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## *Summer update from the Winklers*

*“May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us: Yes, establish the work of our hands.”*

*Psalm 90:16-17*

**Russia is open!** Just after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday I got word Russia is issuing visas again and is open for travel. The next day my passport was on its way to the Russian Consulate and I received it back the end of July. Without



hesitation, I was on my way. I knew it would not be easy to travel and there would be a few extra risks and hassles. Things like riding on crowded buses, 3 covid tests etc., but I could not wait to be back with so many close friends. It was fantastic to get first hand updates, pray, plan for this coming year and to begin to prepare for summer camps in 2022.



**Sharing the gospel with Muslims** - In Pyatigorsk, as you well know, there are many people groups and most of them are Muslim. As our ministry team grows with more and more committed believers, the subject of reaching and communicating Christ with Muslims increases. Some of the girls who have come to Christ are married to Muslims. Soon the subject of their faith arose. because he believes it is a foreign

many Muslims still sacrifice animals, foreign and that that Jesus is the lamb the need for the operating room to be Anything could defile the operating



room unclean. He continued to share that to be with God, you need to be clean and that is why we need Jesus. These words seem to make sense. This is just the beginning of the journey for many. Recognizing their need, then believing that Jesus meets this need and has the power to change their lives forever.

One day Andre was with one of the childbirth and the need for a C-section. This man does not accept Christianity religion. As they spoke about sacrifices, Andre shared how Christianity is not sacrifice. Then he began to share about completely clean during the C-section. room and you can't just walk into the

**The church in Russia is growing** - Last month, I had the opportunity to help a group of believers in the city of Tomsk purchase a building for the first time. It is not far from the university and will be a great place to meet, pray and invite others to. Back in the early 90's when we lived in Russia, and were launching the work, Joey Womble was on our team and he and his wife are still working with the Siberian churches today. There are now 4 churches! Joey and Michele Womble are amazing servants!

**Break something!** Sometimes it's just time to break the routine and covid sure did this. Even though we had to cancel the American portion of the summer camps, the camps went on! We are so thankful for



how God continues to use these camps to open the doors for new students in the schools, building relationships with the parents and laying the foundations for the future. Sveta and Katya, who came through the camps a few years ago, are now just starting a new Bible study with teenagers from the camps. What makes this even possible is that



their parents trust Andre and Ira who lead the school.

**The home front!** I am so glad to be able to now since my accident, healing is still a ways functional. To have 80% of my left lung is a She has a new group of high school girls she meet with them for 4 years during their high she will serve them tea and dessert and twice! And during the week she meets with of the girls she disciplined in the past, some is in the house and when. We have an open ladies in and out all the time just means I the bedroom! Thank you so much for your



travel again. It has been a year away, but I am more and more great blessing! Denise is amazing. meets with every Friday. She will school years and believe it or not, never repeat the same dessert ladies and individually with many now married. I never know who door policy, so having girls and better be dressed before I leave faithfulness to us and this work.

With our love & prayers,

*Doug & of course Denise too!*

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