

# William Wood Missions to Russia

## April 2020



### William's Health

Andre reports that William's health is about the same. As Andre talked to William during a recent visit, William was able to nod along in conversation. His nurse Maria continues doing a terrific job taking care of him.



### Visit to Timsher

Earlier in the year Andre and brother Arthur visited the remote village of Timsher to visit a 100-year-old man named Arnold Kirst. Arnold recently had his 100th birthday in December. The two men visited with Arnold, listening to his life stories and reminding him about God's Word and love. Andre relates that Arnold's life story is amazing, as it is a reflection of the complex history of Russia. *(continued on next page)*



Arnold was born in the Ukraine. Later, the communist party took his family's possessions & they had to move to Soviet Russia. At one point, Arnold almost died of typhoid. He was later sent to Komi Republic to the village of Timsher to work in the logging industry in a communist concentration camp. Many people died of malnutrition, sickness and exhaustion. Yet... still God kept him alive!



Arnold lived to see the USSR collapse, had 3 children, many grandchildren. Andre says Arnold has a Bible and the men encouraged Arnold to think about God. Andre says one lesson he learned from Arnold's life story: if God wants you to live, you will live despite all the difficulties and trials: our lives are in HIS caring hands!

## The Don Church

In recent weeks Andre was invited to teach at the Source of Life church in Syktyvkar. This is one of the Komi churches that the Don church sometimes does projects with. The topic of Andre's message was "Conquering Envy in Our Lives" and he also shared some biblical Hebrew. Andre says his visit was a wonderful time of fellowship and praising the Lord.

In late winter Andre led the Don church through the book of Nehemiah and its timeless leadership principles. *(below is a recent picture from a Don church service)*



# COVID-19 in Komi

Due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic, Russia is also currently experiencing shutdown. Schools and churches have been temporarily closed. *This includes the Don church.* Andre says the Don church family is trying to stay positive and trusting in the Lord. *(to the right is a recent picture of the Don church family sharing a fellowship meal prior to the shutdown)*



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