



## **The Blessing of Goodbye**

It's hard to believe that we just spent a month in Central Siberia, preaching God's Word and ministering to local churches! As much as we are saddened by our need to say "goodbye" to dear friends and ministry partners here in Tyumen, this is the period of every trip in which we are reminded that it is not our hands or will at work, but rather those of God the Father. We may have planted or watered, but God alone gives the growth. We echo the Apostle Paul's prayer for those he left behind as we pray for those to whom we ministered while in Tyumen. "And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified." (Acts 20:32)



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## **Your gifts and prayers at work**

During the past four weeks, we labored in the harvest fields of Central Siberia - plowing up brambles of sin, sowing the seed of God's Word, watering good soil, and rejoicing in the growth that comes from faith in the Son. Repeatedly, Eleanor and I were humbled by the ways in which God worked through your gifts and prayers which enabled us to meet with pastors and their wives, host evangelistic home outreaches, train church leaders, and strengthen marriages and families - all while boldly proclaiming the truth of God's Word and need for repentance and faith in Jesus Christ alone.



**Keep praying for Tyumen!**



**For God's Word to sustain  
His people in the face of  
trials and persecutions**

"Every word of God is tested; He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him." (Proverbs 30:5)

**For God to grow and  
establish His Church**

"for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:12-13)



**That those who heard the  
Gospel would respond  
with faith and repentance**

"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew



first and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

**For church leaders to put into practice the training that they received**

"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves." (James 1:22)



**That this new generation of marriages and families would be grounded in God and His Word**

"for you formerly were darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light" (Ephesians 5:8)

**For God to strengthen  
Pastor Ravil and his wife,  
Yulia, as they faithfully  
minister to their church**

"Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you." (Hebrews 13:17)



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And so we conclude our time of ministry in Tyumen with the knowledge that our focus is, always has been and always will be the clear proclamation of the Gospel and the building up of the church through the teaching of God's holy, eternal, inerrant written Word. Words cannot express our thankfulness to you for being a part of this exciting ministry through your prayers and gifts. Your blessing of these ministries with the Scripture will yield eternal rewards both for you in heaven and in the lives of countless others.

Now we are spending a week in St. Petersburg, Russia before returning to the States just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. If the Lord has laid on your heart to contribute to the ministry in Russia, there is still time! Simply click on the Donate tab on our [website](#).

I close this email as always with a deep and abiding thankfulness for your sacrificial and effectual prayers which empower and drive this ministry ever forward in the cause of Christ.

By His mercy,

Rev. John S. Mahon

2 Corinthians 4:1