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A Whole New Language

Privyet ot Nalchika! Hello from Nalchik! It's hard to believe that we've already been here a month. Our first four weeks have consisted of settling in, getting to know our team, planning for the year, and beginning a regular routine of meeting with students. To get a head-start on the language, we've been spending regular time with tutors. We're now able to pay our phone bill, invite students over, and introduce ourselves without too much stuttering.

Recently, a friend and I (JB) went to buy a hammer. We knew we'd said something wrong when we got a strange look. We realized after a few seconds that instead of asking for a small hammer, we'd asked the hardware clerk for some milk! Our skills at charades have improved dramatically since moving here, but God gives us grace to be understood, and we're eager to keep learning.



Settling In

God has blessed us in so many ways as we've begun our year. Our first huge blessing in settling in is God's gift of a great apartment (see picture, top left) and a fantastic landlady. It was the first place we looked at! The apartment is completely furnished, so we've had to purchase very little apart from a cheese-grater, a rug, and some silverware!

Some other "settling-in" adventures have centered around the university (see picture, bottom left). Our Russian classes begin on October first, so one of the first things we had to do was register for classes. Another thing that we had to do here as foreigners is register our presence with local authorities. Both of these things have a reputation for taking a long time and being complex processes, but the Lord allowed us to get all accomplished in a mere three hours!



please pray

- Please pray for the Caucasus Cross-Cultural Foundation's relationship with the Institute of Art. Praise God for this huge open door, and pray for open hearts, for continued favor with faculty, and more opportunities!
- Pray for the believing students who are involved with our ministry. Pray that they would become active participants in sharing the gospel with their fellow students alongside us!
- Continue to pray for our language acquisition, especially in our first month of real class. Pray for patience, quick uptake, and boldness to practice every chance we get!

