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Hello everyone,

I hope this letter finds everyone doing well. Tony and I were able to have a 2 day get-away together for our Anniversary. Our anniversary was almost a month ago. We had plans to get away but the night before our anniversary, the day we were supposed to leave, I came down really sick. I was in bed the whole day and then was still not back to normal for the rest of the week. Praise the Lord it is over! Since then we have had lots going on, so were not able to get away until now. We had a great time!

This week one of the church members (Dr. Sergey) passed away. He has been in the hospital for about 4 months. Had an infection in his head and was not doing any better. Praise the Lord, he was saved and is with Jesus now. But as far as his wife and grown son, please pray for them during this time of loss.

Era and Sasha's family are doing well. Era is no longer staying with us. We felt it best if she lived with her mother, but I believe right now she is staying with a friend. Please pray for her spiritual need. Judy lead her to the Lord a while back but is not showing much fruit or much desire. I pray that it was sincere and that she will begin to grow in the Lord. Sasha is still going to school in the village and living with his mother. Please pray for his salvation. Praise the Lord for the many people that have given to this family in response to their need since the fire.

Thank you all who have written letters. They are always such an encouragement. Ms. Emily (Eastwood) Thank you so much for your card you sent. I read it to Tony as we were driving to Russian class. You are such a blessing to us. We love you. Ms. Sauter (Maranatha) I treasure your letters always. I think of you often in my prayers.

Please pray for Tony as he will be preaching in the hearing service tomorrow at about 3:00 our time and 8:00am EST. I am quite sure he would appreciate your prayers. And thank you for your continued prayer for our Russian studies. Tony is going to classes 4 times a week now but I have cut back a bit because of teaching the kids and I was holding Tony back. He really needs to get going with it more than I. I am still going twice a week which is good. I try to study Russian in-between teaching and grading papers, so please pray that I will continue to have a zeal to learn. It can become very discouraging at times.

For His Service,
Dawn Hess