



Go!

Praying beyond our walls

“When Your people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever You send them, and when they pray to the LORD . . . then hear in heaven their prayer . . . and maintain their cause” (1 Kings 8:44–45)

July 2004

Connect

Every Sunday, 9:30am & 5:30pm –
Pre-service prayer (Wedge Room)

Every Tuesday, 7:00am – Father’s
Heart men’s prayer (Café)

*Every Thursday, 9:00pm – Frank
& Sandra’s weekly prayer
(Duluth)*

*Sunday nights (once a month),
7:00pm – Mary Hower’s prayer
for Central Asia with Adam &
Mary Hoyt (Norcross); call for
next date–770-265-1597*

Fri, August 6th, 7:30pm – Unveiled
(Auditorium)

Fri, August 20th, 7:30pm –
Unveiled (Auditorium)

Free to give

“Freely you have received, freely
give.” (Matthew 10:8)

Website

Visit us on the web at
www.atlantavineyard.com/prayer

Give Him Praise!

We rejoice & pray with Ralph & Vicki Hale & the Perm Vineyard . . .

- Week of evangelism: Served in 5 communal yards and found an amazing degree of openness this year. Several prayed to receive Jesus and we are seeing new faces in church.
- Mission Bridge outreach to Ufa: A great time with two pastors school families there for follow up. The team of 17 people from our church saw about a dozen saved and came back fired up!
- Mir Theater situation: Still no committee, so I guess that no news is good news. Keep praying!
- Crisis Pregnancy center: We are dialoging with all nine of the Women's consultation centers in Perm and there is a real possibility that we could operate one or two days in EACH of them. Pray also for the registration of the center as a non profit org.

By Ralph & Vicki Hale, Perm, Russia
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Giving them away

This Saturday we are celebrating the first graduation of our Vineyard pastors school! We thought you might like to know where the students will be going from here ...

Max & Inna Karasenko ... & their three children have been with us in the Perm Vineyard for the past three years as worship pastors & home group leaders. Upon graduation they will travel to Irbae, a small town in Siberia (Inna's home) to transition into becoming the next pastors of the small Vineyard there.

Yuri & Jenya Kotalanitz ... with their baby boy, came to the school from the Saint Petersburg Vineyard. They will return there as full-time interns with the long-term goal of seeing a new Vineyard eventually planted out of the Saint Petersburg church.

Serge & Lena Sharokov ... & their son have been with us for the past four years as home group leaders and, for the past two years, leaders of our elders counsel. In August they will go to our daughter church, the Ufa Vineyard (led by John & Carrie Clemence) to become full-time Assistant Pastors to that congregation.

Ruslan & Oxanna Gorbatenko ... & their three children were former interim pastors in Irbae Siberia and, after graduation, they will return to the Perm Vineyard for a time of extended training before launching out in church planting again.

Serge Gilmanshin ... came to us from the Omsk Vineyard, and he will return there to help in leadership and work out the Lord's leading.

Dilovar Jabarov ... Our "exchange student" from Tajikistan will lead a small team that will train for five months in Perm and then Join leaders Glen & Terry Taylor in Tajikistan.

Dima & Anya Drujhenen ... & their two children have been with us for two years as home group leaders and they will now be a part of that missions team ... preparing to plant the very first Vineyard in Tajikistan.

As you read this report, you may have noticed that ... we are giving them all away! Pray for the Perm Vineyard as we raise up a new generation of leaders and pray also for these precious students as they begin the process of multiplying churches!

Prayer letter from Holli Oakley

Summer Son

This summer I participated in two exciting opportunities: a week of evangelism here in Perm & an outreach trip to Ufa. Here in Perm, we went everyday to a different yard & painted play equipment, cut grass, played with kids, and gave out free drinks and cookies. Then we gave a short evangelistic program and “practiced” for the upcoming week in Ufa. We went to some new neighborhoods and were able to meet some new people. We’ve had four or five new families start to come to the church as a result. I also was able to relive my first outreaches in Perm as I played in my old role of “Money” in the drama “Redeemer.”

