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I would like to start this letter by thanking you for your prayers for me while I have been on the road reporting to churches. It has been great for me to see all of those who have prayed for my ministry. There have been several instances where someone who had never met me came up to me and told me how they had been praying for me. I was humbled and encouraged to hear about those who have been bringing Russia and my ministry before Gods throne.

The Lord has blessed with many new supporting Churches. My support level has increased to over \$2,100 per month. I was hoping to return to Russia in September, but the support that is needed to continue the ministry in Russia has not yet come in. My goal for support is no less than \$2500. Several pastors have asked me to present my ministry in January, so I will be postponing my return date until the end of January 2005.

God has been doing a great work in my life. As I have traveled to many missions conferences, my soul has been refreshed. In my furlough travels I have traveled mostly in the western part of America. I have noticed that most churches in the west are less than 20 years old. In some states, there were just a few churches 20 years ago and today there are hundreds. I am amazed at what God has done in my lifetime. A Russian man once taught me a lesson in perspective when he told me about planting a tree. If you look at a tree every day you do not see any growth, but look at it once a year you will notice a great change. I turned 30 last year and I began to think about what has happened in my lifetime. Looking back at what God has done in the last 30 years, I am more excited than ever about being in the service of our Lord.

I have met several new missionaries who are on deputation to go to Russia. Some have expressed interest in helping me in Cheboksary while they are learning the Russian language and the culture of Russians. It is exciting to see God working in people's lives and giving them a burden for the Russian people. Russia is a nation of 150 million people. The need is great for planting Biblically sound churches.

Prayer needs:

- Please pray for entry visas. I have read articles in the Russian newspapers that the United States has approached the Russian Government about lengthening the allowed time on each visa to one year. Pray that I will be able to stay for extended periods of time without leaving the country.
- Please pray for my support level.
- Pray for the Souls of people in Russia.
- Pray that God would send more laborers into Russia.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT.

For Souls Still waiting,

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