**MAY 2019 YWAM HOCKEY/ BUECKERT NEWSLETTER**

**HELLO FAMILY & FRIENDS,**

A quick update about the recently completed 5 month YWAM Hockey DTS with 8 students and 1 staff. They completed a 3-month lecture phase in Vancouver and then 2 months outreach in Russia which completed Feb 28th.

*“I am thrilled that the (YWAM Hockey DTS) team is coming!  I continue to believe that this is one of the most effective outreaches in Russia, period.”*

Andy Frecka- Founder of YWAM Russia

Brian Peters, YWAM Perm staff & YWAM Hockey Alumni, emailed a summary of the outreach and below is an excerpt about how the HDTS team impacted Russia:

*"It is the reality of the situation here in Russia that we can’t do big official evangelism (due to the recent laws), but it doesn’t make our work any less effective.  I think that our biggest impact has always been giving the local church more of a name and recognition in their communities.”*

To summarize what the HDTS team was able to do in about 6 regions around the Ural Mountains with Adam & Brian leading the team:

They played 33 games and led 40 practices with kids. Between the games and practices that would be at least 1,500 hockey players that our team had the chance to encourage!! Along with that the team spoke or visited at churches, orphanages, schools, and rehab centers.

A HDTS outreach is very busy! All of this activity is to help build bridges for the local church into areas where they have had very little influence; the hockey community.

**WHATS NEXT?**

Why, another Hockey DTS of course!

We are currently open to receive applications for the September 2019 program.

If we are able to get 4-5 applications by May 30th it will be a go. Our goal is at least 8 players.

If a HDTS is not possible, then I will begin recruiting players for a Mini Epic Outreach to Russia for next winter.

If you know of a young hockey player who may is interested in the adventure of a lifetime get them to check out [ywamhockey.com](http://ywamhockey.com/) or our Facebook page.

**GLENS HEALTH UPDATE:**

As you know, I had a quintuple heart bypass on January 28th. Seems crazy as I had no real symptoms.

Thankfully, everything went well during the surgery and I was released from the hospital after 4 days and I am recovering, each week gets better.

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement!

God bless!

Glen & Lorrain Bueckert