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among unreached university students

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Seeking the True God

Summer has come early to Nalchik! For the last two weeks, temperatures have ranged from 80-90 degrees! We're taking the good weather as an opportunity to connect with students outdoors. A few days ago, I (Abbie) took a walk with Z. (You may remember her from an e-mail update that we sent at the beginning of the year.)

Z started reading the Scriptures for the first time in September, and has been seeking Jesus ever since. As we talked on a park bench a few days ago, Z began to tell me of her disappointment with Islam. She said, "Abbie, I'm becoming convinced that the Koran is just something a man made up. It seems so clear to me that the things written there are not of God, but of man." She asked me what we had read at girls' Bible Study that week. I told her the story in John 5, and then told her Jesus' words in verse 24, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life." Z finished the verse with me—she already knew it! We then talked about 1 John 5:12, "He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

Z has been seeking the true God for so long—she understands the Scriptures and she loves Jesus, yet has still not taken the final step of inviting Him into her life personally. So I asked her point blank, "Z, do you have the Son?" She thought for awhile. "More yes than no," she answered. Please pray for Z! She is a young woman with a very atypical mindset about spiritual things. She is a Balkar—traditionally stronger Muslims than the Kabards—yet she seems to have known true things about God even before we met. For example, she has always regarded God as personal and loving—qualities of God that are not described in Islam whatsoever. I truly believe that God has and will continue to reveal His true nature to Z in a special way! Will you please, please pray specifically that the Holy Spirit would convict her of the fact that she doesn't need anymore information or knowledge in order to make a decision for Jesus Christ?



please pray

- For wisdom and safety in our traveling to Korea. Pray also that the conference would be a life changing experience for Murat who is coming with us.
- That the Lord would give us discipline and wisdom in our remaining month in Nalchik to use our time wisely and impact as many as possible.



We Want to See You!

Our summer has already begun as we prepare for CM 2007 in Busan, Korea! We are taking Murat from Nalchik, and he is excited! The dates for this conference are June 28-July 5. Please pray for this!

We will fly back to the U.S. directly after CM 2007, spending time in six states this summer to visit family, churches and those who partner with us in finances and prayer like you! We are trying to be realistic about the limits of our time (we will have only about eight weeks in the U.S. before coming back to Nalchik), but we very much wish to see each of you if possible! Please look in our upcoming e-mails, on our blog and in our June newsletter for when there might be a group event you could attend and be encouraged with more stories of the Lord's work in the Caucasus!



Looking Ahead

In September, we will come back to Nalchik for another year. We want to be faithful to the investment we've made in language, relationships, culture and ministry by staying in Nalchik for another year.

Lord willing, we will return to the U.S. the summer of 2008 to receive more training in building campus movements so that we can develop our effectiveness in ministry to reach the unreached students of the world, be it in the Caucasus, or some other place the Lord might lead!



Students Stepping Out in Faith

Glorify God with us for the fruit and the movement we've seen in our city this year! We invited Nick (a freshman who gave his life to Christ in October and was baptized last month) to MC our last weekly meeting of the year. He did a fantastic job, and volunteered for the responsibility of doing it each week next year!

At our last girls' Bible study, Madina (a Kabard who trusted Christ this spring) volunteered to share the story of how she came to Christ in front of her Muslim peers. "I had always heard from a historical and religious perspective that Jesus had died for sins. It wasn't until this year that I realized His sacrifice was for me." When a Muslim girl tried to argue that you could believe in God without accepting Christ, Madina said, "It's right there in the Bible: 'He who has the Son has the life, he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.' It's very simple."

"Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live." - John 5:25

Thank you so much for your partnership--the Lord is using you to change lives for His glory!

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