

# Newsletter of the Eurasian Missionary College

## Preparing national church planters and missionaries for Tatarstan, Russia and Central Asia

### March - April 2005

#### Success of Missionary Practical Work

The regular practical work of EMC students is over for the current term. As you know, small groups of students spread around Tatarstan to conduct missions every six weeks after finishing their lecture courses. The students get a lot of opportunities to apply in practice the things that they have learned in the classroom. This last practical was no exception. The students held small Bible study groups, prayer meetings and preached in the streets. The practicals are also a great help to graduates of the College who are working as missionaries in particular towns of Tatarstan. Alexei, an EMC missionary working in the town of Axubaev said, *"Every time students and their tutors come to work with us they bring new ideas on how to reach people. These ideas are always creative and as a rule they achieve their goals. Students' practical work is always great encouragement and support for me"*.



*"Sunday ministry"*

#### EMC Students Preach in Mosque

The course "Preaching in an Islamic context" took place from March 21 till March 26 at EMC. The students learned about some of the particular issues facing missionaries seeking to evangelize Moslems, as well as some Islamic traditions and history. When the course was over the students and their teacher sought to find a mosque in which they could put into practice what they had been learning. They were not allowed to enter two mosques in Kazan. But the Lord opened a door for them in a third mosque where they organized a meeting. The students became acquainted with some of the Moslems attending the mosque and were able to tell them their testimonies. Then they started to read the Bible together with Moslems in the Mosque!! Pray that the words of truth these Moslems heard will ignite a desire in them to read more of the Bible and seek out Christians to explain the gospel to them.



*Students visiting the mosque*

#### Injured students recovering - but more prayer needed

Dear friends! We want to thank you for your sustained prayer for the two students involved in the near tragic road accident in December. Zharif has practically recovered from his injuries and in the first week of April doctors are planning to remove the plaster from his leg. They expect that he will not need medical supervision any more. Ivan's (a.k.a. Vanya) situation is not so positive. The bones in his left leg were not knitting together well and the wound on his his right leg started to fester. Doctors had to hospitalize him. He has finished the course of necessary treatment in the hospital and is now recovering. He will stay in the hospital for at least another couple of weeks.

We thank everyone who has been supporting us through this ordeal. We regret that we cannot thank each of you personally. But below are a few words that Ivan has requested we pass on to you:

*Dear brothers and sisters! Thank you for your warm hearts, for your compassion and love. I feel your prayers constantly and they really help me. I am happy having family members not only in Tajikistan my homeland, but all over the world! I don't know your names but I do believe that you are numerous and I am grateful to the Lord for each of you. Finding myself in such a situation I can understand in the right way what God's Church in this world is. Praise the Lord! Thank you!*

Ivan



*Ivan recovering in hospital after being re-admitted*

Dear friends, we would like to share our plans for the next few months with you so that you can pray for us. Please pray for:

- *The students taking examinations in the Bachelor of Missiology program in Tatarstan and Central Asia.*
- *The process of obtaining a license with the Government so that the College will be recognised as a legitimate Educational Institution.*
- *EMC "Open house" when prospective students can visit the College and be encouraged to consider training for missionary work with us.*
- *The Entrance examination campaign for the 2005 – 2006 academic year.*

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