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This church in Russia is made entirely of wood and there was not one single nail used in the construction.

We're Going to Russia!

Several years ago the first Church of God congregation was planted in the city of Chelyabinsk, Russia. We've known many people that have spent time there establishing the church in the early years.

Last year in Anderson, IN at the North American Conference of the Church of God we met Pastor Andrei Kolegov from the Chelyabinsk church and spent some time with him and Dwayne and Kara Goldman, the Church of God Missionaries serving there.

We just received the invita-

tion to participate in their fall marriage and family retreat and will be traveling there in October.

We will be part of a team from the Madison Park Church of God in Anderson. The team is made up of counselors and others who will be doing some training and teaching during the retreat.

The schedule has us leaving PDX on October 13th and traveling to Moscow then on to Chelyabinsk. We will be ministering in Chelyabinsk for several days then travel to St. Petersburg and Moscow leaving for home on October 30th.

In the coming weeks and months we will be communicating with the team via email and determine our assignments.

In June, Pastor Andrei will be visiting the Portland Area and will be staying with us a few days. We will be able to spend some time with him which will also help us to determine how we can minister to the greatest needs the young married couples in his church are feeling. We are looking forward to this trip and hope you will pray for us before, during and after!

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Financial Support::

We haven't mentioned finances in our recent newsletters simply because we don't like to. Our regular support is still only about 30% of what we have determined is needed for full time ministry.

However, overseas trips are not included in our budget and since we have never been fully funded we are seriously asking for finan-

cial assistance in order to make this ministry trip take place. The estimated total cost for Georgia and I, which includes airfare, lodging, local transportation and meals, comes to \$4850!

Our account with ICM is fairly well depleted so we can't depend on a "cushion" as we did for our last trip.

If you feel led to support us financially or would like to give a one time gift toward this ministry trip

to Russia, see page 3 of our newsletter and you will learn how you can invest in us and our ministry.

For those of you on our regular support team...THANK YOU SO MUCH for how you have supported us for the last few years!

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The Chelyabinsk church building is still under construction but is approaching a stage where services can begin to be conducted inside in the next few months. The retreat will be held at a nearby Baptist Center.



Pictured here with Georgia at the NAC in 2008 is Kara & Dwayne Goldman, Missionaries in Chelyabinsk and Pastor Andrei Kolegov from the Chelyabinsk Church of God. Pastor Andrei will be visiting us this June.

FACTSHEET: Why Go To Russia?

Here are some rather startling statistics concerning the people of Russia.

- Abortion is the primary form of birth control.
- 8 out of 10 women in Russia have had at least one abortion.
- There has never been any training or teaching on why abortions should not take place.
- 6 gallons of vodka are consumed per capita per year. This average is spread over the entire population including babies and children so the adult consumption is much higher than this average.
- There are thousands of orphans due to the alcohol related deaths of parents.
- There is no training available on any aspect of sexual morality so even some of the believers there have not been taught the biblical principles on sex outside of marriage.

So far the team consists of the senior associate pastor from Madison Park who is the teacher/preacher/ men's ministry person, a former pastor who is now a medical doctor and his counselor/therapist wife and then Georgia and I. We believe that all of our experiences pooled together and the gifts and talents God has given us will work together to provide a quality experience for the church in Chelyabinsk and we will be blessed in return by forming some new relationships.

Georgia and I continue to counsel with individuals going through some form of trauma and with churches dealing with leadership issues. This kind of ministry takes up time and energy but it is one of those things that we really can't report any details on due to the confidentiality required in order for us to be "safe" people to share deep personal issues with.

We both have speaking engagements coming up in the next few months which we will share about in a future newsletter. We are also serving in our local church on the outreach team and women's ministry team.

Yes, I want to be a partner with Dennis & Georgia Miller serving in RUSSIA!

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