

## *Greetings to our beloved friends and family,*

Hallelujah! As we look back upon this past year, our hearts are filled with gratitude for what the Lord has done for us, in us, and through us. Another year in Moscow, another year together pursuing the will of God, another year of learning and giving. When thinking back upon the last two years - our first two years - in Russia, we are amazed at what the Lord has done - especially in this past year. He is taking us from Glory to Glory!

Our first year was a difficult year of transition, searching for our purpose, and desiring true friends and godly fellowship. When comparing the first year to the second, our hearts overflow with thankfulness for what God has provided for us. Our apartment this year has been a blessing to us - modern renovations, no strange smells, no cockroaches, a wonderful landlady who speaks English, and within a ten minute walk to Hinkson Christian Academy and a great grocery store. God provides wonderfully! In teaching at Hinkson Christian Academy, God confirmed more to Katie that this is exactly what she has been called to do at this time. Also, Shane and Katie developed many God appointed relationships with coworkers at Hinkson. Our cry for friendship and fellowship is sincerely answered.

At Hinkson, God has provided both of us with many opportunities to share His love and truth with the students. We have connected with many of the students. We look forward to returning in August to again interact with them instructing them in both academics and godly principles. Earlier this year we asked for prayer for Hinkson Christian Academy as the school was approaching an important landmark. It desired to become accredited by the Association of Christian Schools International. We just received an email from our director informing us that Hinkson has been awarded accreditation! Praise the Lord! Thank you for praying for us as we all worked diligently on this enormous goal.

Currently, we are back in the States for a time of rest and rejuvenation in preparation for next year. This fall, Katie will again teach full-time at Hinkson Christian Academy (English and math to middle and high school). Shane will also be teaching a boys' health class to ninth graders as well as coaching soccer. What an amazing opportunity to speak into the lives of these kids!

Along with teaching at Hinkson, Shane will continue working with Armada. This month Armada held its first annual "Armada International Landmark." We had a wonderful time of fellowship and teaching of the Word from men and women around the world. This event helped to unify our team, solidify our foundations, and clarify our direction for the future.

This conference also initiated Armada's *Ministerial Fellowship*, a network of Christian leaders and churches designed to provide assistance and support to the Christian community here in America and around the world. We desire to facilitate unity in the Body of Christ by working together to bring God's will to fulfillment in the lives of His people.

This fall, the *Armada Commission*, a Bible school designed to foster the spiritual growth of men and women called to ministry, will begin here in the United States. Its focus is not simply to provide Biblical knowledge, but rather to assist in the cultivation of the gifts of God in them. This school will also provide opportunities for the students to travel abroad and serve in other nations.

Internationally, we are ready to expand our efforts in Russia by establishing a legal entity through which we can launch our ministry outreaches. It is an exciting time to see God's people come together from all nations to achieve the "Great Commission" He has given to us all!

We thank you for your continuing support and prayers as we prepare for next year. Each year is a step of faith. We do not always know what lies ahead, but we remember Who always goes before us to prepare the way!

*Thank you for blessing us with your prayers, support, and friendship!*

*In Christ,*

*Shane & Katie Lehman*