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My dear friends in Jesus Christ:

We treasure your prayers and invite you to continue interceding on our behalf. I'd like to share with you three prayer items.

First, please pray for our ministry's incorporation process in Russia and Ukraine. Some time ago, a decision was reached that BTGMI Russian outreach should seek an official registration as a Christian ministry in these two countries. Such registration, though not easy to attain and maintain, would make our ministry more sustainable in the long run.

The process of incorporating is going smoothly in Ukraine, a country that currently enjoys more religious freedom than Russia. However, a legal situation in Russia proper (our main ministry field), is more complicated. The recent political changes there placed religious and non-profit organizations under a tight governmental watch. We need God's intervention, wisdom, patience, and the right connections as we move forward with this process.

Second, praise God for Vadim, a young Russian journalist who found salvation in Jesus and joined the local church through our conference ministry in Yekaterinburg. Two years ago, Vadim's Christian friends invited him to participate in our gathering there. The Holy Spirit prompted him to quietly respond to the Gospel call, but Vadim didn't get in touch with us back then, so we didn't even know about him.

Recently, we were again invited to participate in a church-related gathering in the city of Yekaterinburg. This time, Vadim approached our worker to thank us for bringing the Gospel into his life. He told us that since he responded to God's call two years ago, he and his wife joined a local evangelical church. Now Vadim is actively involved with the missionary and diaconal activities of his congregation. Vadim's story encouraged me personally. Even though in many cases we don't hear from people who found salvation through our work, we can be assured that our sovereign God is using this ministry to expand His Kingdom in Russia, Ukraine, and elsewhere.

And third, please pray for my deputation work in Canada. BTGMI's Russian outreach enjoys continued support from Canadian congregations and individuals. I'm devoting a big part of the month of May to preaching and visiting our supporters in Ontario. It's always a great privilege to visit with our friends personally, to thank them for their generous contributions, and report the news from the missionary field.



Even though I may not visit personally with all readers of this letter, I'd like to use this opportunity to thank you for your continued prayers and support. Your involvement is important. God is using our Gospel partnership to bring so many souls to salvation throughout the Russian-speaking world and beyond. Praise be to Him!

Yours in His mercy,



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