

Eurasian Missionary College

Preparing national church-planters and missionaries for Tatarstan, Russia and Central Asia
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1 September – Day of Knowledge

The new academic year began and God blessed us with new students. Brothers and sisters came from different countries and cities to get trained and educated for a year in mission and then go back to share Christ with their people. This year students came from Tatarstan, Tadjikistan, North Ossetia, Ulyanovsk. We pray for these men and women will be fruitful ministers of God.



The first day of the academic year

Getting to know each other...

Traditionally in the beginning of the each academic year mentors and students go camping for a couple of days. Students are placed in a "hostile" environment, i.e. sleeping in tents, food cooked on an open fire, lack of showers and other "pleasures" of the tourist life. The goal of the camp is to prepare the students to live and minister in a team. During the three days mentors were together with students fellowshiping, praying and praising the Lord as well as conducting team training. According to the students, these days were a good opportunity to get to know each other leaving with the impression that they had known each other for many years.



"Lunch of the blind" training exercise

For God there are no borders...

Recent acts of terrorism in North Ossetia could not be treated with indifference. Christians all over Russia were concerned about the situation and keep on praying for the people who were caught in the trouble. This year we have two brothers from North Ossetia training with us. They left their republic on the day that special forces stormed the school and took hostages. Here is their testimony:

"We thought that we would be late for the beginning of our studies, because all borders were closed because of the act of terrorism. But for God there are neither borders nor barriers and we successfully reached Kazan. We believe that God allowed this situation to happen in our republic for some reason most likely that after these events people would turn to God. In the besieged school there were the children of Christians and in the situation they trusted God and kept on praising Him. This was a testimony for many".



Daniel & Roman – students from North Ossetia

We are one family in Christ

Friends, we heartily appreciate your partnership in our ministry. We do feel your care and concern for us as well as your prayer support. The new academic year has started and we'd like you to know about our needs. Please pray for:

- * God's hand to be on our students and academic staff during the whole academic year.
- * The organization of the Bachelor of Missiology course for graduates who live in Russia and in Central Asia.
- * Financial support.



"We are one family in Christ" in Tajik

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