



Mission to Russia

August Monthly Update



News from Simferopol, Crimea

Last month I took part in a Christian camp working with Crimean Tatar children. I conducted a workshop on aeromodelling, which was attended by more than 80 unbelieving children and youth. It was a good time to establish connections with many of them. I hope many will continue to work on modeling at the social center where I work during the school year. I also hope to get to know their parents and friends, and ultimately be able to convey the Gospel to them.

My family and I were able to visit several churches in the Krasnodar region as we search for a few more solid couples to join our team. Please continue to pray with us for a couple of more families to join our ministry.



-Evgeniy and Sasha Kulikov
Simferopol Church Plant



News from Minsk, Belarus

Many of you heard that our daughter Lyuba underwent an operation to remove her thyroid. After a course of postoperative rehabilitation, she is home, taking necessary medications, and her condition is improving. We are very grateful to you for your prayers.

At the end of June, several church friends and I participated in a week-long English ESL course. I became friends with 3 unbelieving men and I told them my testimony. Please pray for these men.

My friend Alexander and his wife Olga are musicians, and they recently began bringing their sons (Danil, Ilya and Kirill) to participate in rehearsals of our worship group (pictured above) and it has been amazing!

Also, several other men from our meetings participated in the English camp called "LinGo." It was also attended by many unbelievers. One of our young leaders, Maxim, started a small group with them.

- Andrei and Katya Grushin
Minsk Church Plant

Save the Date - My Way Camp 2019

If you can rough it for a week, sleep in a tent, and help lead groups of youth and young adults—then you should consider this unique mission trip. Next summer, why not help Kostroma Christian Church and Light to the World Academy with their annual My Way Camp? The trip will last approximately 10 days, and will take place between the following dates, July 5-22. So, pencil in the date and pray about it. The exact dates will be confirmed in January.

Our Mission

TO MULTIPLY CHURCHES IN
RUSSIAN-SPEAKING NATIONS



News from Nizhny Novgorod, Russia

My visit to Nizhny Novgorod last month went well. I was able to visit three local churches and talk with several potential team members for our church plant. Every church that I have visited (5 total so far) has been supportive of planting a new church in Nizhny. Several people have come up to me after the presentation and expressed their desire to pray for this ministry effort.

While it is encouraging to meet with potential partners who seem to be inspired by the idea of new churches being birthed to life, we are finding so few are ready to fully commit to this process. Our goal is to gather 3 more to be a part of our core leadership group for a new congregation. At this point we have 2 fully committed families (including us) and several who are still trying to determine the depth of their involvement.

As time is getting closer to the date of our relocation (December 2018), we're beginning to monitor the real-estate market in NN. The city of Nizhny Novgorod is 30 times larger than Gus-Krustalny, so rent is a lot higher. All of our expenses are going to increase as we make our move. Please pray, that God would provide everything as needed.

Ksusha and I celebrated our 11th wedding anniversary. We're happy to have so many blessings to show for all these years together. We are looking forward to spending all the time that God has prepared for us together.

- Sasha Lukmanov
Field Director and Nizhny Novgorod Church Plant

Directed Prayer

Pray for the church being planted in Simferopol and its minister, Evgeniy Kulikov.

- Pray for the continued outreach Evgeniy is doing with Tatar children.
- Pray for the formation of a strong church planting team.
- Pray for his family and his daughter's return to school.

Pray for the church being planted in Minsk and its minister, Andrei Grushin.

- Praise God for a successful surgery and continual recovery for Lyuba.
- Pray for our language team, and the involvement of new people.
- Pray for the development of our worship ministry.

Pray for Sasha, the field director and the church being planted in Nizhny Novgorod.

- Pray for committed help for the church plant in Nizhny Novgorod.
- Pray for confidence in the provision of God for all material needs as their cost of living increases.

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