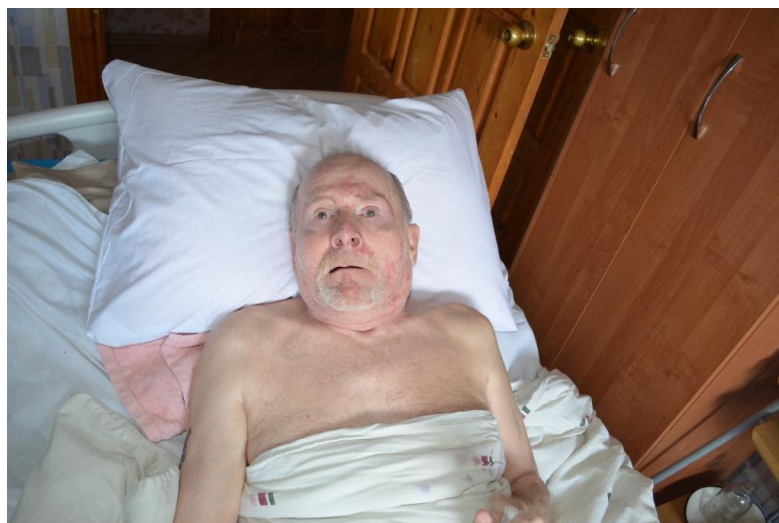


We are doing good by His grace. Here is some of the things what has been going on in the ministry.

On May 25th 2017 we were able to buy clothes for the kids from the Ust-Kulom boarding school for needy children coming from problem families. Some of those kids were being sent to a summer camp and they were in need of clothes. Many of the kids' parents cannot afford buying clothes for their children. The school's staff appreciate the ministry's involvement in the school's life. These kids get to listen to the Good News every once in a while and we praise the Lord for that opportunity. See picture 1. The boy to the left had a very tough life. His mother killed her husband and could not support her son. That was why he ended up at the boarding school.



William is still being taken care of in the city of Syktyvkar. In July, 2017 Maria the nurse was able to find a better apartment for William and the nursing staff. So, now he is in another apartment. He had some problems with bleeding in his intestines again, Maria and doctors were able to stop the bleeding. Here is one of the latest pictures of William. Many people from Syktyvkar churches visit William in the apartment. When one talks to William he reacts and sometimes tries to say something. When I talked to him last time he had tears in his eyes. See picture below. Praise GOD he got his residency permit for another 5 years!!!!



The next picture was taken at the dawn of the ministry in Don back in 2003 or 2004. We were asked to fix the porch of an old lady's house. During the work we got to know Olga (the old lady's daughter). She was living by

herself in Don while her husband and children were living thousands of miles from her in the Ukraine. For some reason they had separated. Olga did not know what to do with her life. She was lost in sin. After a while she started asking questions about her life, the Christian faith etc. Olga was actually one of the first people who came to know Christ through the ministry. After she repented William and Andre started talking with her about reuniting her family. The ministry sponsored her moving to the Ukraine. She reunited with her family, became a member of a local evangelical church. She is still serving the Lord in the Ukraine. This summer her daughter Alexandra had a Christian wedding. She married a Christian. What a blessing!!! Wow! I praise the Lord for the way He turned Olga's life around through such a simple work project. You never know the size of the impact your words and actions will have generations around you!



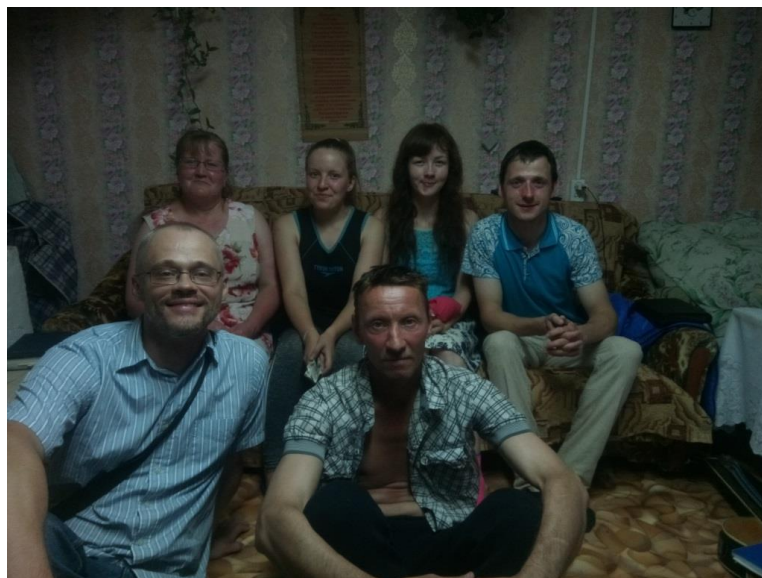
The church in Don is doing good. We are currently doing a series on the Book of Proverbs. Pastor Larry from Bloomington sent Pastor Andre a Hebrew Bible. Andre has been studying Biblical Hebrew for several years now. Many people from the Don church appreciate interesting nuggets of Biblical wisdom from the Sunday school. In August, 2017 the Don church folks had a service in the open. Pastor Andre was on vacation in his hometown. Simeon invited his friend Pastor Eugene from another town to preach. It was a great time of fellowship, fun that was a blessing to everyone who was there.



This summer Simeon went to the remote village of Ugidtidor in Ust-Kulom district to help a local family build a wood stove. The village does not even have electricity. They use generators to produce electricity. Simeon built a wood stove for Fedor and his wife. He shared the Good News with them. He goes there every once in a while to hunt and fish with Fedor.



Simeon and Andre continue going to the village of Kekur to hold Bible studies there. Peter, the head of the family, quit drinking and wants to be baptized. The Lord willing we should baptize him his fall. His wife Luba has been on fire for the Lord for several years now. Their daughter Nadya loves Jesus too. She attends an evangelical church in Syktyvkar where she is a student. Olga, who is also from Kekur, married a minister and is now living in Syktyvkar and attending a local church there. See picture below (Front row – Andre and Peter. Second row left to right – Luba, Nadya, Olga and her husband Dima).



To God be all the glory!!!!

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