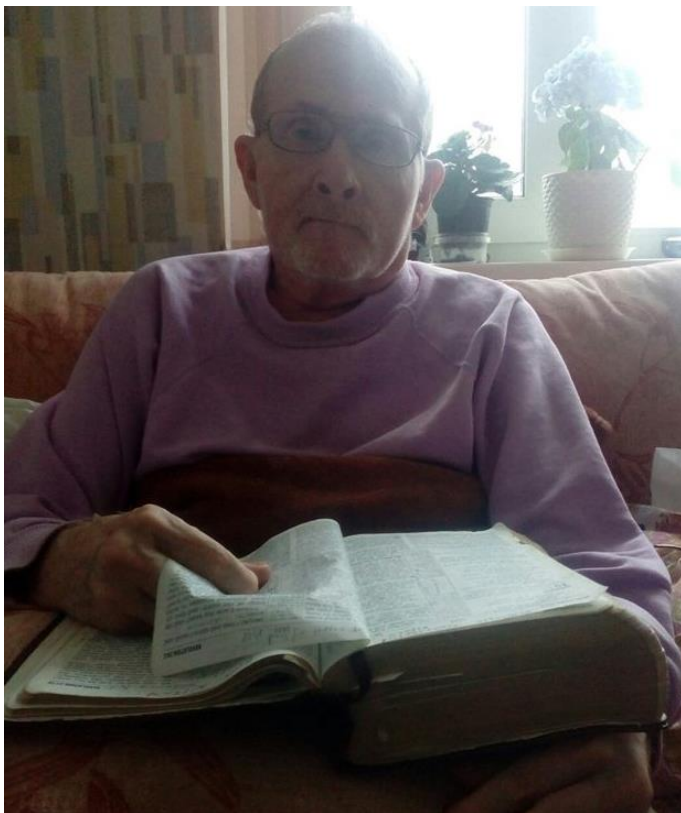


# William Wood Missions to Russia

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## Update on William

William continues to make health improvements, praise God! Over the last month, Maria his nurse has taught him how to write! While it will be awhile before Bill teaches a calligraphy class, he can now hold a pen and scrawl his name. As pictured below, Maria also is able to sit Bill up so he can read his Bible. Bill is able to move his arms and



legs some, and according to Andre, enjoys being able to read his Bible.

The Russian Social Security Service has now decided to give William handicap status and a Russian pension! Since he has been a Russian resident, he is now entitled to certain benefits such as a pension and some free medication. God is using the Russian government to help provide for William!

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! (Eph. 3:20)*

William's house in Greva has not been lived in for more than two years now. Simeon recently visited Greva to check on the house, and unfortunately the house has been broken into and vandalized by local youths. However, being an old village house, Andre says it would be extremely hard to sell the house, even prior to the break-in.

## The Don Church



On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, around 18 youths and the youth pastor from the Syktyvkar Baptist Church joined the Don church for Sunday Service.



It was a great time of fellowship, singing, and fun together, both at the Don church and at the local community building.



The visitors stayed a couple days and were a blessing to the Don church family and were blessed in return. The youth pastor shared a message about the importance of being generous, while Andre shared a message from Ecclesiastes about our lives being a vanity without God at the center.

The Don church is still doing a study series through Proverbs. Andre writes: *“We are being blessed by studying God’s profound and timeless wisdom!”*

*Blessed are those who find wisdom, those who gain understanding, for she is more profitable than silver and yields better returns than gold. (Prov. 3:13-14)*

## Visits to Kekur

About once or twice a month Andre and Simeon make the bumpy ride to the village of Kekur to hold Bible studies with Luba and her husband Peter. Peter quit drinking and accepted Christ as Savior earlier this year. He is now seeking baptism (once the weather warms up)!



Their most recent visit was on October 31<sup>st</sup>, which coincidentally was the 500 year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Andre writes: “...Had a great celebration of Reformation Day with Peter and Luba. [We] talked about the impact of the Reformation on our days. Reformation must go on in our hearts and minds! May the Lord help all of us get transformed into the image of Christ!”



## Wintery Weather

It's beginning to look a bit like winter in northern Russia! Pictured here are Andre's two sons Aaron and Daniel along with Ilya, a boy from the Don church. While they have plenty of snow this time of year, there's one thing they don't have: Pumpkin spice coffee. “I loved it the moment I tried it last time,” Andre writes. “It is the taste of fall in the States, we simply don't have it here [in Komi] ...one of the first things I would do if I came to Illinois, I would get me and my wife a big mug of pumpkin spice Starbucks coffee!”



We thank everyone who has donated to WWMtoR with your gifts & pledges which help meet the needs of the Russian people. We are thrilled to say that 100% of your donation goes directly to the mission field. This is possible because William uses his personal pension for his living expenses, and all administrative expenses are donated by the board. So any contribution you make to the ministry truly goes to Russia, funding needs and service projects, and partially supporting William's full-time ministry partners, Andre and Simeon and their families. 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 continue to partner with us in this great work in Russia.

## 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 initially set up his main base in the settlement of Don in the Komi Republic.

The Lord used him and his ministry partners, Andre and Simeon, to plant a church there. When the church was established, the Lord led William to the village of Greva, six hours from Don, where he served and demonstrated the love of Christ to the Russian people until 2015. Andre and Simeon remain in Don, pasturing, leading and teaching the believers there; they continue in William's legacy of service and sharing the Gospel with the precious people in Don and the surrounding villages, both near and far. God is multiplying your generous giving to support these exciting ministries and to grow God's Kingdom in the Komi Republic.

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