

# WILLIAM WOOD MISSIONS TO RUSSIA



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## SPEND A DAY IN RUSSIA WITH THE TEAM

What's a typical day like for the mission team in Russia?

It begins very early in the morning when William rises from his bed, which is a mat spread out across a table or bench in the living room. Remember, it's a small house with only two bedrooms. Olga and Svieta have one of the bedrooms, and Simeon and Andrey share the other bedroom.

Since William is the first one up, he usually starts breakfast, which consists of eggs and cheese, bread and butter with a little jam. Tea is the morning drink of choice.

After everyone is up and has eaten breakfast, they split up to have their morning devotions. William prefers to have his in the bonya because it's more private. The rest of the team find spots around the house.

Then it's time for the morning chores. These include taking care of the fire in the peachka and getting enough firewood inside for the day, pumping water for inside drinking water and hauling six gallons of water to the bonya. During the summer months, they also do a lot of weeding around the house. In the winter they don't do a lot of snow shoveling as we think of it. They do snow digging—as in digging paths from the house to the bonya or the house to the shed.

After the morning chores are finished, the mission team starts on all the mission jobs that are already in progress or have just arrived. For example, William might go out to the shed to weld on a horse cart for one person and then another person shows up with another welding problem. Or they might get a phone call from the school because the heating system stopped working and can the team come fix it?

So the day is filled with work projects of one sort or another. They do break for lunch, which is usually in the capable hands of Olga and Svieta.

Afternoon projects always include cutting more and more firewood, either for themselves or for a needy person. The locals are always coming around if just to visit and talk. Kids also come over all the time because they know they're safe. Think of your favorite place to be because you know you're safe, secure and loved. That's how it is with these kids who show up.

Sometimes during the day, the team gets so spread out that they're not able to have lunch together, but they always strive to get together for supper. This is a good time to discuss the day and plan for the next day. After supper, Simeon and Andrey usually practice their music while the rest of the team visits or reads.

However, even their evenings have become event-filled. Monday night has become "Sports Night." Seventeen miles from Don is a town with a gym. So they load up the van with as many kids as possible and head to the gym. The mission team also built a soccer field in Don. On many evenings, the local kids will come knocking on the door and begging Simeon and Andrey to come play soccer with them. Tuesday night has become "Video Night." The team empties out the living room except for the TV and VCR. Someone makes pop corn and tea. Then they pop a Christian video in the VCR and watch it. This has become a popular event for kids and adults in Don alike.

Wednesday night is Bible study night. William or Andrey take turns leading this study, which will last anywhere from 2-4 hours.

No special events are held on Thursday or Friday nights. If they can, the team tries to make Thursday more of a personal day so they can take care of things like laundry and other personal needs. Saturday night has

a special event though. As most of you know already, Sunday is definitely the biggest day at the house because it turns into a church on this day. Typically, church lasts pretty much all day. They gather for the worship service and then they stay for lunch and then they worship and study the Bible together some more. There have been times when they've stayed together late into Sunday night.

In preparation for Sunday, the team always gathers together on Saturday night. They light one candle, and they spend time together in prayer for the Sunday worship service. William calls it their "Unity Prayer Time."

As you can see, there's rarely a dull moment for the team, rarely a time for twiddling thumbs. As much as possible, they've dedicated themselves to spending as much time as possible spreading the good news of Jesus Christ to as many souls as possible. Are we getting our money's worth? And then some!

## GARY YOUNG JOINS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gary Young of Oquawka was elected to the William Wood Missions To Russia Board of Directors at the annual meeting this past July. Gary has become a wonderful supporter of WWMtR and believes strongly in the mission. We welcome Gary aboard and look forward to working extensively with him as we continue to help William and the mission team with all the behind-the-scenes tasks.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR BECKY ROBERTSON

One member of our Board of Directors, Becky Robertson, has been stricken with acute leukemia and faces a monumental battle in order to defeat it. Please pray for Becky and for her healing.

### Monthly Donations Needed!

We thank everyone who has donated to WWMtoR with your gifts and pledges. However, more funds are needed to keep William in Russia meeting the needs of the Russian people. Very few missions can say that 100% of your donation will go directly to the mission field. This is possible because William uses his personal pension for his living expenses. All administrative expenses are donated by the board, so any contribution you make to the ministry truly goes to Russia. In William's own words, *"Praise our Holy God and thanks to all of you for allowing me to return to Russia... and the people I love so deeply!"* Please help us keep William in Russia.

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Thank you for your giving!

*"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."*

## 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 returned to Russia January 1, 2003. He has set up his main base in the settlement of Don in the Komi Republic. The WWMtoR Board is hoping to raise enough support for William to remain in Russia 5 years.**

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