

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

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Ali Shares His Testimony!

"Some guys from my university began to hassle me, then beat me up because I had started following Jesus." Ali was giving his testimony for the first time.

In September, Ali had attended our believer's leadership retreat. Ali comes from one of the most unreached people groups in the world. After the leadership retreat in September, he commented to us that he had learned many new things about sharing his faith. He even stayed at our apartment in Nalchik for a few days, and kept eagerly asking questions about how to share Christ with his friends.

At the evangelistic retreat we hosted November 9-11, Ali took a huge step of faith. On Saturday night, this former Muslim stood up to share his testimony for the first time in his life. He told of how he had come to know Jesus. He boldly spoke—in front of over 100 people, many of whom were his Muslim peers—about how he had been persecuted at the university for his faith, and even beaten up. We can't even describe how hugely rewarding it was to see a student that we'd invested in be so bold! Our goal and prayer for reaching Muslim students has always been to build up local students to share their faith. A witness for Jesus from a student's own culture is so much more effective than we could ever hope to be. Praise God for Ali!



Katya Sees God Use Her!

Our biggest focus and prayer this fall has been to ask God to raise up student leaders to carry on the campus ministry in Nalchik. Among the many ways we saw God work at the retreat—and we don't have room to write about them all!—we saw God do that very thing.

Part of our ministry philosophy for seeing students turned into leaders is to challenge them to take on more responsibility than they may feel ready for. So, we challenged Katya, a believing student, to be in charge of all small-group discussion at the retreat. Discussion groups were a time to share the Gospel again, and for students' questions to be answered in a smaller setting. Katya did a great job of coaching other believing students who led groups, and pushing others to take steps of faith as well!

After the retreat, we gathered believing students to debrief. Through tears, Katya said how much it had encouraged her to have been entrusted with so much responsibility. She talked about how she had had to rely on God to help her. She said, "It was just so great to see God...use me."

"For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants." - Isaiah 44:3