

WILLIAM WOOD MISSIONS TO RUSSIA



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FIND WWMTOR ON THE WEB!

At last, and with the wonderful help of super-supporter Rodger Whitehall, our little mission has a website! For the past several months, Rodger has worked diligently getting the website up and running. He still has plenty of work to do and lots & lots of information to get on it, but it is officially ready for viewing. There are newsletters, new and old, and pictures w/ more to come. You will also find our Mission Statement and Statement of Faith. If you have a question about any aspect of the mission, there's a contact page. There's also a project diary that Andrey started keeping when William and he first landed in Don to begin the ministry. To date, we've already had visitors from around the world, and we're just launching the promotion of it. Rodger cautions that many of those "visitors" could be hackers who like to mess up new websites, but he's on top of that and has built in protections for that sort of thing. Other "visitors" include search engines like Google that want to add our address to their library of websites. That way when someone googles William Wood, our website is first in line!

This is an exciting development for our mission! From the beginning, God has provided so sufficiently and graciously, meeting all of our needs. We don't require a lot of funding to help us promote the Gospel in northern Russia, but William, Andrey and Simeon would also tell us that the more funds they have, the more people they can help. Since every dime we raise ends up in Russia in the hands of our 3 missionaries, it stands to reason that the more people who find out about the mission, the more funds we will hopefully raise to help them.

Whoops—almost forgot the most important aspect. The website address is www.wwmator.org. Visit it today and see what you think. If it raises questions for you, contact us, and we'll get you the answer! Share the website with your friends, neighbors and church. And finally, if you know Rodger personally, be sure and thank him for his wonderful contribution to our mission. He has wonderfully blessed William Wood Missions to Russia!

SIMEON AND ANDREY PAY WILLIAM A VISIT

Since William has moved to Greva, it's not often that our 3 missionaries are able to get together. During the winter, travel is arduous and even dangerous. During the warmer months, the three men are incredibly busy w/ all sorts of mission work. However, it also seems important to keep the mission team in front of our supporters, maybe more so now that they've split up into two different villages. So at our request, the three recently joined up in Greva for a "photo-shoot." Andrey and Simeon traveled to Greva this past February and were able to spend four days with William. Following are pictures from the day:



William, Simeon and Andrey standing outside William's new home in Greva.



William and Andrey pose for Simeon



From L to R: William, Andrey & Simeon



Enough picture-taking, time to get to work!



And the best picture of all—the 3 join up to form a cross!

A LETTER FROM WILLIAM

Kent Willis from Countryside Bible Church belongs to a small group that supports WWMtoR in a variety of ways: prayer, monetarily and through gift packages. Recently Kent stopped by my office with a photocopied letter from William that he and his group received. I wanted to share it with everyone because it does such a good job of capturing the atmosphere of the mission. Following is the letter:

Dear Kent,

No, I or we have not forgotten to let you know that your precious love box arrived. All boxes were sent to Don—Great! No problem with that; however, I moved from Don last July. Pastor Andrey picks up all my mail even when it's in my name. The small local post office has always had my blessing with this—total trust.

I'm now living in Greva, a 6-hour, hard drive from Don and in another district. It's remote to the point that there is no home phone connection, no cell phone, no internet, no way to reach me. I have to travel 29 kilometers to the head of the district to use the public internet and make cellphone calls.

Andrey received your box along with some others. We were finally able to meet and opened all the boxes. I kept one jar of peanut butter, and the rest went to Andrey, Simeon, Alexcia, and other church people and families. In just one Bible study evening, they went through one jar of peanut butter! I also gave one jar of peanut butter and 1 box of potato packets to one of your best young Christian ladies, Marina. She attends college and is in her first year. She has 3 younger sisters, 2 of them under 4 years. Her mother is a great Christian who was saved in the Don church. But her dad is a heavy alcoholic, doing almost nothing to help the family. We have shared the gospel with him more times than I can count. He is ashamed but unable to stop. He keeps saying he will stop, but as yet—no. We keep praying.

Marina's college is not free. The ministry paid 85% of her fees. They provide a dorm free, but food is not provided. Also, they must take a bus twice a day, again not free. So I gave her some peanut butter and potato packs and drink packets. I will continue to give her food money every so often. She gets great grades and studies very hard and attends a church we know and have worked with in the past.

My personal, deep thanks for your precious love box. I know personally how much they love these items. My personal thanks for sending Love and Light through your giving. I know the cost of sending and can appreciate the cost of the items—NOT cheap!

Love, prayers and deep thanks!
William Wood and the Don Church

NEW VAN FUND INCHES CLOSER TO \$5,000!

Thanks to the arrival of a few more extra gifts from supporters of William Wood Missions To Russia, our new van campaign total has now reached \$4,788.32! Please continue to keep this mission need in your prayers as a new vehicle is badly needed. In fact, two new vehicles are badly needed, but William continues to keep the old "heart van" in running order and for now, suits his purposes in Greva. God has blessed us to this point, and He will continue in His perfect timing. Thank all of you so much!