



2010 – Brand News

Merry Christmas, everyone!

2010 has been the year of Brand News (that's "New" plural) for me.

Brand New Mission

I got to go to Siberia Russia for the first time this year. The trip was with Global Aid Network or GAIN, the relief and development aid arm of Campus Crusade for Christ International.



nut" for the local Christians to start ministering to these men. The trip cost \$3,800 and I raised right at \$3,000 dollars. So it really is your generosity that made the trip possible. We explained the gospel with the gospel bead bracelet (like the storybook without words, just colored pages) and when we asked if anyone wanted to pray to Jesus for salvation there were hands going up every single time!!



We went to schools, day cares, rehab centers, hospitals, and prisons. To the left we are packing goodie bags for everyone we talk to. There is toothpaste, toothbrush, pens, notepads, magazines, and other goodies. Every child bag even got a beanie baby! It is

because of everyone that gave that could put a smile on so many faces and the gospel in their hearts. All the adults and prisoners we talked to got a Russian translation of "More Than A Carpenter". There are too many stories to tell and not enough space. But one for instance ...



Oleg, one of our Russian Christian helpers said this about our trip to prison 42 (the maximum security prison for violent criminals) : "For us Prison 42 was like a

fortress with no doors, until you came and now it is wide opened!"

That's so awesome! Thank you to all who prayed for us and supported us so God could "crack this

This mission trip was so different than any other I've been on. We spent a little time with a lot of people instead of the other way around, but God used it so mightily to broadcast the seed of Good News over the entire Novokuznetsk region. But we did get to spend the entire time with our Russian church partners and "go deep" with them and make lasting and loving friendships.

Brand New Sport



I got scuba certified this year (I am second from the right, this is our graduation photo). I have been on two quick dive trips. Flying non-rev and interline to keep

the cost down. Working for an airline has great benefits! Besides the four training dives you do in class, I've dove 27 "blue water" dives.

I've seen octopus, squid, sharks, turtles, rays, moray eels, lion fish, scorpion fish, shrimp, sea horse, crab, lobster, lizard fish, wrecks, sponges, caves, reefs, and more. Lots of great stuff down there. Now to figure out where to dive next! :))

Love and Peace, Rodney Stromlund, Jr

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