

## December 2017 Update from William Wood Missions to Russia

Hello friends! How are you? We are doing good. God is faithful.

1. Our sister Antonena from the Don church was given a bonus on her job to spend some time at a sanitarium (a kind of health resort) near the city of Syktyvkar. While staying there she fellowshipped with a great many people. After a while she had a great idea to invite her Baptist friends from the city to the sanitarium to share the Gospel with all those people. The sanitarium staff gave her permission. Her friends arrived and they had a great time of sharing the Good News with the people there. Many people were touched by the message. Some were skeptical though.... But our job is to continue sharing God's message with people. Here are a couple pictures from the event.



2. November 28, 2017 Simeon, Arthur and Andre from the Don church were invited to the Ust-Kulom Correction school for problem kids. The staff wanted us to show a Christian cartoon to the children. The children who study at the boarding school come from problem families who have alcohol-related and poverty issues. The school staff sometimes have a difficult time teaching the kids because of behavior disorders. Our topic that day was honesty and integrity. We showed them a Christian cartoon about Daniel. We tried to encourage the kids and show them that being people of integrity pays off down the road. We encouraged the kids to seek God's help. The school continues inviting us and it is such a privilege to minister to the children and staff. Three pictures from the event:



3. William turned 71(!) November 29th. Praise the Lord for this wonderful man of God!! As far as his health, he is still doing pretty good. He has been suffering from excessive mucus coming out of his lungs. It has to be removed continuously with special equipment. We'd like to thank everyone for their prayer support.

4. With God's help, we try to reach the people of our community thru different means, but the goal remains the same – spreading God's light wherever we are. Recently some guys from the Don church resumed our soccer training. Some local youths join us. While playing together with them we try to be good role models for them. We explain to them why swearing, smoking, calling each other names is sinful and should be avoided. Soccer has become a bridge of communication with the local youths for us. In the picture below: Don church guys at the Don Community Gym – left to right: Cyrill, Andre, Arthur, Pr Andre; front – Ylya).

We thank God for all His support!  
To God be all the Glory!!  
Andre

