



Dear Friends and Family,

September has been very full of successful activities for our team. We had a teacher appreciation dinner just before the start of school. Eleven teachers attended and they really enjoyed themselves. They actively played the Pictionary game we had for entertainment. ***Praise God for teachers and directors who help us reach students!***

The last Friday of the summer was our most successful club meeting with eight in attendance. Two of the boys who accepted Christ at the summer camp came with two of their classmates. We also had four boys from school 170.

September 1st began by visiting schools for their first bell. Then, we had an appreciation dinner for our summer counselors in the afternoon. The temperature dropped 20 degrees from Friday to Saturday. So, instead of having a rainy picnic, we had a chili dinner. Six of the ten counselors were able to attend. ***Praise the Lord for college students who help!***

Our next big event was a reunion for all the kids from summer camp. Attendance has been low in the past for this event, but we had 80% of the kids from camp and six parents in attendance. It was a great time of reminiscing and recognizing those who helped and won various camp awards. Four of my six students were there and Vitalik brought his parents. ☺ It was nice to meet them.

With Kyle and Irina leaving soon, we will need to rely on our Russian helpers much more. While we don't have a large group of helpers, we do have four who are very committed to helping. Sasha Kichigina really feels called to work with teenagers. She would like to lead a small group this year. ***Pray for Sasha as she tries to balance ministry work and her studies at university. Also pray that God will guide her in His desires for her future.*** Denis Denisov is a seminary

student and has been a great help to us the last few months. He has such a desire to share the gospel with teenagers. We lack strong male leadership from our volunteers so we really appreciate Denis's dedication. ***Pray for Denis to be able to build strong relationships with some of the guys.*** Julia Krignakova is a very reliable college student who has great relationships with the youth. She is invaluable to our team. ***Pray for Julia as she balances ministry work with her studies at university.*** Dasha Melnikova has been with us for eight years; first as a teenager and more recently as a helper. She is 20 and has a huge heart for the ministry of teens. She is studying at Moscow State University. I will be her discipler this year. ***Pray for Dasha to grow in maturity; that she would be reliable; and that she can balance her studies and ministry work.***

My big news is that we had 52 kids for our first Alpha Party on the 14th! We visited three schools earlier in the week giving a survey for a future activity and passing out invitations to Alpha Party. It really paid off. The biggest news is that we had a whole table full of kids from IKS, most of whom were from the class Craig and I taught last spring! Praise the Lord that we've finally seen some fruits after the last four years of laboring with these kids! While some were at summer camp, at least four came after we visited their classes on Wednesday. Two of the girls said they will definitely come back. In case you don't understand the significance of this, IKS kids are at every camp, but never at weekly meetings. They never get involved past English camp or show an interest in spiritual matters. These kids have been attending camps for four years and are finally showing an interest! ***Praise the Lord for answered prayers! Continue to pray for our weekly Alpha meetings.***

Your hands and feet in Russia, *Kerri*



Teacher Appreciation Dinner at the Fords'



First Bell – Sept. 1, 2007
School 170

Be sure to check out my website & blog for more details: <http://www.geocities.com/samfam042003/>

PRaises:

- Great time in schools IKS, 170 & 2013 giving the Family Feud surveys.
- A fantastic turnout for the first Alpha Party – 52 kids!!!!
- Our partnership with Paradigma Church for Alpha Parties.
- A great teacher appreciation dinner.
- A great summer English Camp reunion turn out.
- Safety and provision each day I'm here.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Upcoming Alpha Parties each Friday through mid-December.
- For our ministry volunteers – Dasha, Sasha, Denis & Julia.
- 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.

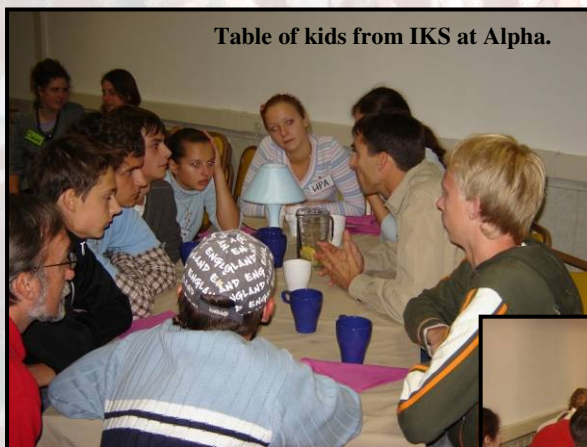


Table of kids from IKS at Alpha.

Our first Alpha Party –
Sept. 14, 2007



A birthday party for my friend Lena (left). Everyone there is on staff with Campus Crusade. Our new staff girl, Mandy, is on the right.

