

Siberia Update

Healings

Jenya Latinin, one of our missionaries and son-in-law of the director of Teen Challenge, had contracted HIV during his years of drug addiction. Approximately six months ago he had to be hospitalized after various tests reported that his T-cell count went down to 4. (A healthy person has a count of 800-1,000.) The doctors diagnosed that he also had tuberculosis in his lungs and would not live long due to his low immunity. The church began to pray and fast for his healing. The doctors prescribed extremely strong medicine, and said if his liver doesn't fail it will be a miracle. After two months his count is now up to 184 and there is no trace of tuberculosis. The Head doctor of the hospital said that in all of his years of practicing, only once before has he seen someone recover as Jenya did. During his stay in the TB hospital, Jenya led many people to Christ right before they died of AIDS. Please pray that God will continue to use Jenya as he continues to minister there on a regular basis.



During his life of drug addiction, Vanya Novikov contracted opisthorchiasis, a condition in which 30% of his liver was destroyed. After graduating from Teen Challenge he went to the hospital for tests. X rays showed holes in his liver, and that his liver started producing poison that was being poured into his blood. Before he began treatments in a special liver hospital in another city, he was tested again and there was no trace of opisthorchiasis. Because of much prayer of his friends, his liver looked as if he had never been using drugs or had ever been sick before. Praise God that there is now no trace of this disease in his liver!

Alexay Balandin, a graduate and worker from Teen Challenge, was diagnosed in 2009 with HIV and Hepatitis C. The medicine available to treat Hepatitis C is extremely expensive and unaffordable by most people in Russia. He was studying an inductive Bible study course on the Names of God and was moved to learn that one of God's Name's is Jehovah Rapha, the God that heals. (Exodus 15:26) He began to pray and fast for the healing of his liver. Recently, he was tested again, and there was no trace of Hepatitis C in his body. Alexay was so encouraged that he is now praying for healing for HIV.



TC Training



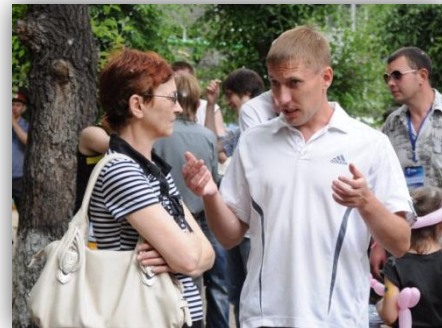
English Classes

We're very grateful to God for allowing Dr. David and Heather Ozanne, from the state of Washington, to come here for three months to help train Teen Challenge staff. It's also wonderful to have Nienna Hempstead, from NY, come to teach English again this summer. Please pray that God will use them to the fullest capacity for His glory while they are here.

Outdoor Concerts



On May 20 we started having outdoor evangelistic concerts every Friday evening in different sections of the city. First, a team of youth from our church goes into the neighborhood and gathers children to play games, make balloon shapes and do face art. Then during the concert, youth and adults from the church share their testimonies and what Christ means to them. At the end, the plan of salvation is presented with an invitation to pray and receive Christ as their Savior. Please pray that many will come to know the Lord this summer as they are hearing the plan of salvation for the first time.



New Church



Misha, a former alcoholic, almost froze to death one night in the snow while being intoxicated. He woke up the next morning in the hospital with his hands amputated due to frostbite. The Lord has miraculously saved him and changed his life through the ministry of Teen Challenge. After graduating from TC Siberia, he completed a Missions Bible School in our church and felt called to start a new church with his wife, Tanya, in northern Siberia. Please pray for God's grace as they are leaving this week to begin this work.

It is a privilege for us to serve God in this part of the world that had been closed to the Gospel for so many years. Thank you so much for your prayers and financial support that keeps this ministry growing! We're so grateful to God for you!

God bless you always!
Ilya and Janet

