

Sampsons

St. Petersburg, Russia

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Здравствуйте, (hello),

During January and February we were able to visit churches in Arkansas, West Virginia, Indiana, and Missouri. We have enjoyed seeing old friend and making new ones. Thanks to all of you for your support and prayers that encourage us so much.

We have been on furlough for 6 months now and we have been amazed at the number of Russians we have met in the US. One particular time, while I was on a plane heading to some churches, I heard a group of young people boarding the plane speaking a language I did not understand. Most of them were teens or college age. One of the young ladies sat next to me. I asked her what language they were speaking. She said German. I told her that I speak Russian and English. She looked surprised and said, "You speak Russian!?" We then began to speak in Russian because she struggled in English. She told me that they were foreign exchange students from Germany. Then she went on to explain that she was born in Russia and her parents moved to Germany when she was six years old. She was fluent in German and Russian. I shared with her our ministry and this gave me the opportunity to give her the gospel. She did not get saved, but I gave her some gospel tracks in Russian that I keep on me. It was neat to see how God brings just the right people into our path to share the gospel with. To my knowledge she was the only other Russian speaking person on the plane. She was a German foreign exchange student and sat right next to me. God works in amazing ways.

We are getting close to the time when we need to purchase tickets for our return trip to Russia this summer. Please continue to pray for the visa situation. New visa laws are making it difficult to get in the country so we need God's hand and direction in it.

Praises: Reported to churches in Arkansas, West Virginia, Indiana, and Missouri, been able to meet and witness to Russians in the US.

Request: Getting a bible college curriculum in Russian, raise money for an apartment to live in and a building/apartment to start a church in upon our return, Visas to live and minister in Russia.

For Lost Russian Souls,

Keith Sampson