

# The Eurasian Missionary College

A Newsletter from Artur Sharurov: Practicum in Chistopol, December 2005

After every six weeks of study, the students of our college go out on field placements to different towns for 3 weeks. Just recently, I, Artur, went out with one of the teams to the town of Chistopol. For the time of the practicum we rented a house. It was quite spacious; however, unfortunately, it had very little furniture and the students had to sleep on the floor. On the floor they also organized a table with which to receive guests, lead bible studies and conduct youth gatherings.



After a few youth meetings, two people received Christ. They were a guy and his girlfriend, who had already long known about the church, but who had not been able to make a decision to follow Jesus. For this reason, it was a great joy to see how God had acted through us.



On one of the days of the practicum, the students put on a puppet show at a children's home. At the performance were about 60 children and a few adults. They enjoyed the show so much that they offered to organize a 3-day camp for the children, with us as participants.

Besides these activities, the students also undertook various other evangelistic measures, which perhaps were not so appreciated by the town authorities. After staying a few days in town, the students were taken to the police department. There they were fingerprinted and asked questions about the aim of their trip. In turn, many of the students bravely talked about the gospel with the policemen, and so joyfully left the station.



Unfortunately, before our departure, one of the female students received an injury. Going down the stairs, she stumbled and fell onto a pipe, on which had been a tap. She injured her lower eyelid and eye; they hospitalized her in a local hospital and did an operation. For several days we did not know just how serious her injury was, we worried, and of course, prayed. Now, she feels fine, her eye is undamaged, although a scar on her face remains from the incident.

The next practicum starts on January 11th, we plan to spend the time again in Chistopol. Please, pray:

- About the possibility of leading a 3-day camp for children from the children's home.
- For the people who received Christ, that their faith in Jesus will be strengthened.

Respectfully, the Academic Dean,  
EMC, Artur Shakurov.