



Dear Friends and Family,

The last three months have been very full! Our team spent June preparing for our summer English Camp, July in Poland at the camp then traveling back to Moscow, and August trying to get some rest and plan before the school year starts September 3rd.

For camp, each of us led a committee that was responsible for one area of the camp. My committee planned the evening meetings, bonfires and discos. Our camp theme was American holidays. We had a Christmas pageant, fireworks for 4th of July, a Thanksgiving meal, and a Valentine's Ball. There were times I had doubts about how each event would turn out, but each was a success and the campers enjoyed them. We included Christian themes in many of the meetings so they were able to learn more about God during the meetings. ***Praise God for a successful camp!***

We had a staff planning retreat a couple of weeks ago. We went to the dacha where we held our past two retreats. The weather was warm and we had a great time of planning and fellowship. We have some good ideas for the upcoming school year. It has been an adjustment getting used to John's leadership style since he was gone my first seven months here. He is very organized and will help keep everyone on track. I'm excited about our plans, but also worried because it doesn't look like I will have much free time.

Kyle and Irina must return to America for training and support raising. They hope to leave mid-Oct. when Kyle's visa expires and return mid-March. However, there are many factors involved in their leaving and returning that are out of their control. ***Pray for their preparations to leave. Pray for Irina who is apprehensive about living in America.***



My group at camp.

Praise the Lord! We have a new addition to our staff—another female! Her name is Mandy. She did a two-year stint in St. Pete before joining Crusade staff. She spent the last two years training in NYC. She arrived two weeks ago and will be in full-time language study for 1.5 to 2 years before she begins ministry work. ***Pray for her perseverance as she is studying Russian HOURS each day.***

Craig is completing his paper-work for International Crusade staff. He will focus on language acquisition this semester and will be helping with ministry work two days each week. ***Pray for Craig as he works to balance his language studies with ministry work.***

John, Caleb and I will be doing full-time ministry work at least until December. We will be focusing our time on four schools this fall. We have outreach activities planned to get us into schools about four times before Christmas. We will start the year giving our pens to kids at each school. We are excited to be offering the entire Alpha course (12 weeks) again. We will partner with Paradigma Church. They were going to do one as follow-up to their camp and we suggesting combining the two groups. I'm excited about this partnership and hope that it will help the kids find a good church home. ***Pray for our weekly Alpha meetings.***

After praying about it, I have agreed to stay and help through next year's summer English Camp. Then we will see where the Lord is leading from there. I will be leading at least one Bible study group this fall as well as working in schools on a regular basis. ***Pray for the Bible study and discipleship I will be doing this year.***

Your hands and feet in Russia, *Kerri*

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PRaises:

- A great summer English Camp! God's provision for just the right number of Americans & counselor.
- Safe travels to and from Poland.
- The kids who came to church and club since camp.
- Our partnership with Paradigma Church for Alpha Course.
- Safety and provision each day I'm here.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Upcoming Alpha Course – starting Aug. 14th
- Upcoming Teacher's Dinner.
- The Summer English Camp reunion time that many will come.
- That Caleb's wife Oksana can have a committed group of girls for the Bible study group she will start soon.
- My weekly Bible study group with the college age girls.
- That school directors will allow us to come into the schools and do the things we are proposing – Family Feud game after surveying the kids, passing out pens, selling balloons for Valentine's, etc.
- Time to work on learning Russian.



Everyone at camp in front of the Christmas tree.

*“Enter his gates with
thanksgiving and his courts
with praise; give thanks to
him and praise his name.
For the Lord is good and
his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues
through all generations.
Psalm 100:4-5*