



Dear friends,

My work with the ministry here has really been busy lately. With the spring English Camp less than a week away, there is a lot to be done. My responsibility at the camp will be the morning and evening programs in the main hall. That means I am in charge of the technical side of the programs from the back – videos, slideshows, music, projector, microphones, lights, etc. We finished outlining each meeting, now we have to work on the details for each game as well as sound effects, slideshows and music. Each person on our team is responsible for different things about the camp. Please pray that each of us can get our jobs done for the camp and that the camp will be a huge success in reaching out to the youth at the schools in our area. The camp theme is Building Strong Friendships so please pray that we can build some with the students at the camp.

We plan to try something new after English Camp this year for follow-up. We want to teach a youth version of the Alpha course to the kids for the seven weeks after camp and before summer vacation. Dinner is a big part of the course followed by a short talk, discussions and dessert. The course teaches basic Christianity through short talks and small group discussion. Please pray for the details of this follow-up – who will cook the meal, speak, etc. and for a good turn out. Traditionally, the most students attend Friday meetings after the spring English camp and before summer vacation.



Craig and I go each Wednesday to work with eight challenging 10th graders at school IKS. We try to come up with topics they can discuss with us that are both challenging and engaging for them.



Yelena is the teacher we work with. She really enjoys our help with her classes. This photo was taken with her at the Maslenitsa celebration the school had marking the end of winter and beginning of spring. It was a fun afternoon.

My new friends here in Moscow worked hard to give me a fun birthday celebration. It started with brunch at a Paris Creperie and ended at our flat. It was a great day!



I have started my Russian tutoring with Oksana Kyzer. The blessing is that I don't have to pay her for my lessons because she wants me to help her with her English. So it is a fair trade. I still have so far to go with language acquisition, but I feel encouraged when people think I can speak Russian. Like yesterday when a man at the bus stop asked me for directions! Can't he tell I'm an American?? We stick out like sore thumbs here. ;-)

God has truly blessed me here with good friends. I enjoy spending Sunday afternoons with the college age group from church. I have two wonderful roommates who help me with my Russian. I have friends who are willing to help when we need furniture moved!

The next five weeks are going to be very busy with the Moscow English camp and then going with the American teams from Kentucky and California to Sochi and Rostov for their English Camp and follow-up. Pray for strength, health and effective ministry.

In Christ ~ Kerri

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PRaises:

- For patient and helpful roommates whom I love!
- That we got two wardrobes and some other things we needed for the apartment for less than \$100 from a family that was moving.
- That I've been able to meet with my Russian tutor and I will be able to get lessons for free because she wants English lessons in return.
- That someone I had as a roommate before is going to rent my house!!
- We had a wonderful teacher's tea on March 10th.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our group at IKS that we will begin to build strong relationships with them.
- The spring English Camp:
 - Organizational details, hearts of the Russian kids to be open, Americans coming to help
 - Effective follow-up with the Alpha course
- The girls from Friday club that I will be helping Irina to spend time with and disciple.
- The Rostov English Camp in Sochi
 - A place to hold the camp
 - Organizational details, hearts of the Russian kids to be open, and for the American coming.



Maslenitsa is a fun end to winter. It is similar to Fat Tuesday, but lasts a whole week. Every school likes to celebrate the last day with Russian pancakes and a performance of folk traditions and games like tug-o-war.