

WILLIAM WOOD MISSIONS TO RUSSIA



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UNTIL WE MEET AGAIN.....

This will be our last newsletter until February 2003. At this time I say “Dasvadonya!”, a Russian word that means NOT goodbye, but “till we meet again.” Only God knows when I can return for a visit back to America, but you will all be in my prayers and thoughts. Please remember I am able to go to Russia because of you. God’s love and Holy Word will be spread because of you. This is NOT my ministry, it’s OURS! We are co-partners serving the one true God. I remember living the four years in Russia and dreaming of a home cooked meal, of being warm in the winter, my family, and you, of worshiping and praying with you, sunny days, and the comfort of America. We truly have a lot to thank God for.

Dasvadonya,
William

MESSAGES FROM WILLIAM

► I had no idea just how much you all love Jesus! (Mathew 22:39 – Love your neighbor as you love yourself, and I Corinthians 16:14 “Do everything in love.”) You all have shown me great love by your gifts to God. True, you sent the donations and pledges to William Wood Missions to Russia, but they go directly to God through us. If God could use a thermometer to measure your giving, I TRULY believe it would read “BOILING.” I send again my very best personal thanks to each and everyone one of you.

► A very special thanks to all of the WWM to R volunteer staff members who are doing a great job serving God. We are all one body in Christ and not one is anymore important than the other except our Head, Lord Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN....

....To come to Russia in June 2003! Work with William on a 12-day mission trip and get your hands dirty. No suits and ties required. Just a willingness to work in very remote areas with orphans, in schools or private homes, and wherever there are needs to be met. Count on rough conditions, no Hilton Hotels, and infrequent bathing. If this sounds intriguing to you, contact William through Steve Law at 309-627-2778.

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CONSIDER A MONTHLY DONATION!

Although pledges and donations have begun to come in, more are needed to send William to Russia and keep him there meeting the needs of the Russian people. Please, if you have not already, consider a monthly gift to support William with the job that God has given him to do. **Very few missions can say that 100% of your donation will go directly to the mission field.** This is possible because the volunteers of WWM to R donate their time. The board also personally pays for the administrative costs themselves, so your donation truly goes to Russia. As you make your decision, read what Dr. Bill Becknell of Agape Medical says about William: *"...He has a servant's heart and works endlessly. Already he has shared the Good News with many. William is a true evangelist."*

Won't you consider a monthly pledge?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GIFTS!

For those who have contributed to William Wood Missions to Russia, a BIG thank you! You are helping God reach some of the outermost regions of Russia with the Good News and the daily needs that they so desperately lack. May God bless you in many ways.

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.

____ 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 yearly gift of: _____

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Mail to William Wood Missions to Russia, c/o Steve Law, RR 1 Box 222, Gladstone, IL 61437

For more information contact: Steve and Dianna Law – 309-627-2778 or Dan Ashton – 309-627-2593
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Thank you for your giving!

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 Steve Law (309-627-2778) with your intentions. Final date for accepting donations is December 15, 2002.

New items to list:

- Consider donating money **for the purchase of these items IN RUSSIA**: mark your donation accordingly.
 - Spade and shovel - \$24.00
 - Circular saw - \$250.00
 - 2 - 100 foot electrical cords - \$15.00
- **William can take these items with him.** Miscellaneous carpentry items needed:
 - Plumb-bob, small hand saws, 2 – metric 25-30 foot measuring tapes, 1 - 4 foot level, 2 hammers, carpenter pencils, 2 box knives with extra blades, several tool belts, one set metric allen wrenches, 2 pair small vice grips, 2 pair large vice grips, 1 set metric deep wall sockets 10 mm and larger, 1 very good hand stapler with staples, hammer drill
- Small cassette radio with batteries. Used for playing Bible on tape, etc.
- 10 mag pen lights
- Black Bic pens – as many as possible!!!!

Last month's list:

- 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.
- 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)
- **Important! Laptop computer/printer – to maintain contact with the U.S and send news**
- For use at hospitals, orphanages, schools:
 - 5 sets volleyball nets and volleyballs (un-inflated)
 - 5 soccer balls (un-inflated)
 - 5 sets ping pong nets, paddles, and balls
 - 3-5 basketballs (un-inflated)
 - 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.**

EXCITING UP-DATES

- *Donated! STIHL chainsaw. Thank you!*
- *Donated! Dictation recorder. Thank you!*
- *Rozetta Baptist Church's Kids' Clubs are collecting school supplies for their missions project!*
- *Great River Christian School is collecting school supplies as a missions project!*

William has been able to share what God has done in Russia to the following churches:

- *Grace Bible Church – Dallas City*
- *Rozetta Baptist Church – Little York*
- *E Free Church – Aledo*
- *Immanuel Baptist Church Monmouth*
- *Gladstone Methodist Adult Sunday School.*

“COME BACK TO RUSSIA, WILLIAM!”

Following is a letter written to Agape Medical Center concerning William Wood. William served on several two-week missions trips to Russia with Agape Medical Center.

“William Wood comes to see our children from the Nephrology Ward, giving each of them gifts from God – Gospel Bracelets and Children’s Bibles. He tells them about God’s love to people, great Jesus’s love and eternal life in Heaven. William also gives each child a small toy: a car, a Barbie doll, ballpoint pen....Older children and parents get the New Testament from him.

All children love to read the Bible because they love to learn more about Jesus’s life. The Children’s Bible educates and teaches what is clean and what is beautiful, because it’s beautifully illustrated.

The Nephrology children are privileged to have this relationship with William. They long to be with him like young green sprouts long for the Sun. William’s love to God is “transmitted” to them by his talks about God and by the little things he does with them. He did a great favor for the Ward by repairing the playground, by buying toys for them.

Warm heart, loving kindness, joy and sincere compassion for sick children are evident in William because every day he prays for them.

With respect,
The Nephrology Ward teacher Larissa Alexandrovna”



“We love you, William!
Come back to Moscow!
Merry Christmas!
Your Children”
12-25-2000



William presents a new pair of shoes to this young Russian boy who had spent six years in the hospital.

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