



**International Academy
St. Petersburg, Russia
Evacuation Update
March 4, 2022**

Dear friends of International Academy of St. Petersburg,

I wanted to provide an update on the immediate status of our community, **our urgent needs**, and how you can help. Amid the utter chaos that surrounds our community and region, we are strengthened and encouraged by the knowledge that God is still on His throne and He is there to guide our every step.

The situation on the ground is rapidly deteriorating. The Federal Assembly of Russia (national legislative body) is presently considering several new laws that could have a significant impact on the future of IASP. Further, economic sanctions are dramatically affecting our Russian staff members and their families.

From the very beginning, IASP has prioritized the safety and well-being of all of our students, staff, and their families. In light of this commitment, the school has offered to cover the evacuation costs for all staff members and their families; expatriates, and Russians alike. Joy Watson, IASP, Head of School, is coordinating the arrangements for all evacuations. Joy is currently leading our school's operations while based in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. From there she can more effectively process the evacuation. IASP will be continuing to provide distance education for your families and community throughout this semester.

To date, we have evacuated dozens of our IASP staff and their dependents. Some have left without their spouses. Others have chosen to remain, as their spouses are not allowed to leave Russia. One staff member chose to stay so that he could lobby the Federal Assembly of Russia for the preservation of the school. Still, others are seeking our help to evacuate. Each decision has been very difficult. The burden these families, our brothers and sisters in Christ, are bearing is unimaginable and beyond words.

Our evacuation efforts have resulted in a significant, rapid drain on our finances. We need your help to cover the cost to relocate each family to a safe place. **We anticipate spending \$200,000 USD on these efforts** over the next few months. **Will you prayerfully consider a gift to help these families?** Donations can be made online at www.expateducation.org/donate or make a check out to Expatriate Education International and mail it to:

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In Christ,

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