

Dear praying friends!
God answered yours and our
prayers in mighty way!

Highly respected local government TV
station made a great interview with US
rocket scientist Elzie Gerrels! They
broadcasted it several times during two
days!

Bro. Elzie shared his faith and said about
salvation in Christ! Halleluiah!

After this TV news Elzie got several more
invitations to share about God and His
awesome Universe!

Our school (TVS, tvseminary.com) has
become better known to the local public
as well!

Many new friendships were started!
God is using Elzie!

We, Petrov family, were so honored to
have such a great man in our apartment
(Victor, Sveta, Elzie, Igor and Andy)

Sveta took Elzie to “her” nursing home
and he stirred up a great excitement there
as well!

Tomorrow, Oct 12, Elzie and I will take a
flight train to Moscow where I will
present my new course/seminar on
Church Leadership to 40 associational
superintendents from most of the regions
of Russia, please pray that they like it and
start inviting me to their associational
meetings. I feel like I must share great
knowledge I learned from American
Christians to help Russian evangelicals to
avoid many mistakes and become more
effective in leadership!



From Moscow we plan to take a train to St. Petersburg and to Petrozavodsk, where Elsie will do his presentation in the Christian- Secular Scientist conference, similar to what he did in Kursk.

Please pray for blessings, protection, and good health for both of us . . .

and for Elzie to agree to wear a coat since we are going way up to the north and it may be snow over here and we do not want such a great man of science and faith to get sick in cold Russia J

By the way, Here is what Elzie wrote to his friends today:

I must tell you an experience I had Sunday morning as I was getting ready to speak at a church in Kursk, Russia.

I like to look out of my third story window at people walking down the road or sidewalk in front of our building. So many walk since only 20 percent have cars.

I was getting ready for church; **it was 9:15am Sunday morning.** I noticed a 30 to 40 year old man staggering on the walkway and road and falling into bushes. He would almost fall but he always managed to recover before he hit the ground. It was a grueling process but he continued, albeit slowly on his way home, **so terribly drunk.** People in his area would step out of the way and cars did not hit him. I continued to watch as he walked at least 600 feet until he was out of site. Then this thought came to me...This man was probably going home and he would meet his wife and young children. What a bad role model and how destructive he is to his family. Alcohol so horribly affects so many in Russia, especially men. It is very sad. They think they don't have much hope for anything better so they turn to vodka but that help is only temporary and then life gets worse.

It is now Monday morning and it is raining. I wondered if the large number of people who walk to work or wherever they are going each morning would still continue. They did. Many had umbrellas and many did not, but the rain didn't seem to phase them. Most carry a plastic sack or some kind of bag. A good many of the men do also. The bag serves as a purse for the ladies and almost all carry a sack it they go to the local store.

A couple of days ago some trucks dumped large piles of rich black dirt about every 200 feet in the wide divided area which separates the main road from the "access road" that goes in front of my building. There are many small trees planted in the divide. Shortly thereafter people, including children, came out of their apartments with buckets and shovels and made several trips back to their homes, their buckets full of that good rich dirt. How nice of the city to provide good black dirt for the people to put on their flowers and garden.

However, the next day, the city came with a load of young men and girls and proceeded to take what dirt was left and put it around the young trees recently planted. It was not intended for the neighborhood and if they wouldn't have come soon enough the good black dirt would have been gone. Such is the life in the Russian country.

I have spoken or lectured to universities, conferences and churches 17 times (at least 1 hour each time) since I arrived and also made a professional DVD in Russian and English, which will be distributed all over Russia. All talks have been on "An Awesome Universe", a topic very much of interest in Russia since they are interested in space and respect what Russia and the US have done. The television news has interviewed me twice. Dr. Igor Petrov, my interpreter, and I will leave tomorrow afternoon (October 12th) by train for Moscow and St. Petersburg. I will be speaking a few times and then Igor will go back home to Kursk and I will head for California. It has been a very rewarding several weeks in Russia. The people I have met are very courteous and so attentive. I have made several new friends. My Russian language is essentially non-existent. It is a very difficult language and I am not a linguist. The Trinity Video Seminary where I have been staying have been so very kind. This trip will be in my memory forever. Elzie Gerrels