

Dear friends and pray-ers!

Please pray over the next five days (June 20-24) for us and for Russia through the course of a remarkable event.

Tomorrow people begin arriving in Moscow for an unprecedented event in the life of our ministry – a summit meeting between Russian national leaders and our mission (both us and our US counterparts) to initialize and “kick off” a Russian board of directors for our ministry of training pastors and church leaders. We have always believed the best minister to a culture is someone from that culture; it’s time for us to get out of the driver’s seat and hand over the keys. This transition has been long anticipated in the abstract and yet unexpected when it finally happens.

A brief word about a couple of the Russian leaders who are coming...



Constantine (“Costya”) was living in Ulan Ude (in Buryatiya just north of Mongolia) as a Romanian missionary married to a Ukrainian and ministering to the Russians, not far from where Heather did college ministry in south central Siberia in the late 90’s. He graduated from our classes in 2002, then went back to Siberia and took 18 more men from the region through pastoral training – all 10 courses. We are here to fan his flame.



Sergei is a gifted administrator and will support the board in that role. Here he is surveying the scene on the plot of land he bought to move nearer other BTCP/L leaders. He is working on reconstructing a cabin for his family there. See Sergei on site in a 3-min clip about his experience with BTCP/L and an invitation to help build his cabin, check out the link below...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22NuBfaBWus>

To prepare for this next week, we have been drafting documents and talking to all sides to get input into the process – now is the time to bring us all together, pray, discuss, and pass the baton. I am proposing to remain involved as the Russians see fit until the transitional time is over and they are running on their own. What will be our role and for how long – we are praying and waiting to see what is the collective understanding of God’s will.

Please pray:

- For God to be honored, and his mission to be served by we who attend
- For us all to show courage through our discussion and decisions, not shrinking back from hardship in taking responsibility for equipping others
- For Heather – I will be running the meetings, and Heather will be running the hospitality – which is no small feat. We will have houseguests for a week, cooking for 10-12, and having three young children was pretty engaging already! Please pray for strength, encouragement, and endurance for her.

We will be in touch soon with the follow up. Please protect, strengthen and focus our hearts with your prayers! Now is the time.

Adam and Heather, Pasha, Jon, and baby Anna

