



Mission to Russia

I want to thank you so much for your prayers and support on this incredible adventure. God truly worked in tremendous and very visible ways. Here are some of the highlights of our experience.

Our Travels

We flew from DFW to Atlanta and from there we had a direct flight to Moscow. After a day and a half in Moscow (with lots of great touring) we took an over night train to Voronezh. We were based at a hotel in Voronezh and took a small bus each day from the city of Voronezh (~1-2 million population) to the village of Novogremyachenskoye (~1000 population) with our team of 8 Americans and 8 Russian interpreters. It was in this village where we did ministry each day throughout the week.

Summary of the Trip

We were so blessed to get to build relationships with students at the high school in Novogremyachenskoye throughout the week. We were able to share Christ with students individually and even in an all school assembly! It was so amazing. After a week of pouring into these students, God saw fit to draw six teenage girls into His kingdom! We praise God for His incredible grace to allow us to participate in their salvation! All that God orchestrated by His design cannot be summed up in this letter. Praise Him for His glorious works!



More Online

Please check out more of the pictures and watch videos from the trip on Facebook! For those that are not on Facebook, email me (chris.thompson@woodcreekchurch.com) to get a non-facebook user link.



Monday

I was so elated to get to go into the school and be with the youth! It was so much fun to share about my excitement of being in a country of which I had read so much about. We were able to share with students individually about Christ through the colored bracelets that we handed out. But their eyes told us that they were not interested and would rather talk about American pop stars. So much of the day was spent playing volleyball and ping-pong and developing relationships.



House Visit

Tuesday

The school held an assembly for us to talk about addictions (which is a very common occurrence there). But, after Betty and Dean shared their messages, by the grace of God, the students wanted me to speak! I had nothing prepared and no stories relating to addiction, so I just got up and shared the gospel! It was fantastic! The students told us that they had never heard this message before! That afternoon, we made house visits to share Christ with some

families in the village. These were prearranged by the local pastor. By God's design, the two homes that we entered had 4 of the students that we had been connecting with already! We were able to continue to talk about the love of Christ with these young ladies!

Wednesday

Again, by God's orchestration, we were able to return to the school (unplanned). Almost all of the students had gone home for the day except two. They got on their cell phones and in a very short while a group of students that we had really been connecting with came back to the school to hang out with us crazy Americans! We played volleyball for a couple of hours and then we got to sit down and respond to the questions that they had about Jesus Christ.

Thursday

We had a couple of work projects going on at the church in Novogremyachenskoye. While at the school for lunch, we invited the students to come and join us at the church. They had a great time working in the garden. That evening they were able to come to a concert

Hanging Out at the School

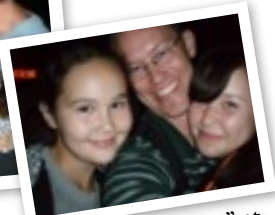


Working at the Church

where the gospel was consistently and clearly communicated. By the end of the night, the girls were ready to put their trust in Christ as their Savior! It was such a precious moment as we prayed with those six wonderful young ladies whose eternal destiny has been forever changed!



Praying with the Girls



Saying "Goodbye" at the Train Station

Thank you!

God truly blessed this trip for His purposes and the furtherance of the gospel. Thank you so much for your support and prayers. Your partnership is so precious and your prayers were definitely felt! **Psalm 106:8**