

The Hearron Family Newsletter

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Missionaries to Russia

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Where do I begin?

Our furlough is a whirlwind. My dad and I were able to get away and go fishing in Canada while the family spent the week with Bonnie's mother and sister in Omaha. All had a good time. We have scheduled many new churches in which to candidate for missionary support. I have been encouraged by the response to letters sent out by our sending church pastor and mission board director. We have several meetings as a direct result of their letters recommending our family. I am finding that pastors are more accustomed to using email and texting to schedule their missionaries. This has helped us tremendously in building our itinerary. This is much different than before. However, not having been on furlough but four months in the last 11 years might mean that I am now just catching up with the times.

We have traveled nearly 15,000 miles since beginning furlough. Our vehicle we bought has been a great blessing. We are hoping to sell it in November. If you know of anyone who would be interested in a reliable 2013 Suburban let me know. We have had a few close calls on the roads but are thankful that God's hedge of protection has been around our family. I know our personal vanguard of protecting angels are working overtime. Thank you Lord!

Illness while on the road

I know many of you prayed for me while I was hospitalized in Frederick, MD. I became ill after just having arrived at the home of some dear friends for a four day visit. While sitting talking in their living room, I was hit with what I thought was a case of the flu. Within an hour I was heading to bed with a severe temperature and bones aching. I stayed in bed two days and then went to a walk-in clinic. The doctor looked at my chart, looked at me and said, "Mr. Hearron you're a sick man." He went on to say that he couldn't help me and that I needed to get to the hospital asap.

Our friends drove me to the ER and was there for about 4 hours running tests and taking intravenous antibiotics. They let me go home with oral antibiotics and told me to return in two days. On Saturday, two days later, I returned to the ER upon which they admitted me because my condition was not improving. During my admission I was on an intravenous drip cocktail of high power antibiotics among other meds. Five days later, I was cleared to go, but warned to take it easy on the trip home to Oklahoma.

I can not tell you the helplessness one feels when in such a position, traveling on the road with your family so far away from your base of operation. But I can say that the Lord was good and took care of my family as he did me. God put His people in our way to assist and help relieve the stress of being under such circumstances. I have a special thanks to our friends in Frederick, MD who took such great care of my wife and children while I was laid up in the hospital.

Raising Support

We have furloughed specifically to raise our missionary support level. For several years it has been at 56% of what our sending church and mission board recommend for our family and ministry. I am pleased to inform you that God has been good and is allowing us to raise additional support. We have had a few churches take us on for support while not requiring us to actually come to their church. And others, after meeting with their church, have promised to support us. In fact, we have already received support from several new churches.

We are so encourage how the Lord is blessing. This has reinvigorated us, while once again confirming God's continued call for our family to preach the Gospel in Russia. We look forward optimistically to future church meetings and trust that still others will partner with us and begin to support our church planting ministry in Russia.

Troubling times in Russia

Many of you may have already heard of recent changes to Russia's law on religious worship and missionary activity. These changes have significantly limited the freedom people of faith have had in Russia these past many years to evangelize. I would ask that you pray for these changes to be struck down as we see the various court cases work their way through the Russian legal system.

How will this affect our ministry? The answer is a wait and see one. This we do know, that many methods of evangelization used in the past will now be considered a violation of the current religious law. We are continuing our consultations with other missionaries in our area and trying to come up with an approach that will continue to see the Gospel preached in Russia while at the same time keeping us under the radar. We know our Lord is in control and trust that He will lead our steps.

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