



# THE REASONER REPORT

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## “FIRSTS” AND FAITHFULNESS

The past few months have brought with them a number of “firsts” for us both personally and in our ministry. I recently experienced the first broken bone in my life of 35 years during a Sunday afternoon soccer outreach. Thankfully, it was only a finger, but it was my first major experience with the Russian medical system. After they placed the cast, I asked them how long it would need to be on, and they said six weeks. I told them we had plans to return to the US in four weeks, and they said they would take it off before I left, because they didn’t want the American doctors to see their Russian medical work. Even the doctors here know the medical system here is not to be trusted. We are thankful the Lord has protected us, and we have required medical help sparingly in our time here. We have truly seen the power of your prayers in that regard. While in the States for our two and a half week visa trip, I went through some medical testing for an as of yet undiagnosed condition in my legs. We are still waiting on the biopsy results, so please pray for my health in this matter. It was wonderfully encouraging to see how the Lord used the people in the church during our absence. Our theme this year was “God’s Church, Our Responsibility,” and the people had the opportunity to truly put the theme to practice, and it was wonderful to witness. Due to technology, we were able to listen to every sermon and continue discipling and communicating with everyone even while gone, and God truly blessed. Though thankful for their faithfulness, we are happy to be back where God has called us. We are hard at work preparing for Christmas. We have our church program on the 29th and our Christmas outreach program on January 4th, since the traditional Christmas date in Russia is January 7th. Please pray that God blesses both these opportunities to bring glory to His name.

## THANKSGIVING BY MICHELLE

We recently enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving service. Each year it is an outreach opportunity to invite others to come take part in an American holiday. It is a challenge to pull off a Thanksgiving meal for over 50 people, but always rewarding. I’m thankful I have such wonderful help in the kitchen, and the ladies are always wanting to hold our little guy. This year was an extra challenge as we did not have any running water for most of the time people were here. The city was doing work on fire hydrants. The blessing is we usually don’t know ahead of time about these things, but a lady in the church found out about it and alerted us. We were able to plan with lots of stored water. The children did a small program, and the Lord blessed us with visitors and a sweet spirit.

Ministry keeps us much busier here than it used to, and it is so encouraging to see both numerical and spiritual growth. One sweet young lady in our church has recently surrendered her fears and started sharing her faith. It has completely changed her walk with the Lord. Just to witness this has brought me such joy. There are days when I feel inadequate and like someone else would do a much better job. But I’m reminded of God’s strength in my weakness. It is so wonderful to be a part and watch God work.

### Prayer Requests

- Registration process for legal status
- Ongoing discipleship of new converts
- Wisdom and grace to oversee recent growth
- Health and growth for our family

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***Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!***

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