

# R E A C H I N G R U S S I A N S



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

- Lisa's health
- God would prepare the hearts of the people of Narva
- Moving expenses
  - \$4,000 for tickets
  - \$1,000 for moving our stuff from St Petersburg.

The fresh crisp air of winter is here and we are looking forward to the holidays and the opportunities it brings. Many know the reason for the season but don't know the joy it brings with the awesome gift of salvation. I have had some great opportunities to pass out Christmas tracts and then start conversations with people this season.

Thanks to the many churches who have faithfully supported and prayed for us. We have been blessed by the churches we have visited. My travels have taken me to Missouri, Virginia, and West Virginia

My wife is doing much better. Thanks for your prayers for her and please continue to pray for her healing. As my last letter stated, she was diagnosed with Celiac Disease. We are optimistic that we have found the source of the problems that have been plaguing her for the last 4 years. It is an autoimmune disease that attacks your intestine when you eat or drink gluten (found in most grains). It is a slow process of healing since her intestines have to regenerate the damaged parts. There is no medication or surgery that can help, it is strictly controlled by diet. She has to be very particular about what she eats. So many things that we eat contain gluten including ketchups, sauces, spices, meats injected with flavorings, etc. It has been a big adjustment for us. We are not sure what will be available for her in Narva, Estonia so we do need your prayers with her dealing with her strict diet and moving to Estonia. Pray also that we will quickly be able to find the foods she needs and learn the Estonian words for the ingredients that she cannot have.

Her last doctor appointment will be Feb 17 to see if the antibody levels attacking her intestines have gone down. We will be able to leave for Estonia after that. We are praying that we will be able to leave in February or March.

The city of Narva is on the Russian, Estonian border and there are currently no missionaries in this city of 70,000 people. We are longing to get there, get settled and see what great things God will do in this region. Pray for Narva that God will prepare the way in the hearts of the people. There are many there who need to hear the gospel.

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