



[Planes and Trains...](#) September 11, 2011 – 12:05 pm

Today I am in Canada on my way to two churches to preach and minister. Tomorrow I will be on my way to Russia to minister for the next several weeks and then several days after that have been set aside to recover strength and adjust to a 12 hour time difference. The trip over is always great - filled with expectations, excitement about what is to come, and an opportunity to read several good-sized books as it takes about 30 hours to get to where I am going.

Where am I going? For the first week - the city of Yekaterinburg or, as it is also spelled, Ekaterinburg. It is in central Russia much east of Moscow. I will fly Regina-Toronto-Frankfort, Germany-Moscow, Russia-Yekaterinburg. I will minister there for almost a week. This will include public services and a well advertised three day school as I now travel on a work / religious visa and so, in this nation, can now preach publically. This means I will have my regular shadow - my interpreter - and another shadow... a government official checking up on me daily. No privacy when in ministry overseas.

On the Sunday - the 18th - after ministering in public services we have a 10 hour train ride to the city of Yugorsk in Siberia where I will minister for three days ... then another 10 hour train ride to the city of Nyagan in Siberia for another three days of ministry. As we end the trip - we go from Nyagan to Yekaterinburg by trans-Siberia rail which is a 20+ hour train ride, shower and change clothes and begin the two day trip home - airports and planes...

Your prayers for this whole trip would be greatly appreciated.



[Yekaterinburg](#) September 12, 2011 – 12:05 pm

I am on my way to the city of Yekaterinburg in Russia. I will be ministering in this city starting tomorrow evening and up until Sunday evening the 18th of September.

Ekaterinburg (also spelled Yekaterinburg), was from 1942 till 1991 called Sverdlovsk. It is the fourth largest city in Russia (after Moscow, Saint-Petersburg and Novosibirsk). It is the administrative center of Sverdlovsk oblast - the province or district of Russia it is located in. The city is an important transport and logistic juncture on the Trans-Siberian railway (see picture) and a large industrial center. Ekaterinburg is located in the central part of Eurasia, 1667 km from Moscow and has a population of about 1,332,000 (2009) on a land area of 491 sq. km.

I will be ministering publically in this city as I am no longer allowed entrance into Russia on a tourist visa and must now enter using a "religious" visa. This means all details of my stay in each place have been sent to government authorities and I must stick perfectly to all planned stops and activities. However, it does allow for advertising of the events I will be involved in and thus larger crowds of people hearing the Gospel and learning to flow in the supernatural.

Your prayers for the next five and a half days of ministry beginning tomorrow night (Tuesday) and **for another full day of travel** that still needs to be accomplished would be greatly appreciated. I am currently in Germany and about to board the next flight into Russian air space.



[Just About There](#) September 13, 2011 – 12:05 pm

Thanks for praying while I am traveling. I have gone from Regina to Minneapolis, MN in the U.S.A. and after a 6 hours wait flew from there to Paris, France. In the airport in Paris I had a 5 hour wait and have since boarded a flight for Moscow (just 30 minutes ago). When I arrive in Moscow I will meet my interpreter and board yet another flight to Yekaterinburg, Russia where I begin ministry as soon as I arrive as it will be early evening when we get there. I believe there is a 15 hour time difference between home and there...

I am looking forward to finally being where the ministry begins. Although, I have to admit, I have had numerous opportunities to share my faith in Jesus with people both on planes and in airports over the last two days ... people from many different nationalities and religious backgrounds. It has been fun.

These next 14 days of ministry are something that, for me, has been greatly anticipated. All three cities are new to me. The area of Russia is also new to me. The last two cities are in Siberia and I have been fascinated with that area of this nation for many years. In fact, as is usual when entering a new area, I read up on the history and culture of the people. And have done so this time as well. There is a great book that covers this area and a lot more of Russia - Jonathan Dimbleby's "Russia - A Journey to the Heart of a Land and its People." A great read this past summer, published by the BBC in England.

I appreciate your interest in my current trip and covet your prayers while I am here ministering and especially for all the traveling we will be doing within this trip. We will spend close to 48 hours on the Trans-Siberian Railway system while moving between cities ... prayer required!



