



To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light ... that they may receive forgiveness of sins... Acts 26:18

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*Prayer Needs*  
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- God to open the eyes of the Russians here in Narva
- Street evangelism
- Soccer ministry
- Medical needs of my family
- Michael to be saved
- Starting church services in our new facilities in Sept.
- Renovation cost of \$5,000:  
\$4425 received  
\$575 still needed

Greetings from the land of white nights,

The heat of summer is here and reports of heat waves in the U.S.A. keep coming in. Temperatures like these can be trying and discouraging especially when there is no relieve from the heat. It can be this way in the spiritual battle as well. Constant bombardment with no relief can bring exhaustion and discouragement.

The last 2 months have been exactly that, spiritually exhausting. The apathy of people not caring about their future and spiritual things has been very discouraging. Street evangelism has not been bearing fruit and no interest in studying the Bible. Im trying to get a group together to start a church in our new facilities with little success. The summer soccer team I coach (the middle school boys) have not been listening and are defiant and haven't worked as a team. As a result we placed last in the tournament making them angry and unresponsive. With my family, my kids back problems have been getting worse and my wife's health struggles are showing up with inadequate medical care here to address it. I hit bottom. God, what am I to do? Am I in the right place? So, I spent a day at the office fasting and praying, crying out to God.

His answer:

My wife meet me that evening to walk home (white nights so it was still light outside). As we were talking in English, a young man named Michael walked by and then turned and ask in English where we were from. My wife replied "From America". He explain he had spent 5 years in England and the conversation went from there. He had spent a year in prison and during that time started to search out spiritual things and had considered different religions, even Muslim. We talked for about 30 minutes and exchanged numbers. A couple of days later I meet him for tea at his apartment and I was able give him the plan of salvation! I invited him to our church services amd he said he would be there. Latter he called and asked what time services will be so he could invited his friend to come!!

For lost Russian souls

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