



Happy Holidays From The Fountains

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WISHING YOU GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

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Prayer Points:

- For a long and healthy relationship with our new landlady.
- For God to help us print attractive tracts with a clear Gospel message.
- For God to use the tracts we have distributed to change lives.
- For our church to grow spiritually.
- For our financial support to remain strong through the holiday season.

**Thank you
for supporting
Russian Missions!**

AN EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT

In December we were finally able to get settled into an apartment. After much prayer and waiting, God provided an apartment beyond our expectations. It is bigger than we hoped, cheaper than any others we looked at, and closer to our area of ministry than ever before. What God has prepared is always worth waiting for!

NEW FAMILY PIC

The long-awaited family photo is finally ready. Our kids have grown so much the past year that we thought it was time to update our photo. No, Craton is not taller than me, but he will be by next year. For now he'll have to stand on his tiptoes in order to look me in the eye.

PRINTING PARTNERS



For the past 8 months I have been working with another Missionary, Kevin Plaster, to develop new evangelism tools in Russian. Not a lot of good material exists and we want to equip Russian believers to share their faith effectively.

We have worked loosely together on various projects since last spring, but have recently formed a more clear partnership to mass produce Bible materials in tract form. Kevin has a vision to print the tracts "in house" and has purchased several pieces of professional printing equipment. Another Missionary, Ken Howell, has also joined us to help with artwork. Ken worked as a printer before coming to Russia and his experience has proven invaluable. I do the editing and get the tracts into printable form.

I had my doubts early on, but the response we have gotten from Russian Christians, desperate for quality evangelism tools, has proven the need for this work. Please pray that these resources would be the seeds of an abundant harvest.

NO THANKS!

Not long ago I was handing out some of our tracts in an open market. Literally hundreds of workers sell everything from cauliflower to cow's tongue there. The smell is almost unbearable near the meat and fish market, but it seemed like a good idea to give all of these workers a tract. I began with a stack of 500 and ran out just before reaching the last few workers.

Our materials are very attractive, but one man refused to take one when I offered it to him. "No, Thanks!" he said, "I don't need that." The workers on both sides eagerly reached for the tract and I quickly distributed a handful to them. They immediately began to read them as I turned to the man again and asked, "Would you like one now?". He smiled and said, "Yes, please" and began to read it for himself.

Probably about 90% of these workers were Muslim. One man stopped me after reading the tract and told me that it was very important to think about what would happen to our soul after death. Please pray that others would feel the same.

PREACHING TO MYSELF



On Sundays I have been teaching through Romans. The messages have been very well received, but I have found this letter of Paul to be very convicting in my own life. God's Word is sharper than a two-edged sword. Please pray that it would pierce other hearts as it has my own.

THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE!!!

Remember that this is a team effort. When you pray for us or send support, you are taking a stand alongside us to reach this city and this country with the message of Salvation. Thank you for your decision.

Your Partners,

Shaye, Lisa and Kids