McCroskey

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Jean at the cross overlooking the city of Vladivostok
This was supposed to be the site of a huge statue of Lenin but, as you can see, it has been claimed for the Lord instead.