

Peace, joy, love, grace, mercy to all to love the Lord and in this case specifically to those who care to hear it from me. Your Russian comrade humbly greets you, pray for you and hopes that you are well.

I also pray that you have enough patience to read my clumsy expressions and pray for all the stuff that you find in and between the lines. When I get to the English writing mode I get carried away sometimes by books phrases, or whatever other weirdness combination of words, I noticed. That is probably because English is not my own language. (I am afraid some people would say that about my Russian as well). However, since you are my friends (most of the readers of this note) I hope I can afford to write to you freely and not be afraid to offend dear souls there on the other side of the great water.

So, our team has gone to Cuba and back. One sister is actually still there, doing long term shift like last year. We were able to go work along the Cuban and American brothers in rebuilding a small church out in the country. Honestly, I can not picture in my mind any smoother sail as far as preparation and execution of the mission. Thank you for your prayers if in fact you did pray. It was blessed by the Lord from beginning to end. We had no problems whatsoever. So, our international team was very joyful as we finished up and moved on to our respected corners of the world to continue the ministry. For my self I just want to add two things in regards to Latin world ministry - I got to participate in the conference in Cuba and a block class in Guatemala prior to the construction work with the team. That too was very joyful and fruitful as the Lord had inspired with His Holy Spirit all the persons involved. I feel like these kind of things will be written in other books that will be read with more attention in the afterlife. For now I just want to suggest we pray for the long lasting effect from the Bible study and anointed fellowship in the students and conference attendants as it was very special, very genuine, very blessed time.

As I was gone from home the Lord did bless His church in Vladimir in my absence and took care of my family. I am very thankful to the Lord for His faithful gracious care. He does keep the promise to bless His people when they leave the homes and comforts for His Gospel sake.

When I was gone our church hosted a worship conference. All the participants say that it went very well and was quite beneficial in many regards. So, praise the Lord for that!!

This Saturday my old friend is getting married. We came to faith around the same time back in 1992, but shortly after he got lost. I may have mentioned him in my other letters. He was in church for 2-3 years now and his life is shining brightly right now. It is such a joy for all to see. Please pray for this new ministry unit to be - Sergae and Tanya.

Also just today we had a team return from Izhevsk, where we helped put on a retreat for the eastern part of Russia's Calvaries. Things went very well as we got the latest reports. The Lord is blessings His people as always. Many of you see the events and retreats endlessly right and left, but for us here each one is a jewel and we appreciate them very much. God's involvement and blessings of it even more so. There is definitely a great difference as mature Christian can detect between a Spirit filled event and other things that tend to grab our time and heart. So, I am happy to report all these good things.

Just recently I had a meeting with some social services and a certain suburb of our city administration. Very pleasant meeting and we can surely pray for these people to be saved by the Lord. But the outcome of the meeting is our agreement on starting a new ministry in that town. As a church we are invited to come and allowed to share the Gospel with people during a hot meal giveaway. The town administration took it upon themselves to make invitations and announcements. Only God knows how many people will show up. But our part is both the food and the Spiritual food. Gotta find a little boy with five breads and two fishes... and make sure the Lord is with us on this one. *If anyone would like to join us in this effort, please contact me. We will take any help and prayer most of all. The plan to do it is once a week for a while now. I will be looking for some tent, utensils and show for groceries next few days and onward. We shall see what comes. We pray that people meet Jesus and get saved.

Starting in the month of may there will be several conferences here at home and some guests from abroad with the goal of serving the Lord. Please pray with us for the youth conferences, camp outs, CC conferences in May and June, apologetic conference in August with the TBC ministry. All seem to be very timely and important matters.

There may be couple weddings coming up. Please pray for our young people to mature and become the salty salt for this next generation. My family needs prayer in this regard and many others. Certain parts of life to just be so hard to overcome. This part is both the kids and parents. Surely you all know those trials of life. So, we greatly appreciate your prayers and ask you to continue on in Spirit, with faith and love. We love and remember you and pray for you as well. Please don't hesitate to write in regards to any of the above of your own requests. Blessings! PB