

Greetings from Moscow!

These past few months have been a whirlwind of activities for us here in Moscow. Winter was unusually brief this year and not nearly as frigid as last year. Nonetheless it still remained below the zero mark for most of the time. Winter in Russia conveys new meaning to the words “cold” and “freezing!” But now we are seeing springtime make its abrupt entry into Moscow in early March this year. Last week averaged between 0-5 degrees Celsius corresponding roughly to 32-42 degrees Fahrenheit. This is not the weather to be sporting your best duds because the sidewalks and streets are flooded with streams of melting snow and mud.



Hinkson

Life at Hinkson Christian Academy has been very busy. Although Shane is only part-time teaching gym classes, he often is seen helping out by tutoring, substituting, coaching, going to Russian class, and just being around! Katie could call school her second home since she spends extra hours there grading papers, conversing with teachers and students, or participating in various school activities. She looks forward to even more opportunities to impart the love and wisdom of God to students and fellow teachers. She has learned much from them too! Many have commented about how valuable an addition she is to Hinkson in her work and in her character. Teaching is not her job; it is her passion!

Aside from the usual business of the teacher’s daily routine, the administration and staff are making the final preparations in becoming an accredited school. This year marks the final stage of the multi-year process. A team from ACSI (Association of Christian Schools International) will be coming in April to make their final assessment of the school. Please keep Katie and all the staff in your prayers during this time of finalizing any last-minutes details. Also, pray for their peace as this extra work only adds stress to the already busy school schedule.

Armada

Currently, Shane’s responsibilities include establishing a legal entity in Russia for Armada, coordinating and distributing translation work, and compiling a database of local Christian organizations for Armada’s mission’s network. In April, he will be meeting with many other mission organization leaders for a one week seminar on creating and utilizing an online course curriculum. This will be a crucial step for launching the Correspondence Bible Course. Please pray for him during this time as he treads delicately and cautiously over Russia’s legal and religious terrain. Pray for divine counsel from the Holy Spirit to help him make right decisions and for favor as he meets with other local leaders.

Other News

- We have started a blog online in an effort to better facilitate communication with friends and family. We will be able to share more of our day-to-day living. We hope this will enable you to feel more connected with us and what we do here. Relationships are so important to us; therefore we want to share our lives with you. You can also see

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pictures of those with whom we work and fellowship with here in Moscow, read testimonies, and write comments back to us.

- This March, we will be celebrating our third wedding anniversary! Three years ago we joined our lives together for eternity, knowing that sometime in the future God would open up a door for us in Russia. And now, we have been living here for almost two years! What an adventure it has been! We have learned a lot about each other and ourselves. We have also witnessed God's faithfulness and love in great and miraculous ways! We look forward to what new adventures await us in the future because we know in whose hands our destiny lies!
- *Testimony!* When we moved to this area, we were thrilled to be so close to the school. The only drawback was the lack of a decent grocery store nearby. We had to walk quite a distance, take the metro, and drag our food back home. We prayed about this inconvenience, trusted God, and made the best of the situation - continually stopping by random little "prodookties" (small food stands). While walking to school one day after our return to Moscow in January, we passed in front of a building that was being renovated. Looking inside, we were thrilled to see it was a newly opened grocery store! Brand-new, reasonably priced, and literally on the way home from school. God is so good!
- We also have a new addition to our household, Buster – our new pet bunny! The kindergarten class at Hinkson has a class bunny that had babies. After much research and visits to the kindergarten class, Shane decided that he wanted one. Therefore for his birthday, Katie decided to give him one of the bunnies. Buster is a fun-loving, two month old, white bunny who is a ball of energy. His favorite snack is parsley. He loves to bite chunks out of the corners of the wall...we're working on this. He's so cute! (See our blog for pictures.)

Thank you for your continued support and prayers. We appreciate each of you! And remember to visit our blog if you have a chance.

Shane & Katie Lehman

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