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God's Vision is Our Mission

Siberia, Russia

It is God *"who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time."*

It is God's vision, therefore, He calls and commissions to the work. Our privilege is to surrender to the call of God. Isaiah said, "I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'who shall I send, and who will go for us?'" Isaiah responds with *"Then said I, Here am I: send me."* Isaiah 6:7. The Apostle Paul's response to the vision was, *"I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision."* Acts 26:19. A vision is a clear mental picture of what could be, fueled by a conviction that it should be. Therefore, a God-ordained vision will begin as a concern.

Our concern is that we might share the Gospel of the grace of God with as many people of the world as possible. Our concern is missions at home and to the uttermost parts of the Earth. Our trip to Russia granted us that opportunity to do that—the poor having the Gospel preached to them, visiting the fatherless and widows in their affliction and feeding and clothing the orphans. Every one of you that gave had a hand in God's vision in Siberia, Russia. *"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sin,"* (saved by faith in Jesus Christ) Acts 26:18. At Shatrovo, we saw 250 gather to hear the Gospel and over 150 responded and called on the Lord to save them.



Many gathered at Shatrovo in the district's Palace of Culture to hear the Word of God.

At Boarding School No. 6, 302 children attend school and of those, 79 are orphans. Food clothing, and mattresses were purchased for the orphans. We also shared a time of fellowship where the gospel was preached. I thank our Lord Jesus Christ, and Brother Tom Popelka for the opportunity to share in his vision for Russia in which God is doing a great work among the people. What a privilege! These precious souls for Christ—"For I was an hungred, and you gave me meat (food): I was thirsty, and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in (or cared for me): naked, and ye clothed me." The Gospel went out to those in prison as well, men and women heard and believed—"I was in prison, and you came unto me."



Excited orphans unloading new mattresses from the delivery truck.

Barbara and I had a wonderful time of ministry and fellowship in Kargopolye with Missionary Valery and his family. Thirteen souls trusted on Christ as Savior. One of the precious moments of the service was when two Russian lads began to sing in Russian but then changed and sang in English "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus". We were surprised and pleased to hear it. After the service was a time of dining and fellowship at the home of Nilolai and Nadezhda, members of the church. We had a sweet time in the Lord—they could teach America much about love and fellowship.



"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" was the song and testimony of these two young lads.

One of the highlights of the ministry among the people was at Kirovo, at the home of Galiua. I preached and Galiua's daughter Nastya and three others repented and prayed to receive Christ as Savior. An elderly man named Jacob, a believer since the age of six, told how he suffered much under communism as a youngster in school and as an adult until freedom finally came. Now he's rejoicing and giving thanks for the freedom to proclaim his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ openly--which he sees as precious considering the number of times he was arrested for just having a Bible.



Julius and Barbara at the home of Galiua.

Back row (starting with Julius and going to the left: Julius, Segei and Galiua. To the right of Julius: two individuals who accepted Christ.

Second row: woman with the white hat accepted Christ. She was elected Mayor of the district.

Front row: Jacob and Nastya (in the red blouse), and Barbara

The opportunity to reach Siberia with the Gospel is a great privilege indeed. Pastor Sergei shared his need for gas in order to visit and disciple the many new works started in the districts and region of Siberia. We have sent \$100 to help with this expense with Tom and Gary R. Smith on the May trip. We hope to send more funds in August for gas for Pastor Sergei and for food and clothing for the orphanage. We are praying that our friends would stand with us financially with their gifts.

Since March 11, 2001, those that gave their lives to Christ at Shatrovo, committed themselves to Bible Study for six weeks, and then a new church will be formed. Please pray with us, Pastor Sergei and Katherine that God would move all obstacles and hindrances.

We have also been invited by Pastor Jose N. Andrews to minister in Chandigarh, India and would have to raise all the funds for this trip. We ask you to pray earnestly about supporting this endeavor.

Dear beloved, pray for us as we take the Good News of the Grace of God to a needy world in desperate need of the Bread of Life, the Lord Jesus—to extend the invitation to all who would hear. *“And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.”*

Thank you for your past financial support and prayers. Your continued support would greatly be appreciated and would enable us to continue to spread the gospel both here and abroad.



We had wonderful fellowship at the home of Valery, Olga and their children (Simon and Sonya).

Pastor Sergei on the right.

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