

Hi everyone,

I wanted to give you an update and let you know what's going on with me. Sorry it's taken me so long!

In Mid-June I went to Kyrgyzstan to help at a family camp for a people group called the Kalmyks. Last fall, a team of us took a mission trip to Kalmykia (a region in Russia). The Kalmyks are an unreached people group who also claim Tibetan Buddhism as their religion. Interestingly while the Gustafson's were in Kyrgyzstan in March (after evacuating Russia), they discovered that there are pockets of Kalmyks who live in Kyrgyzstan. The camp we served at was specifically geared for them and it was a wonderful time of connecting with this dear group of people. We got to lead discussions during the morning sessions and be involved in the daily program with group games and the evening program. I was able to sit and hear the testimonies of some of the ladies and it was powerful to hear how God is at work. There were also unbelievers at this camp and the Gospel was shared and we had some very good discussions with some of them as well. *Please pray for the seeds to keep growing and that they would bear fruit of deep faith.*

I've been in Russia now for 3 weeks and will be here for 2 more. I'm so very thankful for this time here. I entered Russia on June 17 and had no problems with crossing the border. Thank the Lord all my flights went smoothly, passport control was stress free and I was warmly welcomed by friends. In these 3 weeks I have gotten together with many friends, and I'm so thankful for how God has worked out opportunities that I never expected.

For example, a non-Christian friend of mine who moved to Moscow 2-3 years ago "just happened" to be back in Ulan-Ude at the same time I am here. Another friend who lives in Moscow came to Ulan-Ude just for a few days and I was free the one morning she was able to meet with me. She and I had a lovely time chatting and sharing our hearts with one another. Our Swiss teammates who moved back to their home country 2 years ago are in Ulan-Ude now for a short time to visit friends and say final goodbyes. I'm thankful I can be here to see them. I've already made a trip to Lake Baikal, and attended a wedding this past weekend, hope to go to a church camp next weekend, and a baptism / church camping trip the following weekend. In addition to that, God unexpectantly gave me an opportunity to help serve a Mongolian couple who got in a car accident (he is a driver for a bus that takes a daily route between Mongolia & Ulan-Ude). They had no place to stay the night, so my friend asked if they could stay on my couch. My friend had the opportunity to share the Gospel with them in Mongolian. It was exciting to see how God was working, and we *pray for the planted seeds to grow in their hearts.*

God has ordained so many things in this short time and I'm just so very grateful. It has been a very rewarding trip and my heart feels full. I have decided not to completely pack up or get rid of my belongings until things become more clear about my future. At this point, my future is one big question mark and I'm seeking God's will on what to do and where to go next. I honestly feel lost and like I'm walking in the dark. Aside from

increased prices, the absence of my teammates, and the fact that I have to pay for everything with cash (my credit card doesn't work here because of sanctions), life feels pretty normal here in Ulan-Ude, but I can sense that everyone here is anxious for the tensions to end.

In late July I will fly to Romania and will help with a camp for refugees. Several SEND teammates are already there serving and I will be able to see the Gustafson's when I arrive. With the team established there, I will help at this camp until the end of August. At this camp, we will serve the kids whose moms are already working or looking for jobs. We will play games, do crafts and share life with them for these several weeks. We also will be helping the women as they need to take trips into town to run errands or get medical care. I might even offer fitness classes for them as an outlet in a stressful time. I admit I'm a bit nervous about this ministry of serving those coming out of very traumatic experiences, but I'm trusting God to give me what I need. *Please pray for my heart to be full of His love for those who are hurting and trying to rebuild their lives. Pray for His light to shine into their hearts during this very dark time.*

Please pray for God to guide me for my future. After Romania, I'm not sure what to do, or where to go. I have to trust that God has a good plan, but it's hard to see it right now. Thank you all so much for your continued support and prayers.

in Him,
Janette (Nettie)

Please pray for:

- God's guidance and leading in my life
- for God to bring beauty in this difficult time in the world. Pray for the Gospel to go forth even more through the current situation.
- for the church in Russia to be unified and continue all the more to make the name of Jesus known.
- for a continued work of God's Spirit among the Buryat people.
- for my last 2 weeks in Russia to be fruitful and that I will be an encouragement to the people here.

Pictures below:

- 1) camp with our Kalmyk friends
- 2) Lake Baikal
- 3) getting together with English club friends