[A Little History of Yekaterinberg](#) September 14, 2011 – 12:05 pm

I am in the Russian city of Yekaterinberg and in my first full day of ministry for this apostolic trip. I am dragging a bit due to two days of travel and a 15 hour jet lag / time zone issue. However, it will be fine, it always is because God's grace is more than sufficient. We have begun a three day school on the prophetic here is a rather large church with many from

other churches also in attendance.

Let me share a little of Yekaterinburg's history ...

In the spring of 1723, by the emperor Peter I's decree, construction started on one of the largest iron producing plants in Russia located on the banks of the river Iset. Ekaterinburg was built as the capital of the new mining region which eventually grew to occupy a large land mass on both sides of the Urals, in both Europe and Asia.

Ekaterinburg's new plant, in the beginning, was very advanced technologically and soon outpaced all the metallurgical plants not only in the country but in the world. They had the brightest minds working to build the

most effective and cost efficient plant in the world.

Catherine II presented Ekaterinburg the status of a district town of Perm gubernia and this was soon reflected in the coat of arms of the city. During Catherine II's government the main road of the Russian Empire was constructed through this young city - Bolshoi (Big) Siberian Road. So Ekaterinburg together with other Permian towns became a key city and the entrance to the expansive and rich Siberian portion of Russia - "a window overlooking Asia" like Saint-Petersburg was a Russian "window overlooking Europe".

From the end of 19th and early 20th century Ekaterinburg was one of the centers of revolutionary movement in the Urals. Former Russian emperor Nicholas II and his family were shot in the city in July 1918, in Ipatyev House. A Russian Orthodox Church-on-Blood was built on this site recently.

From 1919 the city was the center of Ekaterinburgskaya gubernia district and from 1923 till 1934 it was also the center of Uralskaya oblast (province). On October, 14th, 1924 it was decided to rename the city after Yakov Sverdlov, a prominent Communist Party member and the Soviet state.

In Soviet time Sverdlovsk city being a small provincial town turned into a magnificent industrial center of the state. Among Russian towns it was among the first five of the most developed towns in Russia. In the 1930's further economic and technological development took place and an intensive construction of machine-building and metallurgic plants began in the city.

After the World War II new industrial and agricultural plants were put in operation, construction of new houses began, heating and gas maintenance were changed and upgraded and in 1980 the construction of an underground subway (Metro) began.

On September 4th, 1991, the city was renamed Ekaterinburg or Yekaterinburg. Since 2000 trade, business, and tourism has been developing rapidly in the city. In fact, it has become a commercial center for much of the provincial region ... From June 15th till 17th, 2009, SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) and BRIC (Brasilia, Russia, India, China) summits took place in Ekaterinburg which greatly influenced the economic, cultural and tourist situation in the city.

Today the city attracts many tourists from around the world and is well known as a cultural and tourist center in central Russia attracting people from around the world.



Religion and God's Power September 15, 2011 – 12:05 pm

People are really excited about hearing God speak and the gift of prophecy. For some here in city of Yekaterinburg, Russia the type of ministry we do is turning their world upside down. They have held to a "form of their religion but denied the power thereof..." and so, when the supernatural begins, they are astonished. In some ways it reminds me of the reaction of the people to Philip's ministry in Acts 8 when the Gospel was spreading and being fully preached with words and signs and wonders. Here their regular understanding of Christianity is based

on the Russian Orthodox model (an archbishop pictured in this blog) and so we are certainly somewhat different from their norm.

We are currently in a three day school for leaders and people and we are finding the people hungry for God and wanting all that He has for them regardless of the cost. They come early in the morning and stay till late at night. They bring their bibles, their journals and a pen and write notes on what is being taught and what God is saying to them. They seldom look up as they want to write extensive notes so they can study their notes later

after we are gone. They are very appreciative of all that we are doing and in many small ways honor us as God's ministers. Of course, the best reward is that they are so attentive and hungry and excited about what they are learning.