In Ufa (after a FUN 10 hour bus ride!), we spent our first day at the river relaxing, but then buckled down that evening and participated in a follow-up to a special program that’s been going on there over the last few weeks. “The Power to Change” is a citywide project that encouraged people to call and order a special book (“Feel the Power to Change”). The Ufa Vineyard has since visited the people who ordered the book from them and when we got there, we once again visited them, gave them light bulbs and took the opportunity to get to know them and pray for them if they wanted it. On the second day of outreach, we went to a park, painted some benches, painted some kids’ faces (with face paint, of course!), gave out free drinks, and picked up trash. That evening we were to do a program on the big stage there, and actually got started, did two songs, one drama and a testimony before the heavens opened up and our program shut down! The rest of the week was much more successful. We did a couple of yard evangelisms, two rallies in the evening and again returned to the park to “finish” our program. We took a team of 17 people and at last count, 17 people had come to Christ during the week. Jesus was truly glorified during our time in Ufa.

JavaJaw Journal

JavaJaw has been on break for a couple of months, but that doesn’t mean I’VE taken a break! After I put together the “press package” I wrote about in my last newsletter, I went to Perm State University (it’s the equivalent of UGA or UT) and gave it to the woman who is the head of the English department there. She said she would look over it and discuss it with her department and get back to me in August sometime. She seemed very encouraging to me, so please keep this in your prayers. We still want to expand. In August, I hope to meet with someone at the Perm Pedagogical University (Teachers University). There’s been a big Mormon influence there in past years, & we’d like to get our toe in the door. Keep this also in your prayers. In the meantime, I’ve been processing books, movies and magazines for the new places. I’m also planning my budget for the year and trying to get together all the little things that make JavaJaw what it is (more on that in a minute).

CCX Escapades

We had a very successful picnic on July 3rd (NOT in honor of Independence Day, that just happened to be the day when we could all be there!) Fourteen students came and we spent 4 hours or more playing games & eating sandwiches (it was too hot to have a fire and cook hotdogs!) I

learned some new games and got to see how creative students can be when they are put on the spot to create a skit in 5 minutes or less!

The rest of the summer we are taking a break because my leaders are busy with their church obligations (going to camp, etc.) I did not attend the CCX student camp this year because I had problems with my visa and finances (more on that in a moment).

Personal update

Not much new is going on personally. I’m still dealing with the death of my mother (it’s been 10 months). The mother of a woman in church died last week from breast cancer. She was able to spend some time with her mother before she died, just like I was, so I was strongly reminded of my experience. I was able to empathize with her, cry with her and offer her my ears to listen and my shoulders to cry on, but I don’t feel I know Russian well enough to really be able to share my heart with her. Please pray for me as I try.

Visa-Vis

I can’t tell you how many problems I have encountered in the last few months about my visa. Either it’s God’s way of saying, “Go home,” (which I don’t have the money for), or something big is about to happen next year with me and Satan is trying to prevent it. After weeks of trying to find out if the University was going to issue me a letter of invitation, I got my answer—NO. So I am applying through the Association of Christian Churches of Russia to get my letter. After I sent in \$200 (that I borrowed from a friend) along with my application, I started calling the Association in St. Petersburg to make sure they received everything and had filed my application (it takes 35 days to process and I got a late start because of waiting on the University). I found out that the woman who handles visas is on vacation until August 2 and no one else can do her job! So what that means is that I will have to go to Finland and wait there for my letter, which adds time out of the country (probably two weeks) and expenses (living and mailing costs for the letter to get to me—it has to be DHLed). I have been blessed by the fact that there is a Vineyard in Helsinki and we have contacts there. They have an apartment that I can stay in for free and it’s available during the time I’ll need it. So my upcoming expenses are: \$280 for letter of invitation/DHL costs; \$200 for roundtrip travel to Helsinki; \$220 for visa processing (over 5 day processing); ????? for living expenses while in Helsinki (I may be doing a 21 day fast!). Please pray about these!

Prayer summary:

- Growth in new Christians from the outreaches
- Favor with the Universities about JavaJaw for next year
- Finances will be built up
- *Visa issues will be resolved
- Continued growth in my relationship with God
- Continued healing about my mother’s death

Missions-focused prayer groups

Mary, Adam, & Mary’s prayer for Central Asia: Come pray with Mary Hower at Adam & Mary Hoyt’s home on one Sunday a month (7:00pm) (call for next date)! We focus on praying for our adopted country in Central Asia, and pray for other missions-related things as well. 6657 September Eve, Norcross 30092. 770-265-1597, howermary@cs.com

Frank & Sandra’s weekly prayer: Come pray with Frank & Sandra Teixeira in Duluth every Thursday night (9:00pm)! We pray for many things, focusing on Brazil and general prayer requests for the AVC, starting at 9:00pm in our home. 2006 Howell Walk, Duluth 30096. 678-957-1519, 678-887-8759 (cell), grettex2000@bellsouth.net