

**600,000 Russian-speaking people in New York City need a church that speaks their language...**



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**D**ear friend,



**T**hanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Eve are all connected with family, feasting, and heartwarming traditions. People often travel to take part in happy reunions. We thank the Lord that we have been given a good portion of these blessings in recent months!

**D**an was on the road in October. His relationship with one of the churches he visited in Ohio dates back to 1989, when he served there for a week each summer for three years in a row as a Neighborhood Bible Time youth evangelist. One family recounted a specific way that our son had blessed their family during a previous visit. He had been about eight years old at that time, and now he is thirty. It's a reminder that you don't have to be a preacher, or even an adult, to make an impact and leave a lasting impression on someone else's life!

**A**nother church that Dan visited was the very first church that had invited us as brand-new missionaries in 1997 to participate in their missions conference. It was great to meet up again with one of the men in that church who had gone to college with us, and also great to fellowship over lunch with the retired pastor's son and his wife.

**A** third church he visited is now co-pastored by the man whom God used to start it 50 years ago, and his grandson, who hadn't been born when we first visited the church. What a tremendous godly heritage!

**B**etween Sundays in Ohio, Dan traveled to his home state of Kentucky. In addition to visiting family, he also sought out one of his high school teachers and two of his friends from elementary school. He unexpectedly met some distant relatives for the first time. He reminisced with the pastor who was preaching on the night that Dan was saved in 1983. Next, he drove down into Tennessee to

  
reconnect with a young college student who worked with us here in New York during the summer. Finally, Dan returned to Ohio, to the house where he had lived after he was first born. The people who live there now were probably surprised when

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they found a gospel tract from New York on their door!

**A**fter a final visit to a church in West Virginia, Dan returned to New York. In his absence, we were delighted to have one of our men lead singing for the first time, and another young lady translate for the first time! She had no experience translating in public and was nervous, but was willing to try since no one else was available.



**O**ur whole family traveled to New Hampshire for a busy missions conference in November. This church also first received us in 1997, when we had recently begun deputation to Siberia. At the time, we had ONE supporting church and 0.7% of our support raised! We thank the Lord that many of our supporting churches have partnered with us for a long time, and here the Lord knit our hearts together with a special family among our dearest friends and greatest helpers. We are humbled by God's goodness to us, and look forward to a visit from their church's teen group next year!



**W**e've had visitors in church each of the past three months, including on Thanksgiving! Please continue to pray for Max, Louis, and Alma to be saved, as well as others.



**W**e have already participated through Scripture and song in the citywide Christmas Singspiration. We have an enhanced Nativity scene in the yard, and soon we will again be on the street to pass out Bible calendars along with our winter glove evangelistic outreach. Christ has come! May His presence bless us, every one!

**S**erving our Saviour,

Dan, Sherry, Shastya, Gabriel, Emma, & Kelsie