

Hello dear brother and sisters in Christ Jesus. Grace and peace to you as all time friend Paul used to write and as the Lord means to say to us today.

Your Russian comrade is finally able to sit down and write few lines after some busy and windy days. The big storm has not hit yet, but several things seem to be pushing at all times and trying to knock off the fragile frame. Thank you so much for your prayer and support dear friends. Some of have gotten short bits and pieces of info and I sporadically sent short notes via e-mail, Skype or WhatsApp and answered with prayers and other ways. Thank you! Thank you all dear friends for your prayers and timely messages of encouragement and support!

Back in October a couple of doctors have suspected a not so good a development a development in my health, a three spot cancer like activity next to my right ear. I went to oncologist and ended up with bunch of tests and later two week grounding at the hospital and the neck surgery that removed two or who know how many lymph nodes there. From the time of first suspicion to the "cancer free" announcement was a long two months of sailing in the "open sea" of thoughts, alternative plans and inquiring prayers. I learned of some deeper waters out there. Hopefully some good things stick to the heart and character of this feel we call Pasha man. The shortcut to the heavenly courts seemed the most inviting and comforting to my heart at the time. I did not like the prospect of long seasons in hospitals and chemos. The Lord must have another page or two to continue my story. There may be even new song to sing in the coming days. Anyways, I am back from hospital journey and up for the next season.

As I was looking forward to white hallways of the clinics we did go on mission to Finland which was so blessed. This may sound old to some, but we were able to share the Gospel with several hundred kids in secular schools and dozens of staff in those schools. I pray this does not come across like bragging. It was such a God thing, such a delight, such mercy to witness - as we get so used to closed doors back home and man places in the world. This however was so prepared by the Lord, so blessed in every aspect. Thank you for your prayers, guys. Please continue to pray for the seeds sown - to be watered and bear fruit. as we get closer to end of the age and so many sign of resistance to the truth are everywhere it is so refreshing to see God's hand in delivering the love and the truth to the little ones - so they can encounter Jesus. *There was just one case of weirdness in all those schools. A teacher came to one kid and put head set ear covering, saying taht this kid should not hear this message. Our presentation was in progress half way and we talked about Jesus. In this particular school (most modern and sophisticated one) an administrator said we can't talk about spiritual things. But because we did not have common definition of "spiritual" we just decided not to talk about "spirit(s)". Our message was Christmas, Christ, creation etc. And we were able to finish our talk without hindrance. Just one kid was ear-plugged. Someone took that responsibility upon themselves to stumble this little one. Jesus will deal with them we pray. Apostles have actually tried that back in the day. Please pray for continued work in that land. There are churches and good folks that love the Lord. They rejoiced in this opportunity our team got because local churches (according to them) are not allowed to do this kind of Christmas presentation in schools these days. God did open this door for us. Thank you for your prayers and support of this endeavour!!*

As we returned home we had to get ready for Christmas season and I am so happy that it is almost past. It is always a lot of organisation, running around etc. and little rest and enjoying of holiday like normal people. This is not a complaint, or even prayer request. Just fact collection. :) I think there was a lot of joy and wonderful commotion in the presence of the Lord. He blessed His church and even the visitors, guests, relatives of many and we celebrated and reached out to the citizens of this town and beyond. We had kids programs, food parcel gifts to community, street witnessing and private visits to folks with the joyful news of Christmas and the Gospel that followed The Birth. **So, please pray for all the seeds sown to be watered and to bear fruit. Few faces are new to our congregation. We pray that they love the Lord and bear fruit for His glory, for surely the Lord loves all of us and is so rich in mercy to all His children.

In January there a pastors conference in Moscow suburb and we had some wonderful guests back here in Vladimir after I returned. Tonight (Sunday 12th) we expect Wes and Mark from FRM to visit us as well. When we share in some good coffee and Christian fellowship and service with these brethren our Christmas season will be officially over. Please pray for Russian church. There are good Biblical thoughts in our heads, good Biblical vision to continue in the Lord's commandments, His work, but unless He builds the house all becomes hectic, hopeless vanity.

There are mission trips in perspective, new church prospects, indigenous peoples outreaches. We so need the Lord's confirmation, provision, protection. Only what is prepared by the Lord will see light.

In less than a month I am supposed to go teach at Bible college in Guatemala. Combined with that long range shot is usually a Cuba mission. The island is going through extra tough season these days. Politically there is changes and economically it's n a ditch. People have it really hard, so our little team is going at the end of February to help the local church. I will join the team right after the Bile college course. Because of my hospital adventures everything all the planning was thrown off to the back. I am unready as never before, but I believe that the Lord is opening this door for us. The team members have bought their tickets by now. It is my turn to make a move. If the Lord lays it on the hearts of some of my friends to join in this effort, would you please let me know. I need help with this journey. :) and that in record short time. As I write these last lines of my note I want to say that I truly trust that the Lord will provide in some wonderful way. May His name be lifted up and glorified!

Please pray for my family. Always need protection and help there.
Love, peace, joy, many blessings to you form our Father above!!!

In His love,
sincerely,

Brother Pasha.