



# What's Happening With The Fountains?

Missionaries in St. Petersburg, Russia since 1997

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## Prayer Points:

- For Lisa's complete recovery and continued health.
- For our church in Russia to take leadership of the local ministry there.
- For God to continue using us in His work.
- For our family as we wait on God to open a door for our future service.
- For our financial support to continue through this time of transition.

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## RECOVERING, WORKING, & WAITING

### Update on Lisa

*Lisa is home and recovering well from her surgery.* Her doctor is confident that they have corrected the problem now



and Lisa is very happy with the results so far. She feels better than she has in a long time. Thank you all for your prayers and visits while she was in the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to heal.

### Update on Russian Church

*After my departure from St. Petersburg, my partners there decided it was time to turn a large portion of the church leadership over to the Russian families in the congregation.* Often mission churches become very dependent upon missionaries to lead them indefinitely. It is vital for them to make the work of the church personal and take ownership of the ministry. This is a bold move and will truly challenge our congregation to live out their



faith. Please pray that God would work in and through the lives of the Russian believers there in St. Petersburg.

### Serving Where We Are

*As always, the summer provides many opportunities for us to serve in our home church.* We have been privileged to lead the Missions class at Vacation Bible School for several years now and it is always exciting to think of the future missionaries that may be sitting in front of us. Our church is involved in various mission trips and camps which gives me the opportunity to fill in for our pastor while he is away. Preaching and teaching in English is SO great. I have really been enjoying helping with visitation and it has been an added blessing to get to know people better. Just getting to serve alongside my pastor is an honor. I am fortunate to have a wonderful pastor who has taught me a great deal about ministry. Please pray that we would always be busy about God's work.

### Call Waiting



*Many of you have inquired about where we will end up serving. God has not opened a door yet, but we are confident that He has a plan*

*and a place for us to serve.* It is our prayer that we will be able to remain close to home so that we can be near our families. We think this will also make the transition easier for our children. However, we are open to whatever God leads us to do. We know that His plans are always better than our own.

I have often preached that biblical "hope" is not just wishful thinking, but rather a confident expectation. And we are confident in our God and expect great things from Him. I cannot wait to see what He has in store.

### What About Financial Support?



*Several have asked us if we still need financial support, and we do. Transitioning home from the mission field is tough for missionaries.* If you feel God leading you to stop supporting us then we understand. If you feel led to help us through this season of change, then we thank you and ask that you continue sending support to MCII as usual. God willing, we will be ministering at a church soon and will no longer have this need.

*Thank you for your faithful partnership!*

Serving Him,

*Shaye, Lisa and Kids*