



To open their eyes, to turn them from darkness to light ... that they may receive forgiveness of sins... Acts 26:18

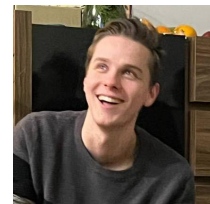
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### Christmas Opportunity



Christmas is my favorite time of the year! Why you might ask? 1. We celebrate God's ultimate gift to redeem the fallen world. 2. It is an incredible opportunity to share this gift when people are full of holiday cheer and more willing to listen. 3. Being in a Russian culture, the holiday season much longer. Dec. 25th is western Christmas and not really celebrated here but they know about it. New Years is the biggest holiday with a decorated New Years tree and the giving of presents. Jan 7th is the Orthodox Christmas with their churches beautifully decorated and special Christmas services.

Each year during this time, I do a holiday questionnaire on the streets. This year, I was able not only to have meaningful conversations with many on the street, but rejoice that I was able to take some men out on their first time witnessing on the street. A friend of mine invited Alvin (a young man who had gotten a burden for the lost while in the army) to come do the survey with us and he caught the vision. He then started inviting his other Christian friends to come and learn to tell others about Christ on the street! Pray for Alvin to continue witnessing and that God would use him, me, and others greatly to proclaim the wonderful news that Christ has come to save the world!



### NEW ADDRESS



Thanks so much for all your prayers as we looked for housing for our team. Due to the lack of housing and the fact that we are now empty nesters, the Florys (a family of 4) moved into our large apartment and we moved to a small apartment. It's been a task downsizing 19 years of stuff! Continue to pray for our team's 3 families as we all get settled into our new apartments and neighborhoods. If you would like to update your records with our new field address please email me at [russia4christ@hotmail.com](mailto:russia4christ@hotmail.com).

### PRAISE & PRAYER

1. God to move in the hearts of those who completed the Christmas survey
2. Alvin to grow in proclaiming and serving Christ
3. God to send us national laborers to work with us
4. All of our team have found apartments to live in!

For lost Russian souls,

*Keith Sampson*