Please be in prayer for our three day school and for those in attendance. Pray for power, miracles, signs and wonders. We need more of God, His presence and His power. He has prophetically spoken words over this ministry three years ago about power so we are now asking Him to fulfill that prophetic word and allow us to walk in increasing power. We desperately want to see more lives impacted for the Gospel and the Kingdom in this city. Please pray against the spirit of religion and the spirit of tradition as they have a powerful grasp on the people and we would like to see many people come to know the Lord while we are here. **You and your prayers are greatly appreciated.**



People Are Hungry September 16, 2011 – 12:05 pm

We are still working with a school that is three days in length and teaching people how to prophecy among many other things of-ten off topic. Along with any School comes many opportunities to talk to people and as we do we learn more about where they are at spiritually and what they are facing. So, we adjust topics and teachings as we go along to better fit where people are spiritu-ally.

This often means late nights and early mornings finding material on the laptop I bring with me. There are thousands of teachings in this wonderful machine and I often need to find the right one, adjust it, and then polish it. When doing three to four teachings a day that means a lot of off-stage work. And, sometimes the situation simply means thinking through a new teaching and outlining it just before presenting it - hoping it is what the Lord wants and the people need.

This, of course, means that schedules change and the day gets longer but that is the nature of ministry when on an apostolic trip overseas. You are here to do what the Lord asks you to do and you work under the author-ity of the local leaders and so things change and needs arise and the team - especially the leader and main teacher - needs to remain seriously flexible. YWAM has a proverb which I totally agree with, "Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be broken." Very true.

Today, I would appreciate prayer for the 100 or so people in our meetings during the day and double that in the evenings - that both the teachings and the prophetic would continue to be seriously anointed. Pray for my team members - especially Miroslav (Ukraine) and Derick (South Africa) and their work with me as well as team dynamics which right now are seriously powerful. Your prayers are very much appreciated and powerful.



It's Saturday and... September 17, 2011 – 12:05 pm

It is the end of our first week of ministering in Russia and in the city of Yekaterinburg. It has been a great week and the School is drawing to a close. This is always sad as we have such great times together and hearts really do bond and relationships formed. As people head for trains and buses to take them home - some with more than 12 hours to travel - we know it has been a great time together in the presence of the Lord and that lives have been changed forever. We are thankful for the people who

have taken time out of bust schedules and taken holiday time or simply gone without pay to be with us and to learn from us.

Tonight, after the School is over, we will be meeting with the leadership team of the local church to debrief and receive feedback about the week days we have been ministering. It will be a time of fellowship, food, fun as well as a time to look back and see what the Lord has done and what we could do differently next time - and there will be a next time. This is our first visit to the city but it will most certainly not be our last.

Tomorrow, Sunday, we will do several services (most take about 4 hours from start to stop) where I will teach and the team will prophesy over elders and leaders as well as some of the people as the Holy Spirit directs. And there will be several meals with various leaders where we will get to know them better and simply enjoy the Lord together and laugh a lot - as well as, most likely, eat too much.

Your prayers today for Sunday services would be greatly appreciated. Remember we are 15 hours ahead so as you read this at noon Saturday it is already 3:00a on Sunday morning and the team will soon be up preparing and praying. Pray that it will be a powerful and productive day for the Kingdom. And pray for our travels as we go by train into Siberia on Sunday evening (a 15+ hour train ride) and begin ministering as soon as we arrive on Monday evening.



Onwards Into Siberia September 18, 2011 – 12:05

Today we finish our work here in the cities of Yekaterinburg and Revda and take a 20+ hour train ride into Siberia to begin work tomorrow evening (Monday) in the city of Nyagan. Today, we have had a morning service in The Church of the Living God with about 300 people in attendance. It was powerful and filled with tremendous potential. It was awesome. It always is when God's people come together anticipating good things from their Lord and to celebrate His goodness towards them.

During our week in this area we have met with leaders one-on-one, ministered in a leadership training school, ministered in a number of public services, prophesied over numerous people – too many to count – and watched the Lord impact, challenge, and change many lives. This has been an anointed and appointed time from the Lord and it was so good to be a part of what He is doing here. And He is doing amazing things.

As we venture into the north and begin our next week in Siberia we ask that you focus on the cities of Nyagan and Yugorsk and the work we will be doing there and the cities surrounding them. We will, of course, be busy with daily services, meetings, and many opportunities to minister prophetically and from God's written word. However, each day brings special circumstances and situations that are unique to the day and the trip and we don't want to miss these opportunities simply because we are busy ministering and doing what we do each and every day on these trips. We don't want to miss those wonderful serendipitous moments when the Lord opens a door to a special moment when He moves powerfully and heals and delivers – often interrupting our plans to do so.

