



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**

Advanced Missionary Training School

Three Years of Blessings.

If you have not experienced AMCTS (Advanced Missionary and Chaplain Training School) then you are missing out on a great blessing. Katrina and I have had the privilege of attending AMCTS for the past 3 years now and have each time walked away with a stronger grasp on what it means to be a missionary and how to most effectively minister cross-culturally.

What exactly happens there? Take veteran pastors and missionaries and have them teach from 8:00am to 4:00pm for an entire week. For some, it may seem reminiscent of your missions class back at Bible college, but so many subjects are covered and they really do a great job of covering them in the time allotted. For me, who double-majored in the pastoral and missions studies, it was beneficial. You cannot possibly remember everything you are taught and it is certainly helpful to be reminded of those things, but very much to receive quite a bit of additional instruction as well. I don't know about you, but subjects like terrorism, contingency plans, and survival weren't really addressed at my Bible college - but here was a real, live missionary serving in a dangerous country and telling us how one can protect themselves and their family.

The fellowship with other missionaries was great too. We were able to take some time and talk with the team at All Points Baptist Mission who helps process our support. They do a great job! We were also afforded the opportunity to meet the Hughes family who are missionaries to the Russian-speaking country of Moldova.

Even if you simply curious about All Points Baptist Mission or about the free, week-long training school they provide, I would call and make plans to be at AMCTS in 2016. Attend some classes and be blessed. We attended for two years before we partnered with APBM. I guarantee you one thing: you will walk away with a slightly different perspective on what it means to be a missionary.

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Our Five-Step Plan for Reaching Russia

If any of you have read our website or brochure, then you are already somewhat familiar with our acrostic. Missions work done overseas may look a little different than here in the United States, but when it is all boiled down, should be basically the same. The word "grace" gives us an easy-to-remember way of explaining our goals in Russia - and we hope for you too as you evangelize your community.

Glorifying God. The Bible tells us in First Corinthians 10:31 to do everything we do for the glory of God. This must remain the primary and first cause for our mission work.

Relationship Building. Without trust, why should anyone believe that what you say is in their best interest? Whether here in America or over in Russia, it helps tremendously to already have some degree of trust built as a bridge for the Gospel. Russian people naturally distrust Americans, so this process will be a little longer for us as we must prove our intentions through honesty, integrity and other Christ-like character. (They have to understand that we are involved in evangelism not espionage.)

Aiding their Understanding. We are not concerned with how many people recite the "Sinner's Prayer" as we are how many understand the truth behind it. A prayer for salvation will naturally come when one understands their need for a Saviour, Who that Saviour is, and how Jesus Christ saves them. Almost half the population of Russia trust in canned prayers to attain their salvation, but almost none of them truly understand the saving work of Christ. Through systematic Bible teaching, we hope

Christ-centered Discipleship. An inescapable and truly essential part of the Great Commission is "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." In addition to leading souls to Christ, we endeavor to disciple them in their walk with God so that they might draw closer in their relationship with Him.

Equipping and Sending. The true test of whether or not we are successful missionaries is if we are able to establish an independent, autonomous, indigenous Baptist church that can replicate itself. Since we are interested in reaching all of Russia, it is our goal to not only train the nationals in the future church we start, but to send out God-called men to plant new churches.



It's not every day that you meet a former naval attache who can play you in a game of Russian Scrabble! This was a great challenge for Katrina. Brother John Brown in New Hampshire spent some time helping Jonathan with the language and singing some old Russian folk songs for us. He and his family were a blessing.



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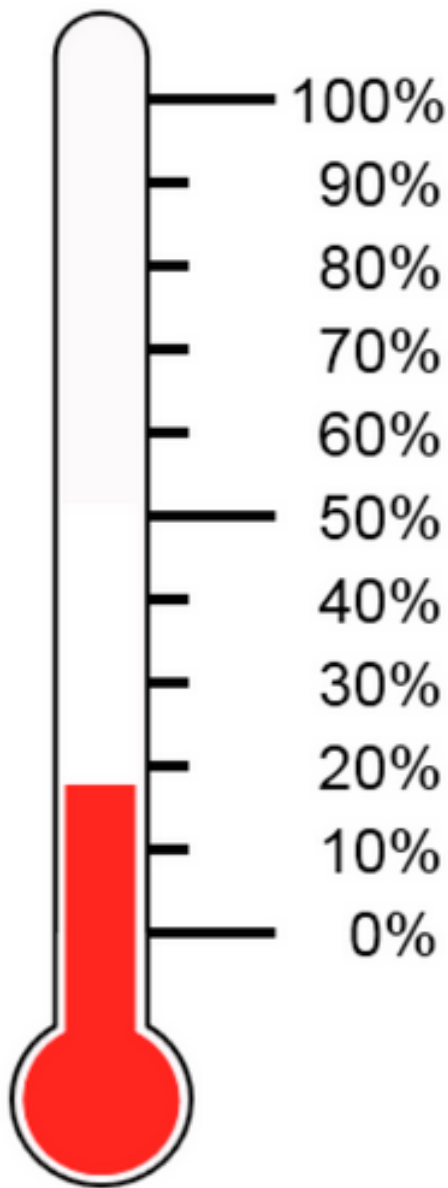
The post office box number for our clearinghouse is changing by the end of this year.

Please note that instead of PO Box 498, all checks should be sent to PO Box 977.

Thank you so much for your faithful financial support!



These two gentlemen (classmates from Bible college) are faithful servants of God hard-at-work in Topsham, Maine. It is wonderful to see the Brother Chris Baber (R), Pastor Michael Britt (L) and his family serving the Lord. Topsham Baptist Church recently decided to support us by faith and we pray that God will bless them for their missions heart.



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

We praise the Lord for keeping us safe for the past **6,528.2 miles** on deputation!

For the continual opportunities to present at churches and share our ministry.



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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

