



Christmas and Thanksgiving

We have had a wonderful holiday season. In between meetings during this glorious season of Thanksgiving and Christmas, we have had the blessing of spending time with our family. It has been a long time since we have been able to spend time with our extended family on or around the holidays. We thank the Lord for this opportunity. At the time of this writing, we have just finished Christmas and are looking forward to New Years.

Deputation Trip Update

We are on the tail end of this deputation trip. God has blessed us with many good, fruitful meetings. We have had a number of churches that have responded to the missionary need by taking us on for financial support. Praise the Lord! We have not quite met our goal, but we are making great progress. All of our meetings have been very positive and I hope to see many more churches partner with us as we faithfully continue the work.

Travel Plans

I just recently bought airplane tickets for the first leg of our trip back to the field. Because of the current flight restrictions to and from Russia, we now have to set up multiple itineraries to get us back to the field. I have things in place to get us to Moscow. We will fly out on the 17th of January. This itinerary takes us through Istanbul. It is the mirror image to the route we took flying to the states from Moscow.

We are currently working to get this second itinerary in place. Due

to the sanctions, the flight from Moscow to Krasnoyarsk must be paid for in rubles. I will need help from a friend already on the field to buy those tickets on my behalf. In short, travel to and from Russia has become very complicated and expensive. Pray for us as we remain faithful in these trying days. We praise the Lord for His wonderful care.

Contact Information

When we came to the states a few months ago, I set up a temporary phone number (740) 444-1687. If this is the number that you are using, it will go away once we fly back to the field. Our Skype number (740)444-4633 is a more permanent number and will still be active. We can receive calls and texts via Skype.

I also wanted to mention a word about snail-mail. Snail-mail is no longer moving between the U.S. and Russia. I suspect that will remain the same until the flight restrictions over Russia are lifted. In the meantime, a good alternative is email. I know it is not the same as a paper card or note, but that is the best alternative we have at the moment.

Final Notes

Emily is doing well in college and we praise the Lord for that. She even made the Dean's list this semester. We are very proud of her and excited to see where God leads her in life.

Since we were all together in the States, we were able to get a new family photo made with everyone in it. If your church needs an updated family photo for your display, please send me an email.

