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WINTER/SPRING MINISTRY REPORT

The Return

Our return to Provideniya on November 7th brought a bit of a surprise, for there was no snow on the ground! The temperatures were mild and it was overall quite pleasant. Immediately upon our arrival we began a 5-day club. The unseasonably warm (relatively) weather was very welcome by the kids and team members. After the 5-day club finished and we waved good bye to the airplane, Vicka, Emma and I started preparing for the following three months of ministry and daily life during the winter in Far East Russia! This was my first time to spend any significant time in Chukotka during the months of November, December and January.



The Ministry

Upon arriving back in Provideniya, Vicka started up her Monday night women's Bible study and I alternated with another brother leading the Wednesday night Bible study in the church. One of our chief focuses during this last trip was to help encourage the believers in the church. The church is going through a bit of a "valley" right now as they are small in numbers, mostly young in the faith and don't really have a pastor. Not a little time was spent in counseling! While it was rather hard at times to witness the pain of some of the members, the Lord did encourage us and show us He is working, and that we have not been forgotten. It was hard to leave them and I look forward to returning this summer and again come along side the brothers and sisters of the small church with encouragement and support.



The Goals

For our last trip, we had 4 main goals: 1. Host a 5-day club during the fall school break. 2. Be an encouragement and support to the church through ministry activities and one-on-one fellowship. 3. Distribute 200 stockings for our Christmas "Stuff a Stocking" project and 4. Travel to at least one new village.

The Report

I'm excited to report that the Lord allowed us to accomplish all of those goals! During the month of November and December we hit each and every store in town finding the best deals to purchase the various items necessary to pack 200 Stockings. We then got the church together and had a packing party to prepare the stockings for distribution. We distributed 200 stockings to Provideniya, New Chaplino, Sireniki and Yanrakinot. With the help of some friends with snow-machines (snowmobiles) we were able to make trips to the latter two villages that would not have been otherwise possible. Yanrakinot was a new village for me and I was excited to be able to meet some new people there. We look forward to the possibility of expanding our camp ministry there, as the Lord allows.



PLANS AND NEWS

Return to Alaska

We returned to Alaska on February 11th after just over three months in Provideniya. We were sad to leave, though were looking forward to some spiritual refreshment and encouragement ourselves. We also had to start planning for the arrival of our new baby! As I write this, we are less than a week away from delivery! Vicka's pregnancy has been going well; this birth will take place via C-Section next week on April 10th. We are getting excited as we anticipate meeting our new daughter. By the time you get this letter, the baby should be here and another announcement with pictures should be shortly behind. I will also update our website with pictures and send an email notice when they are ready. We appreciate your prayers as the birth date nears!



New Engines



Since returning I have been busy with numerous projects here at the hangar including removing and installing two freshly overhauled engines on our airplane. So far we have completed one engine change and will shortly complete the second.

Summer Camp plans

Even though the summer camps are a few months off, we are in the full planning mode. We have two dates set aside for camps in Chukotka: June 16-July 7th and July 28th-Aug.11th. We are at deadline for accepting volunteers to go to the June camps, but still have time to process paperwork for the July/August camps. If you are interested in joining, give our office a call at 888-388-7627 or send me an email for more information. We plan to hold kids camps in Provideniya, Sireniki and New Chaplino as well as a youth camp in Provideniya. We look forward to an exciting summer!

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- **That God would provide the remaining 35% of financial support needed**
- Safe delivery and healthy baby
- Quick recovery for Vicka
- For the church in Provideniya, provision and growth
- Praise for a successful Stuff a Stocking project in the Provideniya region, and a successful three months of ministry there this winter

FROM US

Thank you all for your prayers and support of our ministry. The Lord truly blessed us during our last trip to Provideniya and we thank Him for His care of us as we prepare for our new daughter. We look forward to what He is going to do this summer!

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