Please pray that even though our team is somewhat tired after a full week of ministry – that we will be open to and sensitive towards these special moments and respond correctly.



[I Have Arrived... Again](#) September 19, 2011 – 12:05

I have been resting for the last few hours. Yesterday, Sunday, after a 5 hour service and a 20 hour train ride on the Trans-Siberian Railroad I arrived in Yogorsk in Siberia. It was certainly an experience to be in motion on a train that long. It did allow for some quiet time and some reflective moments as we rattled along through town after town and very empty and desolate countryside. And, that was good as the week has been very busy and has afforded little time to think and pray.

Last week we struggled for 5 days to find my luggage. We finally received it at midnight on Friday night. I had gone to Dusseldorf, Germany and on to Moscow and further – it had gone to Frankfurt, It took the insurance company to find it and send it forward. Made for an interesting time with only three days of medicine with me as the rest was in the luggage... and clothing was basic as I simply had the clothes I travelled in and nothing more. However, it did arrive before heading further north where it would never find me.

Your prayers are really important to us. We are now officially into week two of this apostolic trip and we are a little weary. Please pray for physical, emotional, spiritual, and mental strength for all the team members and for me as I begin to come to know a new pastor and his team of leaders. We are here for three days...



[Simply Amazed](#) September 20, 2011 – 12:05 am

I am sitting in an apartment on the 8th floor – half way to the top. We border a major 6 lane expressway in the midst of a city of two million people. It is very early in the morning and already traffic is fairly heavy in both directions. It is a Sunday morning and I was expecting fewer people to be up and about both because of the early hour and the fact that it is Sunday. Here in this nation apparently it makes no difference what day of the week it is.

I have watched the traffic ebb and flow each morning now for almost a week. Each time the Lord has brought to mind that so many people are in such a hurry to go somewhere and do something because they think it is urgent and important. Yet, in light of eternity, they are simply keeping busy and often are occupied

with things – thoughts and actions – that really have little meaning or importance in light of eternity. And, that most are not even thinking about life in any meaningful terms let alone life after death. They simply scurry about keeping busy while eternity looms on their horizon and they can enter into their eternal and forever destination at any moment. The way some people drive in this city it may be sooner than later.

The Lord has reminded me each morning how much he loves each and every one of these people – even if they do not believe that He exists. Many here in this former Communist nation do not believe that there really is a god. And, with this city being predominately young people – there is a whole generation who have no Christian reference point or church background. Regardless, Jesus came to die for each and every one of them.

Folks, I know we know that – but do we really KNOW that? Are we aware of what the Lord feels and thinks when He sees people living their lives in such an aimless manner and doing so without Him? I believe He has let me see a bit more of His heart in this regard than ever before as I have, each morning, watched from this 8th

floor balcony.

I have been working with recovered and recovering drug addicts this past week. Hundreds of them. In fact, in the one church I have been relating to there are 75 leaders and about 400+ people – almost all recovered addicts. They really love the Lord and their worship is very upbeat, powerful, not rushed, and focused on redemption and transformation – the changes Jesus makes in a person’s life. I have watched them at work and at play. I have shared meals with them. I have joined them in prayer. I have worshipped and worshipped and worshipped – my how I have worshipped.

I have watched as they ministered to each other and then repeated I have had to move quietly around the corner of the room or the building to simply cry – actually weep before the Lord and thank Him for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful community of believers. Again, I cry as I write. These people really love one another and are connected – deeply connected to each other.

It has been a powerful week – and every day I have seen these wonderful people reach out to the lost and the dying – especially to those with addictions who are rejected, forgotten, and often invisible - the ones most churches don’t even see.

I came to minister to them and the Lord has used them in so many ways to powerfully minister to me. This has been a life-changing week... and there is still another week to come as I arrive today in the middle of Siberia.



[Selling Sand to People Who Live on the Beach](#) September 22, 2011 – 12:05 am

I am in Russia when writing this blog – specifically on a 20+ hour train ride from Yekaterinburg to Yugorsk sitting next to two men who are heavy into drinking and with whom I cannot communicate as my interpreter is asleep. I know, more information than you needed and you have no idea where these cities are in Russia. It would be good to look them up as you have family there in both cities. Believers and fellow disciples.

