

# SIBERIAN SCOPE

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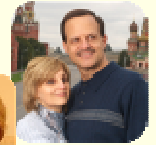
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**From one of our missionaries:** In Pavlovsky Posad, about an hour from Moscow, a church is growing despite having no permanent building for services. The congregation currently meets together only once a month. The rest of the time they gather in home groups. While looking for a meeting place, Misha, the pastor, has focused on building relationships within the community. "We don't need a building to be a church," he says. "Church growth has no boundaries."

Not long ago, the church acquired a shell of a building on the bank of a river. Believers have already completed the roof, but the rest of the building needs a lot of work before it can be used for services. Please pray for this growing church and for many other congregations in Russia that need meeting places. \*\*\*We rejoice with our Russian pastors and congregations in the growth of the church! Home groups dot many cities and villages throughout Russia. Relationships are key to touching communities with the love of Christ.

**Good News About Visas:** As Area Directors, Dianna and I are delighted to share with you, good news! Our Russian Missionaries are finding numerous ways to continue their work within country even though the visa law of September 2007, is still on the books—the cycle of 3 months in country and 3 months out of country. Many missionaries have started application for residential visas, some have already received them, others are going in with student visas, cultural visas, and work visas. There are still a few working with the religious visas, only being away from their ministry for 2—3 weeks.

Loosing the one year multiple entry religious visas threw us for a loop and has been a challenge! Please join us in sharing this good news with district leaders, pastors, supporters and churches that their missionaries are diligently finding ways to remain "boots on the ground" in Russia. We completely agree with our regional director, Omar Beiler when he stated, "The Lord will help us and give us grace as we faithfully pursue the call He has placed on our hearts."

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