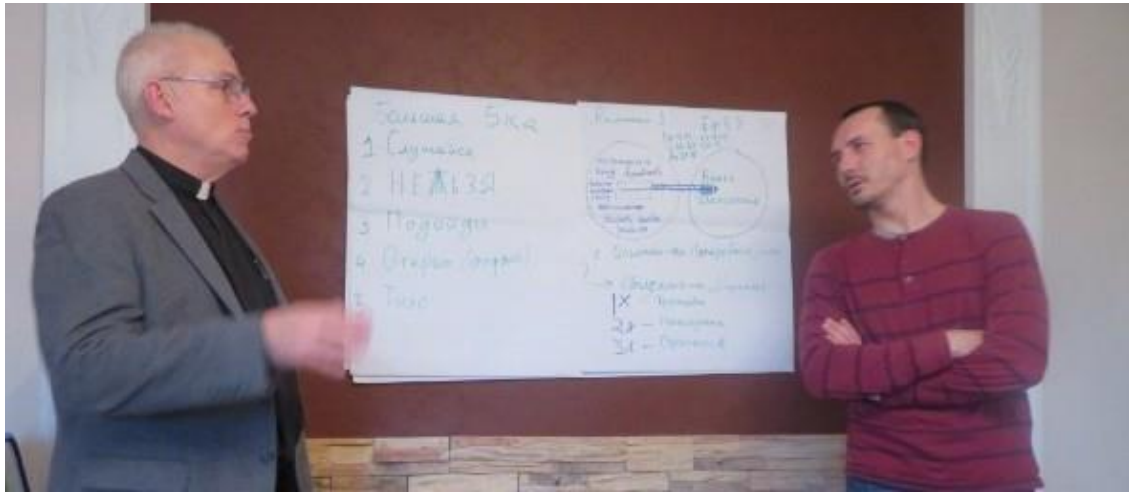




God's Word is Alive and Active in Tyumen!

The Word of God is central to all of GCI's ministries whether at our home church in Texas or on the other side of the world among our Russian brethren. Just as the Apostle Paul reminds us that "*the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For indeed Jews ask for signs and Greeks search for wisdom; but we preach Christ crucified, to Jews a stumbling block and to Gentiles foolishness, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God*" (1 Corinthians 1:18, 22-24). This is our ministry in Siberia made possible by your faith, prayers and gifts as we lift up the risen Savior and teach His holy,

eternal, inerrant written Word. We stand or fall on the proclamation of Jesus as the Author and Finisher of our salvation and the building up of the church through the teaching of God's Word!



His Word is at work...

We see God working through the teaching, preaching, and study of His Word each and every day here in Russia. In Russia, men consistently work 12 hours a day, six days a week. Even though it would be easy to brush off Bible study as a "luxury," here I meet weekly with a group of faithful men for Bible study who come to the table not only ready to learn, but fully prepared with their own personal study of the Scriptures at hand.

Additionally, Eleanor has a thriving ministry among the women of the church. At a recent conference, a group of women sat in a small room from 10:00am to 6:00pm taking notes and asking serious questions. This session was not a "fluffy get-together" but rather a meeting of like-minded women seeking to better know

God's Word and apply it to their lives.

Imagine our joy, then, as we meet together for worship each Sunday! One of the things that I find exciting about this church in Tyumen is that they do not just want to know the Word of God; they want to know what to do with the Word of God. Each week I pass out a daily devotional sheet which follows the theme of my sermon. There are three basic questions on this sheet – “From the passage, what is something God wants me to Know, to Be and then to Do?” The members faithfully take home these sheets and complete them during their daily devotions. What a privilege to minister in such a vibrant church that loves Jesus and His Word!



...He is moving through your prayers...

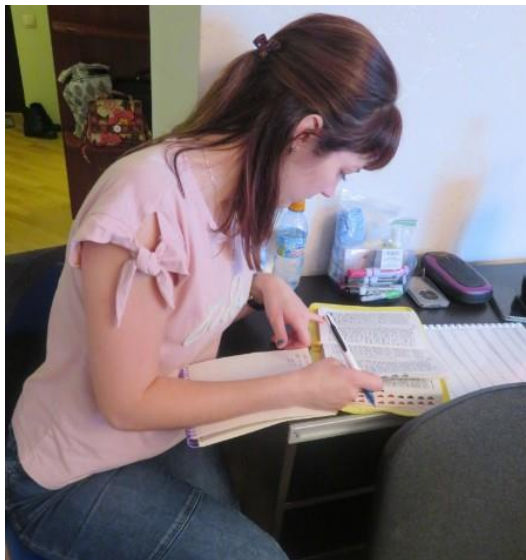


For God to raise up more faithful men of His Word in the church.

"You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 2:1-3)

For God to protect these faithful women and honor their devotion to Christ.

