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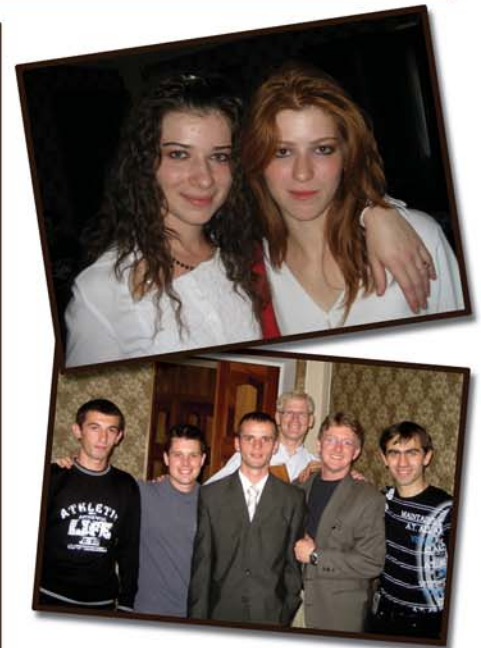
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It's been a time of more beginnings. We started the month by observing the International Day of Prayer. After building momentum, we had our first large-group meeting with students, and we began language classes! We've seen amazing openness among students, and have too many stories to fit into one letter, so I thought I'd have Abbie relay one experience that has been characteristic of our month.

Getting Closer...

"Do you want to come meet my sister?" Marina asked. "Of course," I replied. We had met Marina a few weeks earlier, speaking at the Kabardino-Balkaria Institute of Art. She had already expressed deep interest in spiritual things, and now she was inviting me to her home. I met her sister, and the three of us talked as best we could about our beliefs in my limited Russian. Friday of that same week, our team hosted our first big student meeting of the fall semester. Marina, 20, and Julia, 24 were there. The speaker, my father, shared his testimony of coming to faith in Christ as a high school senior. The gospel was clearly presented!

Afterwards, my dad and I got to have a more private conversation with these two girls. The sisters expressed how they had been deeply moved by the message about Christ. Julia said, "I am a Muslim, but



please pray

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw Julia and Marina to Himself!

- Pray that we would grow in our understanding of how to share the Gospel effectively with Muslims.



I feel closer to Christianity because it has to do with love. Islam has to do with fear." We explained that sin stood between them and their ability to experience the love of God. They expressed their desire to have a relationship with God, but because they had heard the Gospel a few days before for the first time, they lacked the understanding to make a decision for Christ.

This past week, another team member and I were over at Marina and Julia's house again. The girls brought up Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ," and asked our thoughts on it. I described how on the cross, all of God's wrath had been poured out on Christ. "No!" Marina stopped me, thinking I had made a language mistake. "That means that God was angry at His own Son." I went on to explain how God had put all the world's sins on Christ, and that on Calvary, God's wrath had indeed been poured out on Him instead of on us. "Ah..." One step closer to understanding...Praise God, and pray with us!

God is building His Kingdom! Thank you for your part in the lives of students here!

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