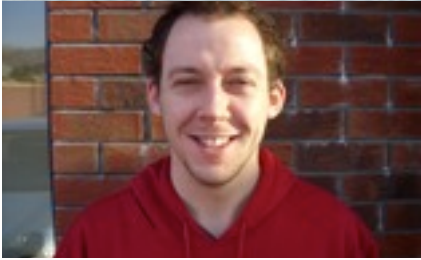


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Hey everybody,

I'm sorry it has been so long since I have written. Things have been so busy and computer access is very minimal to be honest. So now that I have finally got the chance I will concentrate on the one main issue, the mission trip, as I don't have very long.

I leave to go to Russia tomorrow (Saturday, 14th February) for four weeks. I am leading a team of four in total, three Swedes and me. We will be based in a city of about 600,000 people called Ryazan which is 180km south/east of Moscow. It will be a lot of fun but it will be hard. We know we will be very busy preaching, teaching and visiting schools and universities, taking part in 'New Generation' and many other things.

The church we will spend most of our time in is very small and is a daughter church of Word of Life Moscow. We are very excited but very nervous. Some of us have been on trips before but not to this scale. I'm really excited as I have always wanted to go to Russia since I was a boy, ever since seeing Rocky 4 at least, lol! So when God said I should pick Russia I had no problems with that. We aim to get to Moscow, especially Red Square at least one day but I can assure you that we will be very busy. There is something so satisfying about going to the former Soviet Union. Most of the teams will go into this area, which is HUGE, but it just feels like we are part of something so big, something that God really wants to do.

We had some problems with Visas but praise God it was all sorted. Anyone with a British passport from N. Ireland wanting to go to the former Soviet Union in a rush, get an Irish passport! I didn't and it almost held my whole team back!

I hope to get more computer access in Russia to keep in touch every few days.

I have some prayer requests below:

- 1) Pray for protection for everyday in Russia, for the travel to, from and within Russia. Also that no sickness will bring us down but by God's grace we will remain strong and healthy!
- 2) Pray that the team will have a strong unity, that we can be in and come to agreement without difficulty.
- 3) Pray that we can be lead totally by the Holy Spirit, especially me, and that I can make decisions confidently in Christ.
- 4) Pray for spiritual discernment for us, and that we can stand against the schemes of the devil.
- 5) Pray for God's total provisions and grace upon us, and that we can flow in the gifts.
- 6) Pray that we will have such a love and compassion for the people and that God will do many miracles in both ours and the lives of the people.

There will probably be more news along the way so I will try to get as many updates done during the trip as possible.

I'd like to thank everyone who has helped me and my team financially, especially those back home while I was there over Christmas. So many gave so much. I could name names but I'd be here all day.

I want to thank everyone for their prayers also, especially my very beautiful girlfriend Laura Farling. I have to say that Laura has been such a catalyst for me being here in Bible School and I get so much support in many ways from her so I'd like to thank her publicly. Most people would reserve this kind of thing for their wife or husband. I have been so blessed and supported by Laura that I have to say, "thank you baby!"

Okay, God bless everybody, I hope to be in contact soon.