

Christ puts importunity as a distinguishing characteristic of true praying. We must not only pray, but we must pray with great urgency, with intentionality and with repetition. E. M. Bounds

Praises!!

- † Thank the Lord for fruitful trips to both Kyrgyzstan and Turkey - one to visit teams, other to meet with the Field Director team.
- † We organized and hosted the first all Kazakhstan Frontiers teams retreat. It was fruitful, though exhausting.
- † After some tense moments when the deadline came and went, God granted us new one year, multi-entry visas.
- † After much tears in preparation, BOTH Tori and Nica achieved “Memory Master” in their home school final. To do so, they had to demonstrate flawless proficiency in seven subjects. Perhaps the biggest congrats goes to Mom!

Pray For:

- Ω A Kazakh church we have been working with is ready to send a long-term team to S. Russia this summer. Pray for protection for their team (remember Satan already sidetracked three previous teams) and fruit!
- Ω Refreshing meetings in the USA this summer while we are there. Also, pray for our team’s ministry in our absence.
- Ω We are “super, super” tired. Ask that we would learn to drink deeply from the well that doesn’t run dry for all our needs.

*Loved by the King,
Curt & Diana, Lauren, Victoria, Veronica*

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Chandas in Kazakhstan

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For His Glory!

The earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Makhmet, who accompanied us to Astrakhan two years back, works full-time and preaches the Gospel part time. He focuses on Kazakh villages where there has been little work done. I had the chance to re-connect with him two weeks ago and he relayed this story to me:

“One of the relatives of a new believer in the village showed up to argue with me. But as I began demonstrating from Scriptures the uniqueness of Jesus, he became more and more interested. Even though my family was waiting for me, we talked long into the night and it was very late when I finally left for home.

“As I was slowing down to make a turn, a vehicle traveling at high speed slammed into the rear of my car, - totaling the rear of it – before speeding off. Neck aching, I coaxed the car home and fell asleep.



“After inspecting the damage, I discovered that the impact had been so severe, that the license number of the car that hit me was imprinted on the trunk of my car! I reported the number to the police who after a month of searching found the car’s owner and address. Surprising the police, I decided not to press charges and go to the house myself.

“I drove out to the village address, praying the whole way. When I arrived, and told the story, the woman of the home called her sons out. When confronted with the evidence, one of them confessed to the crime. But they were dumbfounded when I told them that wouldn’t press charges because I was a follower of Jesus.

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“The guilty son, hungover again, dismissed himself from the room after his mother wrangled a promise to repay me for all the damages. But she and her other son remained, completely captivated by this turn of events. For the next hour and a half, I explained the Good News to them.



“At the end of our conversation, the mother confessed that she wanted to follow Jesus inviting me back soon. Her son, also said he wanted to hear more and offered to meet me in the city.”

Finishing up our time of sharing, Makhmet concluded, “So I guess this car accident was a good thing in disguise. There is now a new family interested in following Jesus. My car is not repaired yet, but I am praising the Lord for the accident that led to salvation.”

I couldn't help have a time of repentance right there. How many times had I complained to God about difficulties I suffered and injustices being done against me? This Kazakh brother was teaching me about what was genuinely important – getting God's perspective on people. I prayed for Maxmet, and myself, thankful to be associated with such a man.

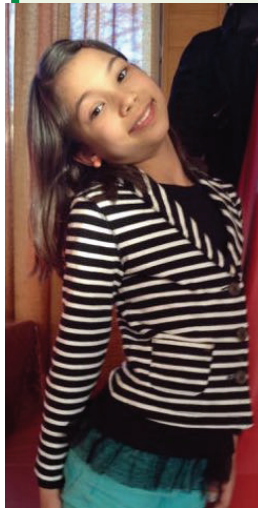
Girls' Gab

Movie Trailer: If you had the chance, would you change your fate?"

Tori: No! Why would I change my feet?



Nica looking at food spilled on her shirt, "I guess it's just not my day. Come to think of it, when it comes to spilling every day is not my day!"



Lauren: You should get a tattoo that says, "Dad of Three Girls"

Dad: Uh...yeah

Lauren: But if you adopt another one when you are 60 or something and then you'd be all like, "Guess it's time to thin out the herd."

Nica: After that workout, my arm hurts. I need some aftershave lotion.

Tori: I want to sleep! I am so X-costed.



Strange Prayer

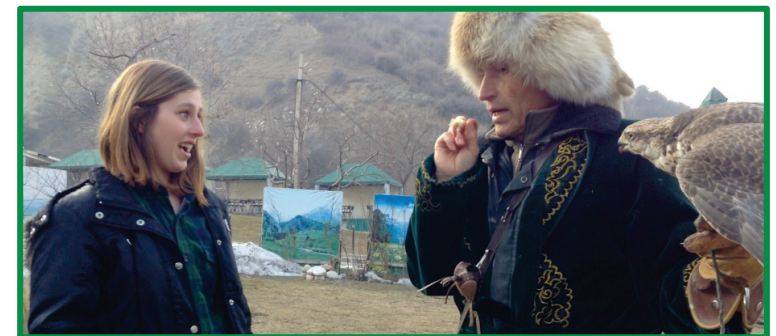


In the last newsletter, I related how the Holy Spirit prompted me to pray for the Denver Broncos. Several people congratulated me on Denver's win. As much as I enjoyed their win, God is trying to teach me about prayer. Here are some of my newest thoughts:

First, timing is important in prayer. Some things simply cannot wait and, if attentive, God will lead me in prayer in the moment. One of my accountability partners has been trying to sell his house in Australia for months. One day, a prayer rose up in his heart, "God sell my house in the next hour." Embarrassed by his seeming presumption, he proceeded with lunch. 59 minutes later, he received an SMS from his agent: "We have received a promising offer just now." Timing matters in prayer.

Second, my opinions and intellect can stand in the way of effective prayer. Currently, I am praying for U.S. politics in a way that offends my sensibilities. Prayer demands I swap my agenda and opinions for the Lord's! Stay Tuned...

It Takes Guests



We've lived in Almaty 10 years, but had never seen the falcon hunting performance. It took guests in town to get us there!