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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you once again for your prayers. God is as always faithful to answer the prayers of His Saints. The summer evangelistic campaign was a great success, and it was because of your prayers.

Dave Rohr, my friend from Montana, was able to come and take part in the summer work. While he was here, we were able to pass out thousands of pieces of literature. We took teams of Russian Christians to several towns that had small works in them and passed out invitations to services. One of these towns which I have previously asked for prayer, Kanash, is a town of 60,000 and there is not a Baptist church. A group of believers has decided to try starting a church, and I have a desire to help these believers in any way that I can. They are greatly in need of leadership training.

The Lord reminded me once again this summer that faithful men are key to any strong church. While passing out literature this summer, I began targeting men. I told them that we have a deficit of men in our churches, and they were surprised that I would say this. They admitted that, as is common in Russia, men do not attend church very often. I am praying that the contacts that were made will bear fruit in the future.

In Cheboksary, I organized a men's meeting through my friend Sasha's church. Our goal was to get the lost family members of his church to attend. I was disappointed that only a few lost men attended but was surprised when I had 22 men from different churches in our area attend. I preached on the Bible being practical for everyday life. It seemed to touch the lives of those that attended, and they asked if we could have other meetings like this in the future.

Shortly after I wrote my last letter, I was informed that I would not be allowed to stay in Russia until a decision was made on my residency. I had to leave as specified by my current visa, and when I return in the fall, I should receive an answer on my application for residency. While this was a disappointment, I trust that the Lord has His hand on this situation and is working on my behalf. I will be in the U.S. until mid-October. If you have an interest in hearing first hand about the work in Russia, I would be glad to talk with you on the phone or I have a few open dates that I could share this with you in person. I can be reached on my cell at 214-718-1739.

May God bless you for your faithful support.

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