

WILLIAM WOOD MISSIONS TO RUSSIA



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ANNOUNCING: NEW MISSION FORMED

The organizational meeting of William Wood Missions to Russia was held on August 8, 2002. Twelve founding members met with the purpose of organizing as a not-for-profit mission to send William (Bill) Wood to Russia again as an emissary of the Christian faith. Non-profit status is pending. Attending were William Wood, Steve & Dianna Law, Doug & Connie Connell, Becky Robertson, Dave & Sue Bates, Lance & Arlene Steele, and Dan & April Ashton.



Beginning and spreading from a discussion in a local church's Sunday school class, the desire to help Bill in his ministry was laid upon the hearts of these individuals from various church affiliations. Joining in William's desire and vision to return to Russia in January 2003 for five more years, the group adopted the following Mission Statement: **"All (100%) donations will go toward helping the blind, elderly, poor, invalid, orphaned, widowed, and imprisoned of Russia with the basic needs of life. However, our main focus is to bring the Good News, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, to win souls giving all the glory, honor, praise, and thanks to God."**

The following Statement of Faith was also adopted: **"We believe in the one true eternal God existing in three Persons: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe Jesus Christ is God, the Living Word, who became flesh to die on the cross. We believe He rose from the grave in three days to redeem all who will repent, believe and receive Him as their Savior and Lord, and place all trust in Him alone to save us from the penalty of sin which is eternal Hell. We believe the Bible is the word of God, our love letter from Him and instruction book for daily living. We believe there is only one way to God through Jesus, receiving complete forgiveness and the right as His children to reign with Him in His paradise called Heaven."**

"...helping the blind, elderly, poor, invalid, orphaned, widowed, and imprisoned of Russia...bringing the Good News...."

ABOUT WILLIAM WOOD

"If Paul was the chief of sinners, then I was the Admiral," explains William Wood. "God not only saved my spiritual soul, but my physical life as well." Hopelessness, drunkenness, greed, self-hatred, total dependence on narcotics, and suicidal tendencies ended when William called on God. "Having totaled two cars because of alcohol and drugs, I knew it was only a matter of time until I killed someone, maybe even a little child." That fear helped send William to his knees to accept Christ as his Savior in 1991. From 1992-1997 William participated with Josh McDowell Ministries on nine two-week mission trips to Russia. He has also worked with Russian missions with Dr. Bill Becknell of Agape Medical Center, Manchester, KY for four years. William hopes to return to Russia in January of 2003.

ABOVE ALL ELSE, PRAYER.....

William's prayer requests:

“That I always keep Lord Jesus as my first true love and always give the glory, honor, and praise to Him.

That I will be obedient to His will, not mine.

That I do nothing without love.

That God will grant me, this ministry, and all volunteer staff with great wisdom concerning His will and His gifts.

That the Lord God will bless the ministry by opening doors and hearts that we might share His good news, winning souls in numbers as many as grains of sand on a beach.

That God will even grant more special blessings to all who support this ministry.

That God will always lead, prepare the path, and protect us from evil.”

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS NEEDED

In order for William to return to Russia, the word must get out! If your church, Sunday school class, civic organization, women's group, Bible Study group, etc. would like to hear about William's mission trips to Russia, please contact Steve & Dianna Law at 309-627-2778 or Dan Ashton at 309-627-2593. William is more than willing to share what God has laid upon his heart to do for the people in the outermost regions of Russia. William is an interesting speaker, and it quickly becomes apparent that he is a humble servant of God with a passion to return to the mission field.

HEARD THE “TALK” BEFORE.....

Many people can testify to the ministry of William Wood as he meets the needs of the Russian people first, then shares the Gospel.

“Masha”, a young university student from Russia who has worked with William as an interpreter sees him as “a man in whom I can see Jesus.” Masha continues, “The Russian people have heard so much “talk” before, but when William comes into their village and fixes their roofs or paints their homes, they will listen to what he has to say.”

___ Yes, I would like to support William Wood Missions to Russia with my monthly gift of:

___ \$100 ___ \$75 ___ \$50 ___ \$25 ___ \$10 ___ Other

___ I would like to support William Wood Missions to Russia with a one time gift of: _____

Mail to William Wood Missions to Russia, c/o Steve Law, RR 1 Box 222, Gladstone, IL 61437
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NEEDS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

The following items are needed for William Wood Missions to Russia. William will take as much as he can in January and send the rest with a fellow mission person at a later date. If you can purchase any of the items William needs to take with him, please call Ashton's (309-627-2593), Steele's (309-627-2513), or Law's (309-627-2778) with your intentions. We wish to make the best use of your donations and avoid having too many of one item and not enough of another. Final date for accepting donations is December 15, 2002.



Prisoners in Northern Russia to whom William ministers.

- Monthly financial support to equal \$15,000 a year.
- New tennis shoes for boys and girls ages 8-18 to be used at orphanages and some local churches.
- Men's size medium and large athletic suits (tops and bottoms) in dark colors for use at the prison. (Zippered top, not sweat pants and sweat shirts. These athletic suits repel water better than the cotton sweat suits.)
- Men's socks dark in color (note: NOT white) for the prison.
- One new STIHL chainsaw – small blade. Used for cutting firewood in remote villages.
- Short combination hand saw – coarse blade (5-6)
- For painting at hospitals and orphanages:
 - Paint rollers (3)
 - Paint roller refills – short nap – (8)
 - Paint brushes – 4" good quality as will be used many times (5-6)
 - Paint scrapers (5-6)
- Laptop computer/printer – to maintain contact with the U.S and send news
- Small hand-held dictation recorder and batteries
- For use at hospitals, orphanages, schools:
 - 5 sets volleyball nets and volleyballs (uninflated)
 - 5 soccer balls (uninflated)
 - 5 sets ping pong nets, paddles, and balls
 - 3-5 basketballs (uninflated)
 - 4 ball pumps
 - 3 packs inflation needles
- School supplies such as colored paper, glue, crayons, pencil sharpeners, pencils, erasers, watercolors and brushes.
- 35 mm auto focus camera – not "disposable" kind – and film. For documenting missions.
- **Prayer warriors desperately needed! Please consider lifting up this ministry to God daily.**

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