

Dear friends and partners!

Thank you so much for your prayers for our ministries and me during the September and October 2012!

I felt like God carried me through this very intensive period of ministries full of important events! Within 4 weeks I visited four former and present capital cities, participated in the very important course videotaping, presented on two conferences and one School Board, led two church meetings, preached two times and finally performed the right of matrimony! And I am still alive, **praise the Lord!**

On Sept 22 I drove to Kharkov (Stalin made Kharkov the capital of Ukraine for a while, so as to diminish Kiev). Drs. Duane and Muriel Elmer from Trinity arrived safely; we drove back to Kursk with no problems on the Russian-Ukrainian boarder, **praise the Lord!**

Sept. 23-27 we videotaped at TVS (www.tvseminary.com) their excellent course on Cross-Cultural Competency! All cameras and complicated equipment worked well, **Praise the Lord!**

“Long time – to work and one hour for fun” - an old Russian saying. So, I took Elmers to former Russian capital S-Petersburg. We saw many emperors’ palaces covered with gold! They are gorgeous! Such a contrast with the peasants’ and workers’ poverty! One US teacher said: ‘now I know why the Russians had many revolutions’.

On Oct.1 I took a train to Moscow to participate in the biannual conference of Evangelical educators, organized by EAAA

<http://www.e-aaa.info/component/content/article/145--i/635-2012-10-09-05-50-39.html>

and Overseas Council for Theological Education

<http://www.overseas.org/>

On Oct 3 I led a seminar and workshop on that conference on ‘Historical analysis and new trends in teaching and learning’.

*It went well, the minds of evangelical school leaders and teachers were stirred up, intensive discussion was started there and continued in the halls for a long time afterwards, **praise the Lord!***



On Oct. 4 I took a train to Kursk to participate in the annual conference organized by evangelical Scientific Biblical center The Apologist (http://www.apologet.ru/Conference_Eng.htm)

This year several well known secular scientists and philosophers decided to participate in this conference. This year topic was about the influence of science and culture on paradigm change.

On Oct. 6 during this conference I talked about the need for spiritual paradigm change as a basis for all other changes; I described how it happened with Zacchaeus, with Christ's disciples and developed on Saul's conversion. As usual, I started scientifically and ended preaching. At the end I exclaimed: 'Doctor so and so, why do you persecute Me'.

There was a long silence after I finished . . . Two secular philosophers stopped teasing on Christian scientists. . .

On Oct. 7 my younger brother and a head of our school (TVS) took me on his car to (4th capital city)- Kiev (8 hours drive).

*Our annual Board of Directors was held in the campus of Kiev Chrstian Univeristy <http://kcu.org.ua/en> The head of this school saw my presentation in Moscow confensne, got convicted, and invited us to talk about using our courses in their educational process. 'It is from God that you are here', he said. We copied several of our courses to his drive and planned for future use of our courses, **praise the Lord!***

*Three days of our Board went well, Vitaly shared how God is using our courses in many ways and in many countries, way beyond our wildest dreams, praise the Lord! Now our courses in English are being used in African evangelical schools, in Malaysia, and some other Asian schools! We discussed many important issues; we found the solution about how to continue huge TVS work with its shrinking budget – **we will pray!***

On Oct 11 and 12 I took two trains (Kiev – Kharkov, and Kharkov-Kursk) to come back home and help my dear wife Svetlana with our nursery business. She felt abandoned because of my long absence/business and overwhelmed with many fall works and many customers during the fall sales.

It is with the last strength I

- led our New Testament church Board on Oct. 16,*
- tried to do as much as possible of postponed work at the school during the following weeks,*
- preached on Oct. 21 Sunday service,*
- and finally performed the wedding on October 27th.*

Everything went well, praise the Lord!

Now we really need more spiritual, emotional and physical strength.

Your prayers bless, please continue to pray!

May God bless you abundantly!

With Love from Igor Petrov and family

