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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you so much for your continued prayers. I have now returned to Russia. Please continue to pray for the visa situation in Russia. I am still only allowed to stay for 90 days at a time, and am being forced to leave the country every three months is very expensive and is not conducive to ministry. I will try again in 3 months for a new visa, and I am praying for a one-year visa.

There is a great need for the gospel in the former Soviet Union and in many of the break-away countries. Upon hearing of the short war between Russia and Georgia, I had a burden to go and see what opportunities were available for mission work in the country of Georgia. I was able to visit the country of Georgia in September with two missionary friends. We traveled to some of the cities that were bombed during the war and were able to share the gospel with some of those who had been displaced. I was able to talk to an Independent Baptist missionary in the capital of Tbilisi and was astounded to hear that he was the only church-planting missionary in the country. He shared that the second-largest city in Georgia does not have a Gospel preaching church. The pro-Americanism of the people has given him great opportunities to start several churches in the country. Please pray for the country of Georgia.

After returning from Georgia, I spent much time in prayer and consideration of what the will of God was in my life and ministry. God has made it clear that for the time being I am to continue working in Russia. It may be that if I continue having difficulties with visas in Russia, doors may open in a new place for my ministry. Through my trip to Georgia, I was once again reminded that there is still a great need for missions in Russia and the former soviet countries, and that our great mission of "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel" is still not completed.

Please continue to pray for my ministry in Cheboksary. There had been growth in the number of people attending this past summer and we are still praying for the salvation of several attendees. Igor, Sergei, and Marina have been faithfully attending, but have not yet given their hearts to Christ. Please continue praying for their salvation and for me to have new opportunities to preach and share the Gospel with the people of Cheboksary and Chuvashia

Thank you for your continued support.

Until the last has heard,
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