

# *Sampsons*

## **St. Petersburg, Russia**

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Здравствуйте, (hello),

I want to thank all the wonderful churches we have visited thus far. You have been a blessing to me and my family. This past 2 months I have been in Kentucky, Indiana, and Missouri and enjoyed being in several inspiring conferences and churches.

There are two major areas we desperately need your prayers and help. While we were in Russia for 3.5 years we lost half of our buying power because of the devaluation of the dollar and the inflation rate in Russia. It is like losing half of our support while we are on the field. God has blessed us with some new churches and some who have raised our support bringing us to 80% of what we need to return to the field. Thanks so much to those who have chosen to partner with us or raised our support. Please pray for the other 20% to come in and consider raising our support or partnering with us to do God's work in Russia.

The other major need is that of visas. Russia is making it much more difficult for missionaries to enter Russia. I am planning to return to Russia June 2, but with the new visa law we can stay in Russia no longer than 3 months then we have to leave Russia for a 3 month period before we can return. We are optimistic that we can get permission to stay in Russia for the long term but we need to research more options. Though we have no plans to leave the region, if we are denied visas for Russia we may move to a border city that is Russian speaking (Such as in Estonia or Ukraine). Please pray with us for God's direction.

**Praises:** Reported to churches in Kentucky, Indiana, and Missouri, Currently have 80% of the needed support raised.

**Request:** Getting a bible college curriculum in Russian, Visas to live and minister in Russia, Raise the remaining 20% to return to Russia.

For Lost Russian Souls,

*Keith Sampson*