

Almaty - Bishkek - Almaty

June-August 2010

Central-Asian Conference in Almaty, Kazakhstan – August 1-8, 2010

We just had an amazing full week with Pastors Matti, Chris, Jon Post along with Pastors Elshan and Akif from Baku, Pastor Yura from Almaty, Pastor Tohir from Samarkand, and Pastors Emil and Gani from Bishkek. We heard amazing messages about Joseph and Jacob's life, how God breaks us to make us useful, about re-ma-grace: specific grace from God for a specific situation, that we are called to humility and Christ-likeness... I keep thinking about the gracious words we've heard and the deep definitions we've received for our lives. Every message was so personal, so edifying, so full of God's beautiful character that it is hard to put it into words.



Zakia, Dr. Eva, Gulmay, Marzhan, Oxana and Chingiz

Visiting Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan – July 2010



Nurgul with here son, Chingiz

Right before our Central Asian Conference I spent three weeks in Kyrgyzstan. I had to leave Kazakhstan to receive a new visa, but God had planned much more than just the needed papers. I am very glad that I could be in Bishkek and see the life of the beautiful Body of Christ. I am very thankful for my friend, Nurgul, who received me into her home, wherever she was living (we moved at least three times in three weeks). I could see very closely how a single mom lives with her five-year-old boy in Central-Asia. Her life was touched by God in a very real way. She is one of the six graduates who received their Bible School diplomas this year.

In Almaty again – June 2010

I know I heard God's calling to come back to Kazakhstan, but like many other times, I wasn't 100% sure... I thought maybe it's only me who wants to come back to the place where I had had a great time with God. But now that I am here, I feel so much at home. Our church might be small, but tried and victorious after difficult times. I see close friends when I look around. I can see how God has touched each of our lives with His grace and faithfulness. And I don't only remember the old times, but we look forward together to the future with a fresh expectation in our hearts - God will still do great things in Almaty.



Sasha, Pastor Yura and his wife, Sveta

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