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Jesus Speaks Arabic

Not long ago, the men on our team invited a few of our Arabic-speaking friends from the university over to watch the Jesus film. Jumping at the chance to see a movie in their native language, we had 10 Muslim students come to see the film one night a few weeks ago. Two of the students that came are from my class at the university!

The film is taken entirely from the Gospel of Luke. In addition to hearing the teachings of Jesus, seeing his miracles, death and resurrection, there is also a succinct Gospel presentation at the end of the film with an invitation to receive Christ. This has opened the door for more conversations about Jesus with these 10 men. Please pray for the seeds of truth that were planted in the hearts of our Muslim friends—most of them heard and saw the truth about Jesus for the first time that night.



Students are Baptized

"JB, I was reading in the Bible about how early believers were baptized. I think that's something that I want to do."

These were the words of Murat (we've written about him before!) to me a few weeks ago. Just last Sunday we witnessed a major milestone in student ministry here in Nalchik. Three young men—Rustam, a Kabard, Nick, a Russian and Murat, a Balkar—all identified themselves with Christ in his death and resurrection by being baptized! These three young men are our most committed and involved male students. Just last week, Murat gave his testimony of coming to Christ for the first time in front of 25 of his Muslim peers.

The baptism was a day of celebration. We met at 7:30 a.m. and all rode in two vans together to a small lake about an hour outside the city. The only Balkar pastor in the republic gave a short message on the meaning of baptism. Another pastor gave a short exhortation to the young men to expect persecution and be bold in the face of it!

Praise God with us, and pray that these young men would find renewed boldness after taking the step of faith and obedience to be baptized !



"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