



# Sterling Family

TO MONTANA

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Dear Praying Friends,

We trust that all of you had a blessed holiday season and were able to spend time with friends and family. Just a day before Christmas Eve, both our boys were able to fly up to Montana to be with us for the Holidays. This is just the second time we have been able to be together for the holidays as a family in many years. It was a blessing to see all three of our kids and two students from Golden State Baptist College sing a special in our home church.

Thanks to all of you who have joined us in prayer regarding a meeting place for the new work here in Montana. Three weeks ago, we had agreed with the owner of a modular building to rent his building starting mid-January. Two weeks ago, when checking on when we could start moving things in, he said it wouldn't be ready for at least another month and that we would have to go through an application and interview process. We realized that this door was closing and we continued our search. Just two days before we sent this prayer letter out, we were finally able to secure a meeting room to hold our services. It is not large, but it will suit our immediate needs until we can find something further west of town. The search has been long and hard. Please continue to pray for us to ultimately find a more suitable meeting place which will meet our future needs.

We had set the target date to hold our first services on the fourth of February. Although it will be a week later than we initially planned, we are excited to share that our first service will be held on February the eleventh. We have a lot to do before this first day and we ask for your prayers that God will help us complete all the preparations in a timely manner,

We would like to take a moment to ask you to please pray for two people that were a big part of our lives in Siberia. Ogan was a young man who we met when we first arrived. Over the years we saw him grow up and eventually marry. We were privileged to help him start a work approximately ninety-eight kilometers outside of Krasnoyarsk. Ogan just went through an extensive back surgery and will not be able to sit for two months. Please pray for him and his family through his long recovery period. Then we would like to ask you to pray for Tanya. Tanya was the first person who we watched accept Christ in the services of Krasnoyarsk Baptist Church, just after our arrival in Siberia. She would later grow to be a faithful Sunday school teacher and taught our daughter Rebekah for years. Tanya has suffered from infection/circulation problems in her legs for several years. She has, most recently, been sent home after another long stay in the hospital as the doctors no longer believe they can help her.

Thanks for your prayers we look forward to seeing what the Lord will do here in the west Flathead Valley.



The kids singing special music at our home church.

Your Servants for Jesus' Sake,

*The Sterlings*  
I Peter 2:21