

## Dear Friends!

I would like to share with you some of the pictures we made during our stay in US.

As you know, we are videotaping master level classes in Trinity International University (TIU), Deerfield, IL.

The chapel building in TIU looks great and 'spiritual'!



Our school Tech Director Michael Sushkov and I arrived into US on July 18. It took us over a week to get over jet lag, settle in the hospital homes of our new friends, buy cheap go-phones, hook our comps on internet and hook

given car on Tallway pay. We had to buy & borrow necessary lights video equipment, purchase cloth, which is cheaper in US, and get reacquainted with the roads and rules. It was not easy!

Dr. Feinberg took us to see the great Chicago downtown buildings (left), and we had a chance to learn something about the real Chicago life (right).

Michael made this picture (right) with his great camera when we were videotaping summer class on Theology I. (Aug 1-12). It was hard to keep Dr. Feinberg within the camera view. He was quite energetic and interesting; every morning he had a tendency to walk/jump out of my view, but by the end of the day he would usually calm down and sit. When I was able to save my stuffed legs and back 😊



It was a wise decision to come and try to set all the light and video equipment in the classroom few days before the first videotaping started. When we turned second 2000kw light on, the circuit breakers shut down the line. Soon two Mexican electricians showed up; as they saw how much equipment we brought, they called their chief. When that big guy heard that we intended to use – 8000kw for lights, he almost fainted! After much thinking, we had to agree to use just three smaller lights through the soft box; we did not dare to bake Dr. Feinberg 'between two rocks lights in the yard place'.



The group of students in that class was quite international: Americans, Egyptian, missionary to Czech, Chinese, German, Indian and Russians. Our second camera almost broke during that first class, but we were able to pull its mechanisms and make it work. Later we had to take it into the repair shop and a great Korean master changed its cassette blocks for \$430. Video equipment is not cheap at all!

As our recorded MiniDV cassettes began to pile up, Michael realized that we will have real hard time if we will try to smuggle hundreds of them through the US and then Russian customs. Thus we had to order datavideo recording devices. After much searching online and visiting several serious professional companies, I was able to order these devices via website. But soon we got a message from that warehouse that none of our address, card info and phones corresponds with reality; so, we had to hit Vitaly with this news. He hit Kevin Koskela and finally Kevin was able to order it and ship to Dr. Feinberg's address. He was trustworthy!

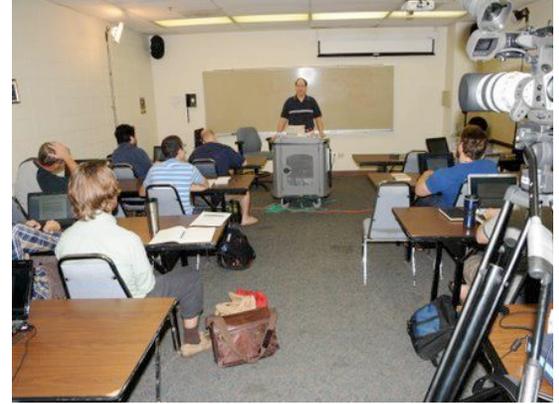
What a release! Now we save our videos on three small 750gb hard drives and at the same time we will be able to store master Mini DV cassettes in the US, in case hard drives will be confiscated! It is like double security in Christ! Can you believe these two small boxes cost about 3K! Professional video recording is not cheap!



The Theology II course is now going on weekly in this great classroom! Students are not afraid to ask great questions, and all videotaping goes very well. We hit the same problem with lack of light, but everyone still alive. ☺ The only problem is that the class starts every Monday at 8-15 and we have to be there an hour earlier to set up all the lights and video equipment. It means that I have to wake up at 6-00, drive 25 minutes to pick up Michael and then drive 45 minutes to Trinity ☺ But the joy of doing great work for the Lord overcomes it all! (Especially after I slip enough after class.)



The Theology III course is done on Fridays and Saturdays; we were so tired by the end of first block, so as did not make any pictures yet.



My partner Mikhail was really looking for the Philosophy of Religion course. We videotape it every Wednesday in the dark room under the school chapel. But he had hard time understanding how such a big topic can fit in such a small room ☺. We had hard time trying to put some lights in there, and we still afraid that students will stay not 'enlightened'.

Russian people are quite interested to see how other people see them. Here is the example of how Russian people see some areas of the US ☺



( Feel free to contact me if you want me to send you all these pictures and more in high quality)

**Please pray:**

- 1. That **all the equipment** will stay well after Mikhail leaves US on Sept. 4. There are so much of it could go wrong! Please also pray that Dr Feinberg, Ike Miller who assists me in videotaping, and I would stay **alive and relatively healthy** through the end of the semester! We cannot miss any lecture! The 'integrity' of the three courses depends on it!
- 2. The **car** that was generously given to us for this mission **has broke**; please pray that it would be fixed soon, or that we would have another way of transportation. We tried to see if someone else can let us use his car . . . May be we will have to rent a smallest car. But our budget is quite limited. I am not sure how I can do it with my debit card and Russian Driver license. ☺
- 3. I have got several invitations from my friends in Russian and American churches, see the attached file). **Please pray for all the travel and many blessings as I am planning to preach and share what a great God we serve!**

Grace and Peace

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