



Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. **Isaiah 1:18**

Death of a Dear Servant

In Memory of Brother Skip Horning

How often does a young man encounter someone willing to invest their time into training them for ministry? Not often - thus why many young men head to Bible college. Between the ages of thirteen and eighteen, a man named Brother Skip had a burden to help an introverted young man in need of a male, Godly influence. I was that guy. He taught me how to lead people to Christ, took me on visits to counsel families, and demonstrated how to serve faithfully at one's local church. If it wasn't for God using this man, I am unsure where I would be in life today.

After several years of battling health problems, Brother Skip passed away. There are several things that I have noticed about him. He always had a vision to accomplish something more for God. He looked at each hospital visit as a new opportunity to meet more people for the purpose of giving out Gospel tracts to them. In his final days, this man in his seventies was planning on planting a church.

God had used him mightily already in New Jersey starting a rescue mission and as a missionary to the Native Americans in Wyoming, but never did Brother Skip believe that what he had done was enough. God had saved him from sin - and he was going to live victoriously for his God. Brother Skip always had a saying, "Victory in Jesus - and nothing less!" and then would write the verse reference of I Corinthians 15:57.

I will always remember our days fixing buses, running church errands, going to the rodeo with cowboy-themed tracts, and talking about the Lord. My memories of Brother Skippy will always serve as a reminder of the great need to reach the lost with the Gospel, now the next generation needs our investment, and how sold-out I should be for Christ.

God Leads His Dear Children Along

Some through the Waters, Some through the Floods

There was a point between being called to Russia and being on deputation that I (Jonathan) was rather uneasy about partaking in the deputation process of raising support. I remember trying to think of ways of skipping it entirely. I started a business, hoping that with a residual income I would only be accountable to one church - my sending church. I built up that business so that I at one point had twelve distributors beneath me. God started working on my heart though about the usage of my time. I started realizing that I either had opportunity to talk to people about business or about Christ. I could either see them as someone to help me or someone that I could try to help. With a change in focus, I let my business go and surrendered it to the Lord. Since then, He has blessed my small amount of faith and together we have seen God pour His graciousness upon us.

Deputation seems like a canoe trip down a flowing river. Everything seemed at first about as precarious as you feel keeping one foot on land and the other extended out in the canoe, but now that we are in it with both feet, God is moving us along. Sure, there is the occasional scrape of an underwater rock on the bottom of our boat, but here we are being kept afloat and moving by God's awesome power. Being on deputation has been a great experience, seeing how God works through so many people.



Following the Lord in believer's baptism, a good number of the children who made professions of faith during the summer camp we helped at, got baptized at Forest Area Baptist Church on October 4th.



Katrina was given opportunity to speak at a Ladies' Brunch this month. We are thankful for the chances we get to share what the Lord has done in our lives. She spoke on the need for evangelism before the harvest season is over.



We want our ministry covered in prayer. At one church, the men literally did cover Jonathan in prayer! There was such a sweet spirit in the church and we appreciate greatly the intercession made for our family headed to a volatile area in the world. With prayerful churches behind us, we can go confidently, knowing that believers back in the States have our back.



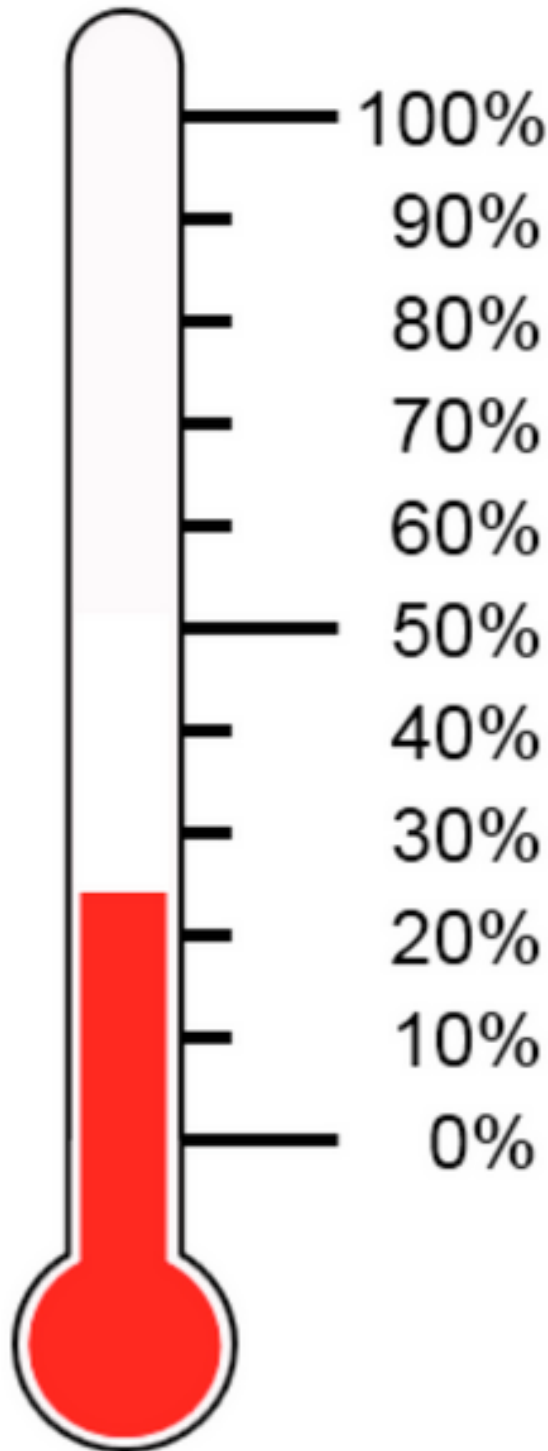
After saving and receiving two generous gifts from God's people towards this item, we have finally purchased a video projector! God even gave us a better projector than what we had initially planned on getting. We are excited to be able to use this for showing our presentation at churches without one. This tool will come in handy both here in the States and in our ministry overseas.



We can't believe that Vivian is already an entire year old! Time really does fly. We are so glad that God gave us a little girl that patiently rides in the car on deputation and is willing to make new friends everywhere she goes. Thankfully, we were able to not only celebrate her birthday with our home church a week early but at Walker Bible Baptist, where we were at for a missions conference on October 28th.



Had opportunity to visit Mt. Washington Baptist Church which overlooks Pittsburgh, PA. Can you imagine Belgorod, RU being more than 50,000 larger by population than *this* metropolis? Belgorod needs **at least one** independent Baptist church there to preach the Gospel, disciple converts, and plant additional churches in the former Soviet Union!



Prayer Requests

- For our scheduled calls in December and January as pastors book their missionaries for the year.
- For safety as we travel.
- For additional churches to commit to faithfully supporting us.
- For more open doors of opportunity to witness and share the Gospel.
- For wisdom as we make decisions.

Praises

- For all the gifts that dear brothers and sisters gave to Vivian for her birthday.
- For the Russian-English dictionary we received which will come in handy at the university in Kharkov.
- For opportunities as we travel to witness to Russian-speaking people.
- For safe travels during the **11,527 miles** on deputation that we will have reached by October 30th!
- For the **41 opportunities** to present at churches and share our ministry.
- For the graciousness of God's people to our family.

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"Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand." - Romans 15:20-21