It has been an amazing week and a half and I am looking forward to seeing what God is planning to do in the three cities in Siberia we are now ministering in.

It is interesting how well received our ministry is in each and every place we go. The people of God are hungry and willing to sit and learn if you are willing to stand and teach. They take notes, get excited, respond to what you are saying, interact with you and the Holy Spirit and are willing to stay as long or longer than you do. They are a joy to teach and minister to as they simply draw the anointing right out of you. They are excited about Jesus, worship long and hard, and are seriously attentive to the Word as it is being preached and as it is being ministered prophetically.

Now I am not comparing – well yes, actually I am. I’m comparing because it is like night and day – the difference between here and there – my home country. I am comparing and maybe even complaining just a bit. Back home it seems that few are seriously committed to the work of the Kingdom and the spreading of the Gospel worldwide. Here they simply take that for granted and are committed and involved right from the start. Here they volunteer – back home we have to compel people to get more involved and more committed... Back home, at the end of a week, I feel as if I am still trying to lasso mice or sell sand to people who live on the beach.

It is sad that it is this way. It does not have to be like this. If we want to change it and are willing to pay the price as disciples of Jesus Christ to do so – it can change. I am willing. There is just something about this thing called CHURCH that captures our hearts and keep us fighting for a better day. We see the hand of God on it no matter how imperfect it may be. We understand that the Church functioning as it was designed to work is the only hope for the world. We know that the Church gathered to be equipped and sent or scattered to minister to the lost is the most worthwhile purpose to invest in.

So, we keep believing that the Church will soon regain its health and vitality so that we too, here in North America, can experience excitement and watch the saints come alive in the power of the Gospel as they thank Jesus for all He has and is doing and as we learn from the teaching of His Word.

I keep hoping that one day the majority of believers in North America will once again become excited about what God is doing in each and every nation of the world and will want to join their brothers and sisters around the world and be about their Father's business. I am believing that this day is not too far in the future and I am praying for a new and deep passion to fall on and arise from within all disciples of the Lord as the church becomes hot and no longer lukewarm. Then I can let the mice go free and sweep the sand out of the building.



[Headed Down the Track Again...](#)

September 20, 2011 – 12:05 pm

I got on the train to Siberia at 4:48p on Sunday after an amazing service in a local church in central Russia. It is now Tuesday and I have just recovered from the 24 hour train ride to get to this city – the city of Yugorsk, Russia where we arrived Monday evening. It was an experience – and one I will remember for a long, long time. Powerful time with the Lord as my team member slept during the late night hours, good fellowship when he was awake, and time to read and meditate on His Word – something that we rarely have when on an apostolic trip – quality time with the Lord.

Here in this city we are working with “The Voice of the True Church” church and will spend 3 days ministering to their leaders and the people. We have never been here before and have never met the pastor who is hosting our team and this ministry. So, we will spend a great deal of time fellowshiping and listening to him so we can sense his heart for the Lord and for his church and city. Of course, we will be ministering in up to three services a day – preaching, teaching and equipping the saints as well as ministering prophetically.

We covet your prayers. We are well into our second week and, as usual, we are growing weary. God is refreshing us spiritually and blessing in so many obvious ways – but we are tired physically, mentally, and socially. We need your prayer support now more than ever. Often when tired we are short with each other as team members and can be hurt more easily by words and actions – so we are really aware of our humanness and our need for the Lord's hand to constantly touch us so we can continue to grow together as a team and bless the hundreds of people we minister to daily. Thanks for praying.



God Has a Neat Way of Doing Things

September 21, 2011 – 12:05 pm

When I was last in Kazakhstan I was invited to be a part of a conference being held in March 2012 in Turkey. There I will be meeting with pastors and leaders from many nations of the former Soviet Union. This past week in Russia I have been invited by a Russian national to accompany him to China to minister to the underground church. I would be training leaders and especially ministering on the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the supernatural gifts that come with it – training and equipping 250 underground pastors and leaders.

I have also met with a pastoral couple who were originally from Kirgizstan and are now church planting and pastoring in Yekaterinburg, Russia who invited me to minister in 2012 to the Church in Kirgizstan which is in great difficulty and in need of much encouragement and training. There were excited to meet me and very interested in seeing the gifts and calling the Lord has blessed me with available to their people back home.