"but the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil one. We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will continue to do what we command. May the Lord direct your



hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ." (2 Thessalonians 3:3-5)



That God would bless Eleanor's ministry to the women of the Church.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

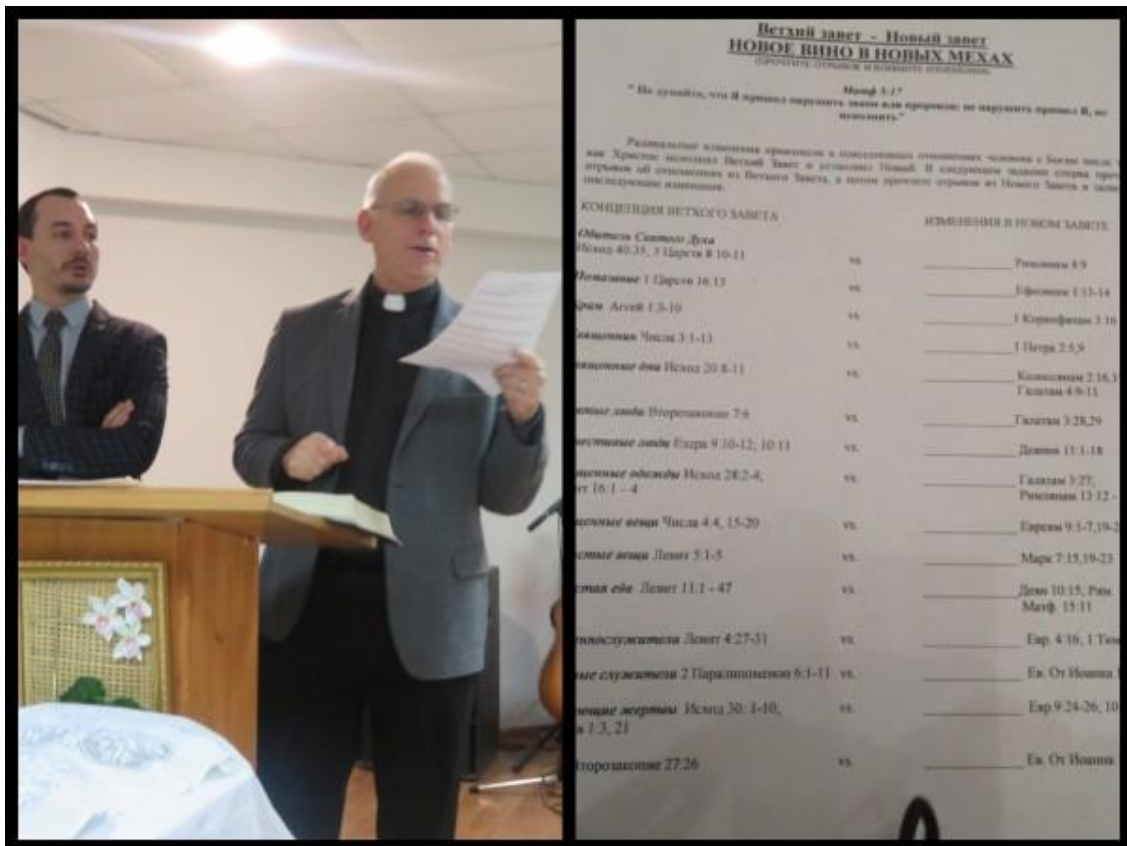
That God would move the Church to KNOW His Word, BE His disciples, and DO His good work.

"But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does." (James 1:25)



...and so we thank God for YOU!

A copy machine and binder to make Bible studies and quiet time workbooks, padded chairs so that members do not have to sit on backless stools and benches, folding tables so they can take serious notes, leather study Bibles and more. There are no Christian bookstores in Tyumen. Your faith, gifts and prayers make all these things possible, and we find ourselves constantly rejoicing over the many ways in which your acts of generosity continue to make a difference in the lives of the men and women of this church!



I would be remiss if I did not mention that there is still time for you to partner financially with us. 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 on the "Donate" tab on our [website](#) to give to our Russia trip.

Last, but not least, as the Fall Festival / Halloween season is right around the corner, you can follow this [link](#) for evangelistic ideas for your church, Sunday School class, or home group.

As always, I close this update with a deep and abiding thankfulness to God for your continued and sacrificial partnership with GCI in moving the Gospel of Jesus Christ forward in Tyumen, Russia.

By His mercy,

Rev. John S. Mahon

2 Corinthians 4:1

A Closing Hymn

Please allow me to close with the words of the hymn "Softly and Tenderly" which has often been on my heart this week as we prepare for the work that God will accomplish through His Word. (Click [here](#) to hear the music for the hymn.)

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling

Calling for you and for me

Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies
Mercies for you and for me

Time is now fleeting the moments are passing
Passing for you and for me
Shadows are gathering, deathbeds are calling
Calling for you and for me

Oh for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me

Refrain

Come home come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling O sinner come home