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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This summer has been a great encouragement to me. The David Rohr family has been here on a short-term mission trip. It has been a real blessing having them here. Bro. Rohr's wife and children have now returned to the United States to begin school. David will be staying until October. I have enjoyed the fellowship with the Rohr family. As with all newcomers to the field, there is a period of adjustment because Russian culture is much different than American culture. I have had to teach them how to live here in Cheboksary. America has developed a culture of efficiency and convenience. One can go to Wal-Mart type stores and buy groceries for several weeks. In Cheboksary, the absence of such stores makes it take a lot longer to shop. This is just one of the many things the Rohr family has had to get used to this summer.

We have spent the summer ministering to the Russian people. Most of the people coming to my services are able to speak some English. This has helped David, with his limited Russian, to take part in my ministry here. He has been an encouragement to the people in my Bible study. David has taken on a project to pass out literature in Cheboksary and the surrounding areas. He has passed out 20,000 pieces of literature this summer. We would like to double this number by the time he leaves. He has been faithful to this project, not only in Cheboksary, but also going several times a week to surrounding towns. This literature has come at a cost. So far, the cost has totaled \$600.00. If you would like to take part in helping us purchase literature, please designate funds to "literature."

We have seen several visitors attend services. Pray with us that we will see spiritual growth in the people attending our services. We have several who are in need of salvation; among these are Igor and Alexander N. A man named, Vladimir, whom I have written about before, is in need of prayer. His wife is having health problems and has been hospitalized. He has also had problems at his job. Please help me in praying for these individuals and families.

Another family will be arriving at the end of September to begin ministering here in Cheboksary. Pray for the Jeff Christian family that they will have an easy adjustment to the culture here. They have previously served in Belarus.

The last few years my ministry has mainly been in Cheboksary, which has a great public transportation system. My ministry is now beginning to expand into some of the outlying areas, and it would be made easier if I was able to buy a vehicle. Vehicles in Russia are expensive, and a dependable car will cost between \$8,000.00 and \$10,000.00. Pray with me about this need.

Please pray for open doors for sharing the gospel. Russia will be electing a new government in the next few months. Pray that the new government will continue to allow the gospel to be preached.

Thank you for your continued support.

In His Service,

Cheston Furrow