

The Hearron Family Newsletter

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Missionaries to Russia

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Sometimes God Has Different Plans

Our family is grateful for your prayers. We arrived safely in Oklahoma City, OK on July 11. After a few days of getting acclimated and over jet-lag, we were able to locate and purchase a vehicle for our family of seven. Having had the vehicle only two weeks, my father and I were returning home from the store when I was rear-ended by a gentleman who had just come from kidney dialysis. As we waited for the police, my father and I were able to witness to him and give him a Gospel tract. There was only minor damage to the vehicle, however, it took three weeks instead of two to get the job done right, matching the paint to the rest of the car.

Although this furlough was to be dedicated to raising the final 15% of needed support, we have only been able to visit a few supporting churches in the OKC area. What we have been doing is getting and going to appointments with medical specialists to diagnose and treat several serious medical conditions.

Abigail has seen an orthopedic surgeon for her wrist disorder. After x-rays and a MRI the doctor believes it is carpal tunnel related. Although he can not prove it, he seems to think that her wrist fracture, of three years ago, somehow compromised the carpal nerve area. He did, however, administer a steroid injection into the carpal tunnel and this has proven effective in alleviating her persistent pain.

My gastroenterologist has ruled out any serious stomach issues that Russian doctors thought were the source of my abominable pain. It seems my stomach erosion diagnosed in Russia has gotten better. He also confirmed that the mechanics of my stomach stapling surgery undergone in 1999 is still in place and not an issue for concern. In mid-September, I underwent surgery to my left elbow. An earlier MRI showed degenerative tendon damage, which was the cause of the severe pain in my forearm for over a year. The doctor just recently removed the surgical splint/cast. I have been actively doing physical therapy to regain range of motion. At my last visit, the surgeon was hopeful that the remaining stiffness around the elbow and pain, when squeezing a fist, should eventually go away. He further recommends continued strengthening exercises.

Three weeks ago, a MRI to my neck showed two herniated discs and arthritic spurs that have been the cause of numbness in my fingers, arm pain and back spasms. These symptoms have become more severe in the last couple of years. Just before leaving on furlough, I was in such severe pain that the Russian doctors had to give 7 injections along the cervical spine and muscle tissue surrounding my shoulders, so that I could get relief and sleep at night. Surgery was scheduled for October 25th, however, getting insurance approval has been difficult. Please pray for my doctor to prove medical necessity during a scheduled peer to peer review. It is critical that I have this operation as soon as possible and before returning to Russia. Recovery usually requires 4-6 weeks.

You can only imagine my frustration. Potential meetings with new churches, in which I had planned to candidate for new support, have all been put on hold. Pray I can get this surgery date resolved, so that I might have a few weeks to heal and then travel to these new churches to raise additional support before our departure for Russia on December 31.

Great News From Siberia!

For many years, you have prayed for Brother Kosty. He was saved several years ago in our ministry. He is a faithful brother in Christ and one of my dearest friends. He has suffered much as a result of his walk with Christ, enduring much abuse from his former wife. She has used their youngest son as a pawn to manipulate Kosty. He and I have spent many times in prayer for his situation and for the salvation of this son, Alek.

Having been on furlough just over a month, Kosty called me on FaceTime. Alek was present and expressed his desire to be saved. Choking back tears, I was able to lead Alek to a saving faith in our Saviour. From halfway around the world, this young boy bowed his head and confessed Christ as Lord. This moment with Alek might not have come about had it not been for the faithful prayers of a father burdened for his son to be saved. Kosty has strived to live a consistent christian life before his son. He has invested hours in Bible study with Alek. Now you can praise our great God over this one sinner that now knows our Lord.



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