



Ministry Begins in Tyumen

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Your faith, gifts, and prayers are making a difference as GCI begins to minister in Tyumen, Russia! After traveling through the night, we settled into our seventh-floor apartment, grabbed a quick nap, and then met with the Tyumen ministry team to finalize details for our time in this city.



"Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives..." (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

You prayed, and God graciously answered! Our host family in Tyumen was able to procure an apartment for us complete with hot water, internet access, and room to set up the GCI mobile office. Additionally, we praise God for the faithfulness of Kirill for arranging our housing, for Sonia and Anya who spent two nights (literally!!) cleaning it in preparation of our arrival, and for Pasha who watched the children while these women worked.

We filled this week with various ministry opportunities including preaching at church services, leading Bible studies, speaking at evangelistic meetings, and sharing before small groups in homes. Time and space do not allow me to provide an adequate update of all that God accomplished during this first week of our time in Tyumen. Be sure to follow us on [Facebook](#) to receive real-time ministry updates, photos, and prayer requests.



"The sower sows the Word." (Mark 4:14)

As you pray for us this week, we ask that you specifically allow Jesus' teachings on the Word of God and ministry found in Mark 4:14-20 to guide your prayers as

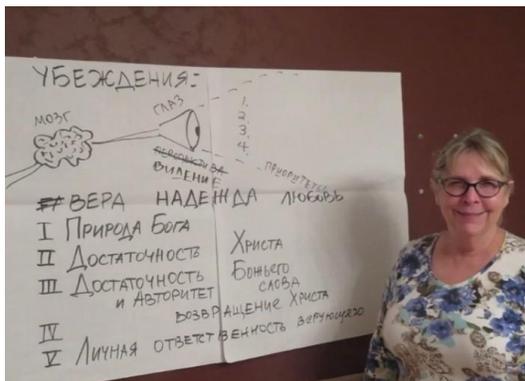
Eleanor and I teach God's holy, eternal, inerrant Word and proclaim Jesus Christ as the Savior of the world.

Additionally, there are many “real-time” needs as we minister in Russia. When we first began traveling to Russia, access to our funds could take days, if not weeks. Now, however, many major international banks have entered the country, and bank machines are easy to find. Your gift given today can impact a Russian pastor or family this very same week! Click [here](#) to donate to our Russia trip.



Praying for Russia. . .

- For God to thwart satan's plans to interrupt the preaching of the Gospel (Mark 4:15).
- For those who respond in faith to the Word of God to remain faithful in the face of affliction or persecution (Mark 4:16).



- For the hearts of those who hear God's Word preached to not be hardened by the worries of this world or desires for other earthly treasures (Mark 4:18-19).



- For God to provide good, fruitful soil in the hearts of all who hear the Scriptures preached this week (Mark 4:20).

Thank you for your faithful partnership with us of both prayer and financial support! For our American prayer warriors, the Fall Festival / Halloween season is right around the corner. Follow this [link](#) for evangelistic ideas for your church, Sunday School class, or home group.

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 Tyumen, Russia.

By His mercy,
Rev. John S. Mahon
2 Corinthians 4:1