

Dear Friend of *Abiding Above*,

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*Abiding Above Discipleship School: Puerto Rico Update:* In my last letter to you I shared about God opening the doors to us on the island of Puerto Rico. We have already shipped a large order of lessons to them and we are expecting great things from setting up our Abiding Above Discipleship School Puerto Rico. Please pray for us in this new opportunity.

Right now, I am three hours south of Moscow, Russia as I write to you. For months now we have been planning and praying for this trip; to minister in 8 prisons to reach over 8,000 prisoners! What an opportunity and what a success we have had.

*Prison Ministry in Russia:*



Before leaving America I had wonderful thoughts of preaching to these thousands of men and women. That did not happen. But, thank God the Russian part of our team was able to enter the prisons and share the gospel and hand out our new tract and Bibles from the Gideon organization. We Americans prayed for them while we waited for them or we handed out tracts to many people in nearby cities and villages.

*Words of Wisdom:* My father has always taught me, that in life it is important to remain flexible and with anticipation watch what God will do. This we did



There was not one complaint from the team which consisted of **Dan Carrington, Jimmy Dunn, and Jim Wheeler**. We have walked in the Spirit together as we ministered too many here in this lovely area of common Russian people.

Our friend Jim Wheeler had the opportunity to share with the parents of children with cerebral palsy. Jim was able to relate with the parents as he too has taken care of his son who through an accident became a quadriplegic. The parents were visibly moved and Jim led them in a sinner's prayer to receive the great Comforter, Jesus Christ!

*Abiding Above Discipleship School now in Russia:*

We have pushed on and established an Abiding Above Discipleship School Russia and we are already in the process of stocking them with lessons to thoroughly disciple these prisoners who choose to be involved. It has been an inspiration and blessing to me to watch this team witness one on one with people and hand out hundreds of tracts. Each member of the team thoroughly completed the tasks before them. We are also praying and discussing a Pastor's Conference in Moscow, Russia sometime next year. Please pray for us as we are led by the Spirit.

This trip has been a wonderful success and we thank God for that and you our supporters for making this possible. I know there are many places to give but I hope and pray you will give to these things that God is doing through Abiding Above. We love you and do thank God for you and daily pray for God's richest blessings upon you!

Abiding above,

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Colossians 3:1-3