

SIBERIAN SCOPE

The Trail to Susuman



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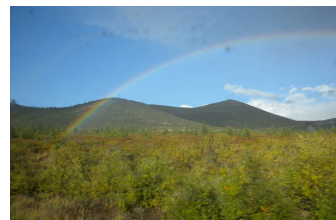
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It was August 18, 2009, it seemed we had jumped off the end of the earth & landed in a WWII death camp without fences. What a feeling as we advanced the Gospel to one of the most isolated places on the face of the earth, remote people groups existing in a land of sadness. **It's a place with the testimony of physical, spiritual & sociological tragedies.** The genocide, the mass graves and the well preserved frozen bodies are well known in this area of Russia. Every village was once home to Stalin's prison camps. **Only now, after I've had a few months to reflect on what we experienced, walking the same trail as the gulag prisoners, can I tell the story...** One thing



I've learned I can rely on is the prayer team from Christ's Place in Lincoln, Nebraska. Our assignment, we called it, **"The Trail to Susuman,"** not far from the city of Magadan, as you will notice on the map. A united team, we went forward knowing prayer warriors remained in Lincoln storming heaven for the success and safety of the team. As we traveled the Kolyma highway, nicknamed "The Road of Bones," coming from the brutality used to build and maintain the road. Tens of thousands forced labor prisoners fell ill, froze or starved to death building this road. The bones of the cadavers were broken up and used as ballast upon which to build. Now it is a road of heaved earth and sinkholes galore! We sensed the

brokenness and hopelessness of society as we drove by broken bridges, broken signs, broken guard rails, broken buildings—looking into the eyes of broken people... As we sought the Lord, words came from the Spirit that spoke of "New Beginnings—Just Begin, Susuman!" **WANT THE REST OF THE STORY? GET IT ON OUR WEBSITE...** ***Something spectacular happened while on the Trail to Susuman, about 100 km from town we rounded a mountain and there it was, a rainbow, perfect in every way. Right before our eyes the rainbow split in two. Then the most spectacular thing happened, it began to chase our van. That's right, it caught up to us and attached itself to our van. For 3 km we experienced being at the end of the rainbow!



SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST...

- **YA-HOO!!!** OCTOBER 9TH MARKED THE DAY RICK RECEIVED HIS THREE YEAR TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL VISA.
- **SOME OF DIANNA'S DOCUMENTS WERE NOT ACCEPTED FOR THIS PROCESS, SO IT'S BACK TO THE DRAWING-BOARD. SHE WILL REAPPLY FOR A THREE YEAR TEMPORARY RESIDENTIAL VISA IN JANUARY.**

SPECIAL PRAYER NEEDS...

- **God is directing us to build a far east ministry center in Khabarovsk. Missionary Cecil Eshelman along with the regional bishop and national pastors are in the property hunting stage.**
- **God has opened the door to missionary Mike Chowning, to build a ministry center in Tuva, Siberia.**
- **Please pray that we walk into God's provision and not man's in each of these building projects.**
- **Please pray for the right people to manage these facilities and that they are up and running by Spring 2010, training pastors and church planters.**



EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT...

Here's our latest, CUTTING EDGE connect for students in Russia:

StudyRussianDoMission

while living in a University dorm & connecting with Russian & International students. During the week participate in English club & on weekends do ministry with a mentoring missionary, the options are endless!

CURRENTLY OFFERED IN THESE 5 DESTINATION CITIES:

- 1) Khabarovsk, Far East Team (Eshelman)
- 2) Krasnodar, Southern Russia Team (Hayes)
- 3) St. Petersburg, European Russia Team (Michno)
- 4) Ulan Ude, Siberian Team (Cusic)
- 5) Novokuznets, Central Russia (Bantsev)

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS NEEDS MAGADAN REGION...

1. 6 MICROPHONE CORDS
2. ROLAND DRUM SYSTEM TD-4 OR TD-20
3. 6 PUPPETS
4. 3 QUIZ BOXES

