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## Dear Supporters:

First I want to thank all of you for your continued support of William Woods Mission to Russia (WWMTR). It was William's desire the work would endure after his passing. Andre and Simeon are doing a great job in accomplishing that very thing. As you know Simeon is the "hands on" servant while Andre is more the teacher, although both share the full range of duties. The end result is a growing church in Don and a widening ministry in the Komi republic. The very reasons we partnered with William all those years ago.

The war in Ukraine created difficulties in moving money to their bank in Moscow. Fortunately, the sanctions did not include the Austrian bank we had been using, which staffed a Moscow branch from which Andre and Simeon could receive the support we sent. But then the Austrian bank, being the only one left unsanctioned, increased wire transfer fees from \$29 to \$500. As we were seeking a way around the increased cost, Andre suggested converting dollars to euros and then wiring the money. Viola! It worked and the wire only cost \$29.

With the death of William and the transfer of WWMTR to Grace Bible Church many ceased their support. To the point that about half of the monthly need of \$1400 is received. Eighteen months ago we alerted our missionaries in Russia that in a few months we would have to lower our giving to \$700 a month. But God is good and brought a gift of over \$13,000 along with a few other year end gifts. So we have been able to maintain the giving level for the time being. If regular giving does not increase we will have to cut our support in half at the beginning of next year.

I am asking each of you to consider your continuation of your support to this worthy ministry. I would also like to send someone to your church to present the ministry and it's need in an effort to raise our support base.

Again I thank you for you partnership with us in the work in Russia and would ask you to consider a presentation at your church.

In Christ:

Dr. Joseph Stewart