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The Parak Family

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Dear Pastors & Praying Friends,

On the field! Praise the Lord, friends! We arrived on the mission field of Siberia, specifically the city of Krasnoyarsk, on Wednesday October 18th! It is hard to articulate the excitement of getting to this point that God has designed for us. We thank the Lord Jesus for His care and preparation gently administered through the process of deputation.

Many of you saw our prayer updates as we travelled. God took good care of us along the way. There was no shortage of potential issues and problems that could have gone wrong. But praise the Lord, no bags were lost, and there were no problems or trouble that affected our travel path. There were no delays and we arrived totally safely. There was only one issue for me: I am fairly certain I caught a case of food poisoning just after the first leg of flying. But praise the Lord, it didn't last very long. I was able to get through it on the second flight.

On Tuesday the 10th of October, just prior to departing for Siberia, Bible Baptist Church held an Ordination Service for me. This was an amazing experience. We had a great time of questioning with my Pastor, another missionary from our church and two supporting church Pastors we have known since nearly the beginning of deputation. Each of these men are dear servants of the Lord and have served as excellent examples of the minister of the New Testament. I could not think of better men who have each done their part to prepare me for the work of God and that would put me forward to go into that very work. I was so humbled by the entire experience.

The veteran missionary families here in town really went over and beyond to help us locate an apartment and get it set up. Along with this they helped get us registered (basically an official notification regarding a foreigner of presence and location, should the local authorities need to find the person).

We also joyfully began attending services at the Baptist Church here in the city. A veteran missionary who has labored here for many years has a great work going in the city and the people of the church are especially wonderful. Along with attending services here, we have begun the long process of paperwork that will eventually allow us to obtain residency visas. We have been able to get our legal documents completely and formally translated along with notarizations for each form. The main thing remaining for this residency application is **to obtain a language certificate**. This will certify that we can communicate adequately in the Russian language.

Sickness: Slightly discouraging to report, Felicia caught a case of bronchitis which lasted just over a week. Praise the Lord she has pulled through, **pray also that it does not come back to her**. I have been under a pretty awful flu for nearly two weeks. I believe I'm nearly finished, but it has been slow to leave me. **Please pray for me to make a full recovery very soon.**

Contacts: God has given us some very exciting prospective contacts here in Krasnoyarsk. One such man is **YR**. He is a dear young man whom a previous family won to Christ. Lord willing, we will have the privilege of helping him along with his initial discipleship. **Pray for opportunities with him to continue**. Another such contact we have made is a young man named **FM**. This man translated all our personal documents for the residency application. He has a wonderful command of English and has been very helpful as we work on settling in, always offering to go with us if we would need an interpreter. He is Khakas. Khakas is one of the four ethnic groups here in Russia we had hoped to preach the Gospel to eventually. Like many large cities in the USA, people come here from all over. **Pray we will have continued contact with him and that God would open his heart to the Gospel.**

Felicia's Mother Cathy has completely recovered from the injury and fall she experienced over the summer. Thank you all for praying for her over this hard time.

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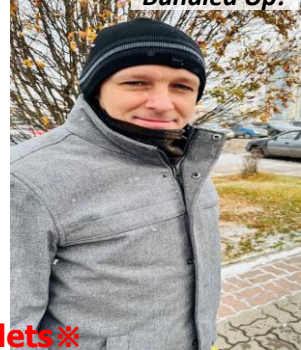
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