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Good day to all. Happy 4th July to all our American friends.

This update has been in the works for a while. We have been trying to get Ruslan's medical updated. Ruslan turned 18 on June 30th. We are having to redo all his documents because he moves out of the pediatric system and into the adult medical system. He had an MRI a week ago. In the report that we received, the doctor stated that he now has a prolapse. He recommended returning to the neurosurgeon for surgery. We went to the neurologist, and he said that the surgery for the prolapse would be fatal for Ruslan. The neurologist said that chemotherapy is the only option that we currently have with him. We were told to wait to do chemotherapy because he would be turning 18 one month after we started and he would have to change to a different doctor and hospital. The MRI does show a slight growth in the tumors, but the hydrocephalus has not increased.

On another note, with Ruslan, he wanted to go to the mountains for a picnic for his birthday last Monday. We made the trip, and he had a great time. We were concerned that he would be discouraged because everyone else would be off hiking, but he was not. After returning home, we had cake; and we gave him a tablet for his birthday. He had a good day, and we praise the LORD for that.

Thank you all for praying for Cody. It was a bit harder on him than it should have been. He is doing well now. I believe the pain is much better. He will be travelling to see his brother over the 4th. He should be hearing from the Government about Karina's citizenship process. I don't know what else to call it.

I received a message yesterday that my visa was approved. Now we need to work on Ms. Cheryl's visa. If she does not have one before the first week of August, she will need to leave the country. Sasha does not need a visa. He still has his Kyrgyz citizenship. This process is getting harder each year. We have tried to get a five-year visa but always seem to run into trouble.

With all that is going on, it is hard to make plans for our next trip to Uzbekistan. I am hoping to go in August. Dema has finished school and is trying to get into a university. This too is a difficult task to do here in Central Asia. Thank you for all you do for our Lord and His children.

Looking up, Allen Ps. 16:11