

February, 2018:

Hello WWMtR supporters!

February 1st, I went to see William. The good news is that William has not been getting worse. He is still being taken care of in an apartment in Syktyvkar. Quite a few visitors visit with him on a regular basis. Maria got him a new bed that should help him move his limbs more. While there I was able to use my smartphone to give William a chance to have a video chat with some of his American friends. He nodded, waved, was fully aware of what was being said.



Our sister Tamara from the Don church is a social worker in the district. Sometimes she shares at church about how the Lord uses her to help different people in need. Last Sunday she mentioned a young single mom with three little children who needed somebody to buy them groceries. After the service the Don church folks collected money to buy them groceries. We went to visit the family, bought them groceries and shared with the mom. Her name is Xenia. Tamara had been helping Xenia for several years. Tamara said she would get Xenia a Bible. Xenia appreciated the help. The father of the 3 kids drinks quite a bit and does very little to support the family. A pretty typical story. We hope Xenia will start reading her Bible and get to know the Heavenly Father. Here is a picture of Xenia's little boy Ivan carrying a box of oatmeal cereal from the grocery bag we got them.





William Wood Mission to Russia has always believed in working together with Christian churches of different denominations to promote the cause of the Gospel. The Syktyvkar Source of Life church invited me to give a talk on Biblical Hebrew. Believers from several Syktyvkar churches showed up. I used the Book of Psalms to show the congregation some buried nuggets of truth from the Hebrew text of the Psalms. It was a great night of fellowship. Hopefully our cooperation with the Source of Life church will continue. The Source of Life church blessed us with some Christmas gifts and we were able to distribute those among the local needy folks.

While I was at the Source of Life church, I was approached by some Christian believers from the local Komi Church. The Komi Church is a network of Protestant churches in the Komi Republic that focuses on ministering to the Komi people. They are heavily involved in translating the Bible into the Komi language. They already translated the New Testament, the Book of Psalms and, most recently, the Proverbs of Solomon. They gave me quite a few copies of the Proverbs of Solomon in Komi to distribute among the Komi people of the Don church and other folks of our district. What a good surprise it was! The next Sunday morning when I started reading the Proverbs in Komi, many church folks from the Don church were excited to hear the Word of God in their own language! Although many Komi folks are bilingual, they still love the idea of the Word of God being read in their own language. Here is a picture of the Proverbs of Solomon in Komi.



Thank you everyone for your prayer support as well as your financial contributions! They are very much appreciated.

May the Lord bless you and keep you always,

Andre