

Hi Everyone!

Just a short note to let you know that we made it safely to Poland. The Russian kids will arrive in two days. We are busy getting to know each other (the Russian and American teams) and preparing for the camp. We have lots left to do, but will also make time for a leisurely rafting trip down a nearby river tomorrow. We passed over it on the bus yesterday. It is pretty wide and very calm. It will be a fun day. We left Moscow on a train bound for Brest, Belarus on Friday afternoon at 3:42. We arrived in Brest around 6:30 the next morning. After a short wait, we boarded an electrishka and crossed the border where we waiting a long time for them to stamp our passports. Unfortunately, one of our teammates needed a transit visa through Belarus and didn't have it so he was stuck in Brest for several hours trying to get the appropriate paperwork. The rest of us went to a nearby shopping area where we had some lunch and waited for Irvin to arrive. There is a two hour time change between here and Moscow so I think we finally left Brest around 1:00 here and 3 in Moscow. It was about a nine hour bus ride to the Stasinda. We arrived around 9:00 here, 11 in Moscow. They had rooms for us!! (We were afraid we might not have a place to stay because we came a day early and they didn't have room for us or something...) They even served us a nice dinner at 10:00. After that, we showered and went to bed. We got to sleep until 9:00 since breakfast was not until 9:30 this morning. We had our own little church service and prayer time this morning. We just finished lunch and we will spend the rest of the day preparing for the camp and the kids' arrival on Tuesday. Pray for us as we continue our preparations that we will use our time wisely. Also pray for our safety as we go on our excursion tomorrow.

They have free wireless internet here in the hotel so as long as I'm in the lobby, I am able to use the computer. That's fantastic news! They also have a computer available for anyone to use, but there seems to always be someone there. Please feel free to send messages over the two weeks. It will be fun to hear from home.

In Christ,
Kerri