

# *Sampsons*

## **St. Petersburg, Russia**

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ЗдравствуйТЕ, (hello),

It is white nights now in Northern Russia. Right now the sun does not set. In St. Petersburg at 12:00 midnight, dusk is just beginning. Then, it will gradually go from dusk to dawn and skip darkness. At the moment of writing this letter, I am in Vyborg, Russia. It is two hours north by train from St. Petersburg, so the nights are even brighter. Very few cities in the world are north of here.

I have enjoyed being back in Russia for a month speaking Russian, seeing old friends, and getting out on the streets to witness again. I am staying with a Russian pastor friend and enjoying the fellowship and discussions on church planting strategies.

My search for a visa to effectively live and minister in Russia has presented some opportunities to consider. All of the options have their pros and cons. Pray with us as we consider what avenue God would have us take. We are hopeful to have direction this summer as to how and where God wants us.

Continue to keep our team of missionaries and Russian pastors in your prayers as we continue to develop our Bible College curriculum and clearing house. Also pray for God to call Russian laborers to be trained and go out to be pastors and church planters.

**Praises:** Arrived safely in Russia for a month, found some options of obtaining a visa to live in Russia.

**Request:** Direction from God of how and where he wants us to obtain a visa to minister to the Russian people. Wisdom for our team as we continue to develop our Bible College curriculum and organize a clearinghouse.

For Lost Russian Souls,

*Keith Sampson*