During our 20+ hours on the train going into Siberia on Monday we planned the dates for both of these trips as we believe that these offers are from God and in answer to our prayers over the past year and several prophetic insights that He gave to me personally about the next few years of this ministry and its expansion.

So you go to one nation to meet someone from another nation to be invited to even a third nation. God has a neat way of doing things.

Today is Wednesday and although we are centered in and living in the city of Nyagan we are traveling out 3 hours each morning to surrounding communities to bless them and minister to Church leaders and their people. 6 hours of driving each day and 12 to 15 hours of ministry and meetings. It is stretching us a bit spiritually and physically but the Lord's grace is enabling and empowering us in many neat ways. Please continue to pray for our team here in Siberia and for the people we minister to daily as well as the planning going on to set in motion many of the trips for year-end and into 2012 including these two new offers – China and Kirgizstan. Your prayers are powerful and greatly appreciated.



Nearing the End of the Trip September 22, 2011 – 12:05

Today is a much quieter day – with a few simple fellowship meetings with some leaders during the day along with some planning and organizing of future trips – the scheduling going well into 2013 at the moment. Even here in Russia we have already been invited back to the city of Yekaterinburg where we minister for 6 days last week. The next time we are there they want us to spend two full weeks with them. So, a quieter day but only because we will not be driving for hours early morning and late night and min-

istering a number of times in-between.

Tonight I will be attending and teaching at a major prayer meeting held here in the city of Nyagan. I have been asked to speak on the gifts of the Holy Spirit or prayer and to minister supernaturally through the gift of prophecy. That is exactly what I will be doing. I am looking forward to it. In your prayers today we would appreciate prayer for this meeting as well as the rest of our schedule as this

trip comes to an end in a few days...

23-24 Sept. – seminars in Nyagan (about 50 people – leaders and church comers)

The Church of Jesus Christ, pastor Vyacheslav Matveichuk

10.00am-01.00pm – morning session

01.00-03.00pm – lunch break

03.00-07.00 – two more sessions

25 Sept.– Sunday service

The Church of Jesus Christ, pastor Vyacheslav Matveichuk

11.00am–02.00pm – corporate Sunday service (300 people)

02.00-03.00pm - lunch

03.00– 06.00pm – Corporate Sunday service #2

26 Sept. – Morning meetings with leaders

Flying to Moscow in afternoon

Staying overnight in Moscow – meeting with Vice-President of the Presbyterian Union of Russian Churches

27 Sept. – Morning meeting with leaders from Moscow

12.00pm - check in for flights – Frankfurt, Germany – Toronto, ON. – Regina.

Appreciate all the work you do for every team member. We appreciate your prayers. Without them we would not accomplish all we have and seen so many lives transformed.



Blessed are the Flexible September 23, 2011 – 12:05 pm

You always have to be flexible when ministering on apostolic trips such as this one. The original plans we had been given for our time in this area have been changed. I am not in the city of Yugorsk for three days and then the city of Nyagan. Instead I will be living in Nyagan the whole time I am here (easier than moving every two days) and ministering there for several days and on the other days I have been travelling out to other cities three hours drive away

from this main hub. So, instead of two cities I am ministering in three – the cities of Yugorsk, Nyagan and Khanty-Mansiysk.

This means I will be meeting many more pastors and leaders than originally expected. This means that instead of being able to really build a good foundation in one place over three or four days (referable) I will be simply skipping across the surface of the material and wetting their appetites for more – or to put it biblically – planting seeds for future ministry. Blessed are the flexible – they shall not be broken.

Today – Friday – you could be praying for our team members. They have worked hard and are tired and could use some serious refreshing. We still have 4 days of ministry here in Siberia and then in Moscow as we wait overnight for connecting flights. We honestly don't waste a minute and take every opportunity we are given to connect with people and reconnect with those we have met and ministered to before. So, our pace is not slowing down and we are in need of a good "time of refreshing in the presence of the Lord" as the book of Acts speaks about.

Thanks for your prayers. They are greatly appreciated and very necessary. We have touched hundreds of lives and impacted many churches over the course of the last two weeks. Powerful ministry times have been experienced every day even when things don't go as planned. You are important to this ministry and appreciated greatly!



