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## Sorrowful Yet Rejoicing

We arrived back to the U.S. just a few weeks ago, and have had a great time with family over the holidays in Wisconsin. Thank you so much for your prayers as we left Nalchik and returned to the U.S. to continue campus ministry here!

We wanted to share our thoughts on leaving Nalchik, and about our plans for the future. We feel that we can describe our last days in Nalchik using Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 6:10, "...sorrowful, yet always rejoicing..." We are praising God for a core group of five students who are working hard to continue the ministry. Recently, I called some of our believing girls. They told stories of what God is doing—non-believing girls who still regularly come to study the Scriptures, a house church of students that is growing... They even told us of a girl who has come to Christ since we've been gone!



## please pray

Please pray for us as we begin this next chapter of ministry! We are looking forward to raising up leaders from U.S. campuses who will impact the world! Still, we feel that we have much to learn! Please ask the Lord to give us open hearts and minds for all He has to teach us over the next five weeks!

We're so thankful for you. Your financial support, friendship and prayers are impacting lives for eternity!

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## What's Next?

It is sorrowful but rejoicing that we close the "Nalchik" chapter in our ministry, and look forward to what the Lord has for us next! If you remember, up to this point, we have been serving with Campus Crusade as interns, on a shorter-term assignment in Nalchik. On January 8, we begin our training as full-time staff members with Campus Crusade for Christ. This training will last five weeks, during which time we will take courses in theology, hear vision from the leadership of Campus Crusade, and be trained in how to further develop ministry partners.

At training, we will also receive our next campus assignment. For the next two years, we will be serving on a U.S. campus. During this time, we will be doing campus ministry—identical to the work we did in Nalchik, with some significant cultural differences, of course—under experienced leadership who will help further train us in ministry and develop us personally.

As far as our very immediate plans go, after our five weeks of training, we will need to spend time developing additional financial ministry partners, as the cost of living in the U.S. is significantly higher than it is in Nalchik! For those who currently partner with us financially, it would be an incredible blessing to have you continue your partnership. This work is a lifelong calling for us, and we're so thankful for your participation in the Gospel with us. As we've communicated in other letters, it is our continued desire to see the Lord use us in three areas: university students, unreached peoples and in big cities.

After we've reached our financial support goals, we'll be able to report to our assignment! We are expectant of the Lord to continue to guide us in these desires and callings in the short- and long-term!