

Siberia Update

Last May three couples graduated from Bible School and started new ministries - east, west, and south of Novokuznetsk. Below is a brief update of how the Lord is blessing their ministries **one year later**:

Buryatia - 2,000 miles east of us

(near Lake Baikal - deepest lake in the world)

- A Teen Challenge program has started, currently with 17 students. It has become a great inspiration and training center for other rehab centers in the area.

- In Buryatia, a church needing a pastor, invited this same ministry team to lead their services. The people from the congregation sent us a video, and with tears, thanked us for sending missionaries to them.



Volgograd - 2,500 miles west of us

(by the Volga River)

- A congregation has started which meets in a movie theatre. They are actively involved in hospital ministry and with helping the poor.

- The Lord has given favor with the local govt., and as a result, they offered a building at a very low rental cost to begin a Teen Challenge center

- In May, Olya gave birth to a little girl – Sonia



Kuzedeyevo - 50 miles south of us

- A new missionary couple moved into the village and has begun two services on Sundays to accommodate the new believers.

- TC graduates have moved into this village as a re-entry into society after completing the program. As they help the church and do many humanitarian works in the community, they have gained great respect from the local people who once were skeptical of the former addicts.



Exciting New Opportunities

We're grateful to God that three more teams will soon be leaving to start new ministries:

North - Svyeta and Oleg have completed Bible School this May and will be starting a new church and TC center in Noviy Uoyan, 2000 miles northeast of us.

Mongolia - Two TC graduates are currently in a three month training school to learn how to minister in the Buddhist culture. We've been asked to help start a TC program in the country of Mongolia and the Republic of Tuva, a Buddhist republic within Russia.



Israel – We're excited with the possibility of helping to start a TC program in the city of Afula, Israel, as there are many addicted Russian immigrants in Israel. We have been asked to send trained workers to help start the program.

We're also very excited that a new church has just been started by TC graduates in the worst drug addicted section of our city, **Gorkovskaya**.

Latest happenings in Novokuznetsk:



Marketplace conference - Approximately 100 people attended a businessmen's conference conducted by Global Advance and were challenged to fulfill the great commission in the business world. Kevin Pate and Don and Deb Jones from Dallas, TX, encouraged those in business to see themselves as people of influence and ministers of the Gospel, strategically planted by God.



Youth conference - Our church was able to host a conference with 400 youth over the Russian "May Day" holiday. This was one of

the greatest communist holidays in the former Soviet Union, but now we use this holiday as an opportunity to gather youth to learn how to expand God's Kingdom.



Bible School graduation - We were blessed to have Heather Chowning from Missouri and Pastor Mel Jenkins from Alberta teach in the Bible School this past spring. The students were greatly challenged as Heather taught on youth ministry, and Pastor Mel taught theology courses.



Prayer requests:



1) Outdoor concerts have begun every Friday evening in different sections of our city. Please pray that many will be reached with the message of salvation through these weekly outreaches.



2) There will be three youth camps this summer. One camp will take place in different villages that have no roads in which to travel. The youth will go white water rafting down a river and stop to do evangelism in the various villages along the way. We're excited that people who have never heard the Gospel will have an opportunity this summer to receive Christ as their Savior. Please pray that God would protect the youth through these events, and for many souls to be reached.

3) As new ministries started last year and more ministry opportunities are opening up this summer, please pray for God's leading and anointing for each leader, and for many to come to Christ through the new churches and TC centers.

Thank you so much for making this ministry possible through your faithful prayers and support! We truly thank God for you. If you would like to support any of these new ministries, below is the information where funds could be forwarded for these works and receipts given.



God bless you in every way!
With much love in Christ,
Ilya and Janet

In Canada: www.teenchallenge.ca (Please click Give Today; at top center click Support; click TC Siberia at bottom.)

Or you can write to: Teen Challenge Canada, Lambeth Box 777, London, ON N6P 1R6

In the US: www.globaltc.org (Please click Make a Donation at top right, and after your name and address please write in the comment box that the donation is going to TC Siberia.)

Or you can write to: Global Teen Challenge, PO Box 511, Columbus, GA 31902