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## FINALLY HERE!!!

Lena & Sonia finally have their Canadian immigration visas!!! Last Friday Pony Express delivered two envelopes to our door. Inside were the Russian foreign passports with shiny new Canadian visas inside! Also included was an info sheet (answering many of the questions that we've had for months) and two large forms which the girls will exchange for permanent residence cards once they enter Canada.

While the visas allow our family to remain here for another nine months, the wheels have long been in motion for the "big move". As we prepare to part with most of our material possessions, sell our apartment and relocate across the ocean, please continue to uphold us in prayer.

Thank you for your continued support & encouragement!

— Kevin, Lena, Sonia, Maya & Deena



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## COMING TO CANADA

With the visas in hand, we now need to focus on where we will be living come April 15. Several people have kindly offered us places to stay in the southern Manitoba countryside, but for a number of reasons we are likely going to try to rent a home in Portage la Prairie instead. Since our family will be coming to a "new world" as such, we will need to be close to family (my parents live just south of Portage and my sister and her family live in nearby Oakville) for support reasons. And because we will need to explore school and home options we will need to be able to travel easily (requiring the services of family babysitters). So...while we appreciate the home offers and "for sale" notifications, we will settle for a humble residence in a centrally-located humble city! In the meantime, please keep us in mind when hearing of possible homes in the not-too-distant future.

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## BLESSINGS

- ◆ Praise God for the safe arrival of the visas. It's been a very long time coming, but we are simply grateful they're here! Thank you for praying!!!
  - ◆ People continue to offer us needed furniture and appliances for our Canadian home. Thank you to all who have helped!
  - ◆ We are very thankful for improved health for our family. Thank you for praying!
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## PETITIONS

- ◆ Please continue to pray for a buyer for our apartment. As time passes without a sale it becomes more stressful for Nina (please keep her in your prayers too!).
  - ◆ Please remember CCI/Russia staff in Moscow as they meet and plan future ministry.
  - ◆ With six weeks to go before I leave Russia (and only three weeks until my official departure from CCI/Russia), I have a new office replacement to train. Please pray for Denis as I try to prepare him to take over the hands-on aspects of the IT Manager job. Pray especially that we will understand each other clearly as his English comprehension is practically non-existent!
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## DID YOU KNOW...

- ◆ ...that Lena graduated from university in 1988 with a teacher's degree? During her five years of study she completed twenty-five different courses, all with the highest possible scores. Notable courses among them:
    - The History of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union
    - Philosophy of Marxism-Leninism
    - Political economy
    - Scientific atheism
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## ESSENTIAL INFO

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