

Partnering with you to see the Great Commission fulfilled among unreached university students

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Students Stepping Up!

We are praising God here at the end of October! He has done great things for His name's sake in the Caucasus this month!

With only about a month left in Russia, we are asking the Lord's wisdom in every step we take. We want to be doing exactly what Jesus would be doing in our last month here.

As you know, among our top priorities in the short time that we're here is turning over leadership of the ministry to students. We've seen this beginning to take place in a number of ways! Students are taking on responsibility, taking steps of faith, sharing Christ with their friends, leading Bible studies! Praise God with us as we share some of these stories!



please pray

Please continue to lift up our believing students in prayer. Pray that they would be growing in their knowledge of the Word, and in their intimacy with God. Pray that they would learn more and more how to depend on the Holy Spirit in their daily lives. Pray that Jesus would make them bold to share their faith with their friends and family.



Student Boldly Shares His Faith!

Two weeks ago, students decided take the initiative in evangelism and go to the park to talk to people about Jesus. In order to initiate spiritual conversations with others, they used surveys that ask for others' opinions on spiritual things.

That day in the park, I (JB) went out with one of our teammates, James, and one of our students, Nick, to share our faith. Across from the bench where we'd all met sat a group of about 5-6 guys. They looked a bit intimidating—one was playing with brass knuckles, and another was dressed in a military uniform. Nick boldly said, "Let's go talk to those guys first." Our other teammate expressed a bit of hesitation. "Maybe that shouldn't be the first group we try." With no fear, Nick answered, "Why not?" And Nick walked off to start talking with the guys.

James and I, not wanting to be shown up by Nick's boldness, followed. In the end, the three of us ended up sharing Christ with 8 young men that day. We got the phone numbers of the guys who were interested in continuing to talk about spiritual things. Our conversation ended with the guys telling us that they were sorry, but they had to leave--they were late for a fight they had scheduled with some guys from another village!

The most exciting part of the day was that Nick had stepped out boldly in faith and had seen God use him. We're praying for the people who heard the Gospel that day. Perhaps even more, though, we're praying that through that day, and more like it to come, evangelism would become a way of life to the students involved in our ministry. Pray this with us!

Student Clearly Shares the Gospel!

Yana, a student who came to Christ last year, has been growing tremendously in her faith. A few weeks ago, she and Abbie sat down to talk about how to use "The Four Spiritual Laws" to share the Gospel. She was eager to learn how to better share her faith with her friends.

A few days later, Yana and a lost friend of hers came over to our house. Yana talked with her non-believing friend openly about her faith in Christ. This was especially amazing since her friend had expressed her disapproval of Yana's decision to follow Jesus just a few days earlier.

Later that night, Abbie received a call from Yana. She was so excited, because after leaving our house, she had been able to share the Gospel with her friend using the Four Laws. Her friend, whose heart has been hard to the Gospel for years, told Yana that she had never heard Christianity explained more clearly. Praise Jesus!



Student Leads Friend to Christ!

As you read in our last update, we recently had a training retreat for believing students. Two days after that retreat, a believing student, Amina, called Abbie. "I wanted to call to encourage you—this morning my friend received Jesus!" Amina had been talking to her friend Anna about Jesus for a long time. After coming home from the retreat, Amina had decided that it was time to invite Anna to make a decision about Jesus. After Amina boldly sharing the Gospel with her, Anna asked Christ into her life!

please pray

With so little time left, we want to be all here. We want to be spending every ounce of energy on exactly what the Lord wants us to spend it on. Pray for us—for close walks with Jesus, and for complete, radical surrender to and dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the new soul that has come to Christ! Pray that Anna would grow in her faith, that she would fellowship consistently with other believers, and that she would grow to be a faithful follower of Christ who invites others to follow Him, too!

Pray for an evangelistic retreat we have coming up in the month of November. This will be a time where we hope to connect all the lost students we've shared the Gospel with over the past 1 ½ years to our believing students. Pray that believing students would take responsibility for relationships with lost students, and would continue sharing with them after we're gone.



"And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2

Thank you so much for your partnership. We are blessed by you.

jb and abbie