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Prayer requests from the Lutheran Church in Russia and actually beyond

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Greetings in Christ from the Lutheran Church in Russia

OK, my last prayer letter was sent out in at the beginning of December, so once again I am behind--a lot of travel. This prayer letter will be brief as I am leaving tomorrow on another trip--briefly to the USA and then on to Canada. There I plan to meet up with Pastor Yaroslav Boychenko who is flying in from Nizhniy Novgorod, and God willing we will visit with parishes in Canada to talk about the Russian Lutheran Church in the Volga Valley.

Since my last prayer letter, besides continuing teaching at our Theological Institute, leading English Worship service at St. Anne's in St. Petersburg (not pictures this letter), I was asked to help lead a seminar for youth, and I once again travelled with our Bishop on visitations. Last week I returned from that trip which took us to our parishes in Rzhev and Borisoglebs. From there we went to Bishkek in Kyrgystan for a meeting with the Kyrgyz Lutheran Church leaders and missionaries from Latvia to talk about co-work, returning to Rhzev and then back to St. Petersburg.

The mass mailer program I have been using has informed me that there are rule changes coming in February that will no longer allow me to send out emails from a gmail address--I will need to have a more private domain. I will see what I can do about that.

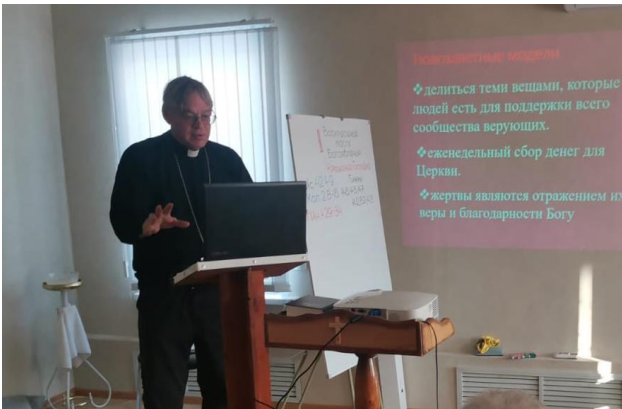
Although I will repeat this in the prayer requests below, pray for safe travels for both pastor Yaroslav and myself, for ease in crossing borders and so forth. While in the States I will be briefly in Melrose park (arriving on the 31st), then I drive down to St. Louis to see my son, then on to Virginia to see my daughter. From there I fly to Toronto Canada--Feb 12th. In Canada God willing I meet with Slava and after some time in Toronto, we are on to Edmonton and then Calgary (and then back to Toronto). Joel Heck of Concordia Seminary in Edmonton is helping with travel arrangements so he has the schedule.

Blessings,
Leif

The Mountains Surrounding Bishkek Kyrgystan



PASTORS' SEMINAR IN BORISOGLEBS



While there Bishop Ivan led worship for the pastors and the ladies who were feeding us. He also went over the plans for the district and various strategies for evangelizing.

FROM BORISOGLEBS TO BISHKEK



From Borisoglebs we drove to Moscow then flew to Bishkek to meet with Church leaders there and two Latvian missionaries. Latvia has been the hub for PLI work in Eastern Europe, and they had asked for this meeting to talk about fortifying work among Russian speaking Churches. Our Bishop, along with Bishop Kingebek from the Kyrgyz Lutheran Church agreed to help organize work for Russian speaking countries which would include Kazakhstan.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH IN BISHKEK



The spread of Christianity in Kyrgystan is becoming more and more difficult as Islamic influence grows stronger and stronger. The need for pastors, leaders and experienced evangelists is extremely important.

As I understand it the parish in Bishkek is largely the fruit of LCMS missionaries and we were privileged to be able to worship before we left. We were also privileged to witness a baptism. The man's name is Radical. Sort of prophetic to the radical change faith and baptism makes in our lives.

INSTALLING A CATECHET



On returning to Moscow we drove to Rzhey to install Alexander as a Catechet. A catechet in the Ingrian Church is a person qualified to assist a pastor. Alexander has actually finished our Theological Institute and is qualified to be ordained as a pastor. The decision was to have him serve as a Catechet for 6 months and if all goes well, he could then be ordained as a pastor. As this took place on Monday afternoon, not many from the congregation could attend.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for:

- Safe travel to and from Russia, the USA and Canada for me and for pastor Yaroslav, especially that Yaroslav have no problem crossing borders (he will be only going to Canada);
- Pray also that our Lord bless our trip according to His will;
- Pray for the Kyrgyz Lutheran Church and their work;
- Pray for our Lutheran pastors in the border regions in the south of Russia;
- Pray for Pastor Konstantin Subbotin who will be leading English language services in my absence, and;
- Pray or our Seminary and the continued education of pastors and leaders for our Church.

TEACHING YOUTH LEADERS



During the winter school break I was asked to lead a Bible study in seeking God's will for the young youth workers and volunteers.

The Signs of the Times 1



Translation: Don't park your car here.
The nearest tire repair shop is a
kilometer away.

The Signs of the Times 2



On the inside door of the men's room –
Translation: ATTENTION - VIDEO
SURVEILLANCE IS ACTIVE

Blessings in Christ, I will leave the hymn verse this month to you all, it is already time for me to check into my flight...

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