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A fountain in the center of the city on a beautiful summer day.

Love,
Erik and Adrienne

Thank you to all who are helping the Lord's work here in Yekaterinburg !

All funding and donations may be sent to:

Estes church of Christ
Attn: Russia Mission Fund
PO Box 191
Henderson, TN 38340

Church Business

Once again one year has passed with the work here in Yekaterinburg with your loving support, and it is time for us to travel back to America for the renewal of our visas. This past month, we were busy preparing the congregation for the time we will be in the States.

Last October the Russian government changed their policy regarding visas for foreigners in the country. Previously foreigners were allowed to stay the full length of their visas (up to one year), but now only permitted to live in Russia for 90 days out of 180 days. As a result, we are forced to leave Russia for three months before returning. Although this complicates our work here, we have been attempting to prepare the congregation to survive while we are gone.

First, in preparation, we found a new office for the church and her work. It is a wonderful and spacious office located near all types of transport. It already has attracted attention and possible prospects off the street. The first worship service we had was wonderful and the acoustics were sensational. We pray the congregation will be able to use the building as a tool for evangelism during our absence.

Second, the men of the congregation are becoming the leaders, of whom we have prayed so fervently. While we are in the States, there will be seven men who will be doing the preaching. From Yekaterinburg, Andrei, Aleksei, Anatoly, Victor (son of Tatyana in Degtyarsk) and Victor (via audio cassette), and from Degtyarsk, Artyom and Alexander will also be coming to Yekaterinburg to help. We are all really excited about their willingness to serve the Lord. Please pray for these men as they are making big strides to make the congregation of Yekaterinburg self-supporting.

We are looking forward to the chance to see and talk with you all next month. May God bless you all as you serve Him.

A New Office

We thank you all for the prayers and concerns toward the congregation and finding a new



location for worship. Although it has been a difficult

(and sometimes frustrating) search, the Lord has helped us to find a place well suited for the church.

We are now renting an office just outside the center of the city. This office is much larger and more professional than our

previous place of worship. With a separate entrance on the



first floor, recent remodeling and a large assembly area, this new office

has opened a door with numerous opportunities!

Although the renting cost of this new office is more than our previous location, it is approximately three times the size with a large area for the congregation to meet together and fellowship.

Already we have had visitors see our sign from the street and stopped in to understand who are. We are excited to work within this new location and anxiously await our return to Russia.

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Did You Know??

This year has been an especially hot summer for Yekaterinburg. We reached record highs during July!

More Details About Visa Laws

One must obtain a visa before entering into Russia. This visa has strict rules and guidelines, depending on what kind of visa is requested. In the past, this visa might permit one to remain in Russia for up to one year. Now, however, these regulations have changed.

The new policy for visas states that a person may remain in Russia for a period of only 90 days. Furthermore, it requires that the visitor must remain outside of Russia for a total of 90 days. This new policy applies to all visas except those for students and employment.

However, we may be able to escape the frequent flying in and out of Russia if we are able to acquire a residency permit. This would permit us to live in Russia without a visa and until our passports expire. Sadly, this will take us at least one year to receive. Another possible option would be to apply for an employment visa through the Yekaterinburg church, but this would entail much paperwork and time as well.

We ask that you keep this situation in your prayers as we discover what the Lord has planned for the work in Yekaterinburg. Thank you!

Prayer Corner

➤ Please keep the congregation in your prayers for the next three months, as this may be a difficult time for them while we are away.

Trivia

What special event is depicted here, with people encircling and sending blessings on others?



- A. Funeral B. Birthday
C. Anniversary D. Wedding

* answer at bottom of column

A Preaching Schedule for All

Although we will be gone for three months, Erik has worked diligently with the men of the congregation to prepare them for the time we will be in the States. During our absence, every Christian male in the Yekaterinburg and Degtyarsk congregations will be doing their part in order to help.

Over the past few months, Erik has been helping men like Aleksei and Artyom write and present sermons.



Now these men are anxious to teach others and encourage the brethren. Other members, such as Andrei, will continue doing his monthly preaching for the congregation, and his son Senya is always eager to help with the collection. Even Victor, who is too sick to make it to worship, has helped the church by making a recording for two services.

We are very proud of these men, and pray that their faith will remain strong and that they will continue growing in knowledge of the Lord.

Answer to trivia: D – Wedding

A Quick Correction!

We are afraid that we were not very clear in our last newsletter about Andrei and his current situation. We may have led some of you to believe that the disgruntled relative of Nadiya (who wanted the apartment for herself and brought accusations upon the church) ended up with Maya. This is not correct. That lady has, for the most part, given up and is not causing any more problems. The lady who now has custody of Maya is Andrei's sister, a truly kind woman who has only Maya's best interests in mind. We feel that Maya is now in a very good situation. We only pray that Andrei can still teach her about God as she grows up. We apologize for any misunderstandings.

America Bound

The time is almost here for our furlough back to the States and we have listed below are our plans for visiting congregations. Hope to see you soon!

August 6th – September 14th

Date	Congregation	Place
6 th Wed.	Austin Chapel	Sardis, TN
10 th Sun.	Estes	Henderson, TN
13 th Wed.	Bethel Springs	Bethel Springs, TN
17 th Sun.	Bethel	Mayfield, KY
20 th Wed.	Bradford	Bradford, PA
24 th Sun.	Scandia	Warren, PA
31 th Sun.	Estes (am)	Henderson, TN
	McKenzie (pm)	McKenzie, TN
3 rd Wed.	Lomax	Hohenwald, TN
14 th Sun.	North Brandon	Brandon, MS

A Special Note

Because we will not be allowed to enter Russia for 90 days, there will not be a newsletter sent out until November. If you would like to hear from us personally and inquire about the congregation and her well-being, please feel free to write us an email or call us. Our number while in the States will be: 931-628-1185.

Thank you!

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