[Second Day of a Seminar](#) September 24, 2011 – 12:05 pm

Saturday and it is full house at the Church of Jesus Christ in Nyagan, Siberia, Russia. I have been asked to teach on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and so I am doing so. More than teaching on them – I am equipping the saints to flow in them and releasing them through prophetic prayer. They are receptive and very open and for many of them this is the first time they have heard there are gifts and that they have two or three of them resident within them to help them to walk and minister supernaturally.

We have three sessions today and by the time our evening meal is complete it will be time for bed so we can face the next day refreshed and fresh – ready to minister to the whole church and prophesy over this corporate body. This we do if allowed and almost always on our first visit to the congregation before we get to know too much about it. Thus it is always a pure word and not partly our opinion or thoughts.

It is always sad when we see a trip coming to an end and it is no different this time. With three sessions today, several services tomorrow, travel and a last set of meetings in Moscow on Monday night and Tuesday morning – this trip is fast drawing to a close. It seems like just yesterday that we arrived and it is always hard to say good-bye even though we have already been invited back.

Please pray that our strength continue as we come to the end of this trip. Please pray that all financial obligations we took on to bring the team here to Russia will be met so that we can completely pay for this trip and not carry forward any debt. Please begin to pray for safe travel as team members have many flights, buses, and trains in all directions to head home beginning Sunday evening – and ending with my arrival home on Tuesday night late if all the flights connect as they are suppose to.

Your prayers, as always, are felt and greatly appreciated.



[A Look At The Past Week](#)

September 25, 2011 – 12:05 pm

Our last day of corporate ministry is half over and it has been a phenomenal week here in Siberia as we obey the Lord and “go into all the world.” I never thought that I would be ministering in such a remote yet beautiful place as Siberia, Russia. The people are wonderful, warm, accepting, and seriously hungry for the Lord and all that He has for

them to do. They love Him and obey Him even at great cost as they are persecuted and suffer hardship in this area because they are believers.

The fellowship has been really blessed, sweet, and powerful. It is often during the fellowship time that the Lord ministers to me personally and touches my life in fresh and new ways. Every trip this ministry goes on always results in God touching and changing my life and this ministry through the love and the prayers of the people that we came to minister to. That is often God’s way – you come to minister and get ministered to.

It is going to be difficult to leave this northern area and the people here. It has been a terrific week of the Lord’s presence and power. Lives have been transformed and, as always, our hearts have become fondly at-

tached to the people we have met and the churches we have ministered in. Please pray for all believers in Siberia, Russia and their witness in the midst of a difficult situation.

We appreciate your prayers – especially as we wind down the major part of the ministry (a few planning meetings left here and in Moscow) and prepare to begin to travel. Pray for safety and that everyone's connections will be made and everyone on the team will arrive in their respective cities and countries safe and sound. Thanks.



Packing up... September 26, 2011 – 12:05 pm

I have finished my official ministry schedule here in Russian until November when I will, once again, return. It has been a tremendous two weeks and THE best trip I have ever taken to minister in this great nation. Siberia is wonderful. Late yesterday I flew from Nyagan to Moscow and spent the night in this city of 20 million. And, of course, held a meeting with some of those I will be ministering to in November to finalize details for that time.

Today I am in several other meetings before heading to the airport, one final meeting at the airport, and then resume my trip home – Moscow – Frankfurt – Toronto – Regina. I am, as always, looking forward to being home. I would appreciate your prayers for the travel – that all flights are safe and that they arrive and depart on time so that all connections (some of them are tight) can be made.

As this is the last daily report for this apostolic trip I want to thank you for your interest in and concern for this ministry and what it is accomplishing in many nations of the world. Without your prayers and financial support our work would not be possible. Everywhere we have gone this time (4 cities) we have heard praise reports of lives changed as a result of having received ministry through us during previous visits to one nation or another. Many have traveled a long way to be ministered to in the past and now that I have been here and in their homes I realize how far they really did travel and how hungry they were to do that type of journey to hear God's Word taught and maybe receive a prophetic word.

I am looking forward to a few days of rest as the last part of this trip involved a few 3:00a mornings driving back from remote cities in Siberia to where we were living and so I am tired...

Thanks for standing in faith with us. It is greatly appreciated.