



Living as Sojourners

The middle of November found us traveling from Central Siberia (Tyumen, Russia) to far western Russia (St. Petersburg, Russia) and then back to the States. Our travels halfway around the globe these past two months reminded us that we are merely sojourners in this land, awaiting our heavenly home. Like Noah and Abraham before us, we confess that we are "strangers and exiles on the earth" even as we eagerly "desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one" (Hebrews 11:13, 16).



Your gifts and prayers bore much fruit

As you may remember, your faith and prayers made possible our Religious Teachers Visa as supplied by the Russian government. We are thankful to God, to you and to the Russian Government for this blessing and worked hard at preaching Jesus and teaching God's holy Word as good stewards of His gifts and calling during our final few days in St. Petersburg, Russia. We met with key couples in the church and taught on "how to know and teach God's Word," I preached on the doctrine of eternal security, and we distributed Bibles and study

aids to our grateful Russian brothers and sisters in the Lord. Your gifts and prayers empowered each and every one of these ministries.



Join us in praying for St. Petersburg...



That the lives of church leaders would be rooted and established in God's Word

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:2)

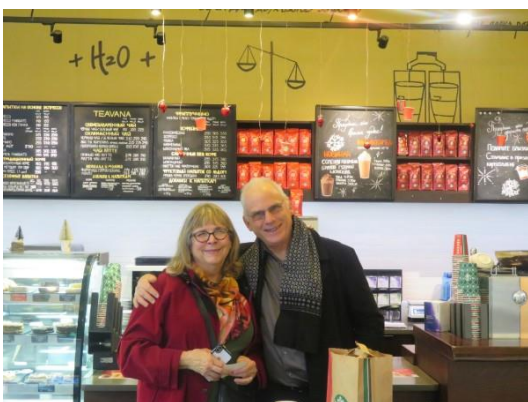
That the Word of God preached would continue to do His good work

"The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes." (Psalm 19:8)



For our strength and stamina as we transition back to life and ministry in the States

"The Lord will give strength to His people; the Lord will bless His people with peace." (Psalm 29:11)



We leave Russia behind - rejoicing in friendships renewed, hearts strengthened by the Word of the Lord, and the Gospel proclaimed. And we return to the States, eager to celebrate our Lord's birth surrounded by family and ministry partners. Thank you for your faithful support these past few months as we proclaimed Jesus Christ in Russia!

You can stay up-to-date on our ministry by following us on [Facebook](#). Additionally, resources such as quiet times, Bible studies, and sermons are available free of charge at our [website](#). Lastly, both of these sites have "[donate](#)" buttons which allow you to give via PayPal; alternatively, checks may be mailed to the address at the bottom of this email.

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