The Hearron Family Newsletter

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Missionaries to Russia

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Small Projects and Warm Weather

The weather this summer was ideal and allowed for us to complete some long needed projects. For several years now, the two entrances to our home had only roughed in walls. With the help of a friend, Ruslan, we were finally able to get them sided and all of the electric wiring done and lighting in place. What a change this has made to our home.

When my friends from Tajikistan arrived we began a long dreaded repair to two of our bathrooms. Almost from the moment we moved in to our home in 2008, the grout began coming out from between the floor tiles and over the years almost all of the tiles have come unglued from the sub-flooring. We had to remove the bathtubs and toilets to remove the tile, repair the sub-floor and then laid PVC click laminate flooring. We also replaced the plastic laminate ceiling that was coming down in both rooms. Bonnie and I have dreaded this project, but now it is finished - making such a difference!

Ministry Update

As many of you know, changes in Russian legislation regarding religious gatherings and missionary activity have made it much more difficult to freely minster the Gospel. Since returning last November from furlough, we have been forced to modify and search new ways to share our faith, while remaining under the radar. We are hoping to get official Religious Group status which is supposed to help make things somewhat easier to evangelize. However, that remains to be seen. In the meantime, we have been having what we call, "Family Gathering Bible Studies" with whoever wishes to attend. Following this gathering we have a meal together. Bonnie has earned many rewards in Heaven for the wonderful meals she has prepared.

Bro. Kosty is always faithful to drive from the city with his son and spends the whole day with us. Many times he has lead our Bible study. Sergey and Elena, believers who live in our village, come to most of our family gatherings. For much of the summer we had a good group of young children visit with their parent's permission, but of late have stopped coming.

I would ask that you pray for Oleg, a young teen boy. He was removed by social services from his home because his parents were drunks and neglected his well being. He was placed in an orphanage in the big city. Oleg loved to visit our family. He was learning so much and reading his Bible. Please pray for his salvation and for the Lord to make it possible for us to find him and work out a way for him to visit our family.

Family Youth Night

This summer we were not allowed to conduct our VBS. Instead, we planned a Family Youth Night. Two christian families from the city brought with them a group of young people to spend the evening with our family and our young people. It was a great time of food, fellowship, games and a practical Bible lesson.

We were specially blessed by Victor, an elderly pensioner, who came with his horse and wagon and gave the kids rides around the village. I was able to share a Gospel witness with this man. Please pray for his salvation.

Helping Others

Sergey and Elena have been such a blessing to our family. For our last two furloughs they volunteered to watch our home and dogs during our absence. This summer we were able to return the favor; and our family helped with installing a complete heating system in their village home.

We started out by having to pour a foundation slab and then build walls to make a boiler room that doubles as a small workshop for Sergey. I was so proud of our kids that jumped to the opportunity to help and pitch in when making concrete and pouring the slab floor.

I have gained lots of building experience while living in the village and can do just about anything, but a complete heating system from start to finish is something I have never tackled. After a few corrections to stop leaky fittings, the coal stove was fired up and everything worked like a charm. This winter our dear friends will stay warm and comfy. Praise the Lord!

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