



Ministering in Russia

Dear Prayer Warriors,

By your faithful prayers and support, we arrived safely in St. Petersburg, Russia last week before traveling on to Tyumen (Siberia) yesterday. Already we have begun to boldly preached the Gospel and distribute the Bibles and study aids supplied by your gifts and delivered through your prayers!



"they will glorify God. . .for the liberality of your contribution to them..." (2 Corinthians 9:13)

Grace Community International is committed to not only the teaching and preaching of God's Word but to the equipping of the Church through the provision of Bibles, Bible study aids, and ministry resources. To this end, we take seriously your partnership with us to provide such gifts to the Russian Church. These Bibles are not handed out blindly or haphazardly. Recipients must quote word-for-word Romans 8 before the entire Church Body to demonstrate their commitment to the study of God's Word. To receive Bible study books, a person must complete a 20 page daily Bible study / devotional. Church members once sat on backless stools for worship, but now through your generosity, we provided padded chairs for the church worship center. Additionally, your gifts supplied the church with a printer and binder system so that the Pastor can now provide Bible study materials to his flock. Last but not least, your financial support allows GCI to host Bible studies in a rented apartment so that men and women have a safe place to come together and study God's Word.



"And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to Myself." (John 12:32)

Whether at home in balmy Houston, Texas or abroad in chilly St. Petersburg, Russia, our message remains the same - that of Jesus, our resurrected Savior, and the

transforming power of His Holy Spirit through the believer's obedience to His eternal, inerrant, written Word. Our first week in Russia, we hit the ground running as we met with local pastors in the mornings and preached at two Sunday services. The week flew by, and before we knew it, Eleanor was packing our suitcases once again for our overnight flight to Tyumen.



Praying for Russia. . .

- For God to bless the ministry of His Word (Isaiah 55:11).
- For God to grant us strength and energy as we commit ourselves to preaching and teaching of Scripture in Tyumen. (Acts 20:32).



- For hearts to be refreshed by the bonds of Christian fellowship as we reconnect with our Russian brothers and sisters in Christ (1 John 1:3).



- For God to bless the ministry of GCI materially that we might in turn be a blessing among those with whom we minister (2 Corinthians 9:12-14).

Finally, if God has laid upon your heart the needs of our fellow believers in Russia, you can still give towards the purchase of Russian Bibles and Bible study aids. Simply click [here](#) to connect to our donation page and write "Bibles for Russia" in the comment section. For funds designated in this manner, 100% of the gift goes to meeting the needs of the Church in Russia; no "administration fee" is deducted by GCI.

As always, I close this update overflowing with thankfulness to God for your continued and sacrificial partnership in moving the Gospel of Jesus Christ forward in St. Petersburg, Tyumen, and beyond.

By His mercy,

Rev. John S. Mahon

2 Corinthians 4:1