

Kingdom Newsletter

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Russian Summer Travels 2

Maksim took an overnight train (about 9-10 hours) to Kurgan where sister Margarita lives. He met up with her, her daughter Zhanna (from Azerbaijan), and Ksenia (from Kazakhstan.) They went to Margarita's relative's house in a small town outside of the city. The elderly man lives alone and there was room for the four of them, and he was interested in listening in on their discussions. Maksim also helped him around the yard as needed and the ladies helped him around the house.

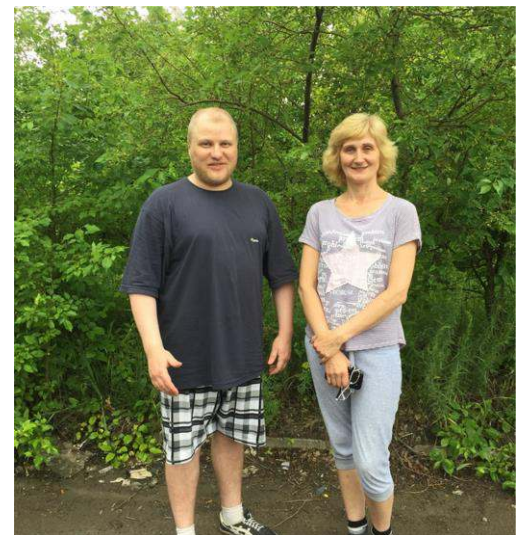
They spent a little over a week there and then sister Ksenia went home. The other three went back to Margarita's house for several more weeks. Margarita's husband says he's a communist and not interested in religion, but he is happy with her changes and that she is kinder and doesn't nag or yell at him as before.

It was such a blessing for Ksenia to meet the other sisters, and now she has that connection.



Fellowship in Kurgan

They were strengthened in their faith and biblical knowledge, especially in the one God, Jesus the Messiah, the coming kingdom reign on the earth, loving one's enemies and obeying the government, but remaining neutral as kingdom citizens.



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until September 1st

Then Maksim was blessed to take an eight-hour bus ride to meet with our new brother Ivan and his young daughter Nina that he had met online in one of his Unitarian groups. After about three years of conversation and study, and only one week before Maksim left to visit the sisters, Ivan called and told him that he had repented and wanted to be baptized. What a joy for Maksim after cultivating that seed in Ivan for so long!



Ivan is from the Ukraine. They met at an elderly relative's home in Tobolsk who also enjoyed hearing their biblical discussions. (Praise God that even more seeds were sown!) Ivan and Nina had just moved to Russia after another relative had secured a job in the mines for him in Siberia. The political unrest and the civil war in the Ukraine that had killed his wife was too much for a single father. Nina's mother was killed when she was out walking in town with Nina, then only a few months old. Gunfire broke out and unfortunately, she was caught in the middle.



After much discussion, Ivan was baptized and Maksim spent another week or so with them, building Ivan up in the faith and teaching him more about what the Bible has to say on the core teachings of Jesus and how a follower of Christ should live and act in the world. They discussed prophesy and how we are citizens of God's coming kingdom. Due to the world issues and politics, they looked at what the Bible had to say on patriotism and a Christian's involvement in the world's government. Maksim reminded Ivan that all the world's government have changed and over the past 2000 years many great world powers have risen and fallen and only God's government will remain forever. He told him how the early

Christians thirsted for Jesus' return and the establishment of God's government.

As Maksim spoke on forgiveness and how he must choose to forgive his wife's assassins and not desire revenge, Ivan confessed how that was God speaking to his heart and using Maksim to help him heal and have peace. Ivan agreed that hatred was like poison in you and that you must release it. He was so grateful for this wisdom! He felt that they were the very words from God that he needed to hear.

The One God internet group where Maksim met Ivan now has over 74,000 members! Maksim commented that he had read an article where Kent Ross said that his dream for Church of God, Faith of Abraham, was to be as well-known as Mormons and Jehovah Witnesses as a result of their evangelism efforts. Maksim is well on his way to making this dream come true!



PREACH ON PASTOR MAKSIM!

I wish I could record some of my conversations with Maksim! They are so encouraging and always challenge me to greater kingdom service! Every time we talk I get great sermons on Skype!



"What is there to talk about (with other denominations) unless we are sharing the truth with them!" ~Maksim

This is so true! And Maksim's sincere heart for all people to have the opportunity to hear the gospel that Jesus taught burns hot in all of his conversations. He compassionately shares the truths of the Scriptures in hope that one more will repent from their unbelief or misbelief and embrace the forgiveness and hope that Jesus extends to all.

Exciting Opportunity to Share the Gospel in a Hindu Community in Pakistan!



Evangelist Amir traveled this past month to Rahim Yar Khan, a Hindu tribe in Pakistan. He met Pastor Hanook at a mission training conference and Hanook invited him to visit his village and share the kingdom hope since he himself had never heard the biblical truth about death or the kingdom.

Amir visited a punjabi house and they open-heartedly received the truth.



He also visited a village very far from city. Amir was told it is a very dangerous road and many are killed. On the way down a robber stopped a biker, but God saved Amir and Hanook. Amir said that the whole way he heard in his ear Psalm 23.

Hancock's father also asked where the dead go and Amir told him. Hancock heard these truths taught many times and now his faith is strong on death.

It was Amir's observation, he told me, that many people do not know this truth! He is using every opportunity to share these amazingly simple truths with all he can.

Please pray for Amir and his team!



Please Pray For:

- **Ivan & Nina** as they relocate and start a new life in Russia and in the faith.
- **Brother Uli** as he is dying, help through the pain, and placement of his daughter in a home.
- **Our Kenyan brethren** as they construct their headquarters building that will also be used as a Bible college.