

## Our Evening Program – an old /new study program!



*New students doing their entry exams*

In spring of this year we decided not to run a fulltime yearlong course and instead to start an evening one. It may have seemed a backwards step; however in time things have turned out for the better. It seems people involved in ministry in churches are wanting to serve better and know the Scriptures better.

Although it's not always possible to leave work to go and study full-time at a college for a year, in churches it is not always possible to receive a good biblical education.

We had doubts as to just how effective our evening program would be. But as one of our local pastors said recently, "We have waited a long time for a program like this". And he wasn't wrong. 34 students have already enrolled from the churches of Kazan. We didn't expect so many! Our desks and chairs only accommodate up to 15 students. We have divided the students into 2 groups, so that everyone who wants to can study.

We also plan to start the evening program in 3 other towns in Tatarstan. In one of those towns, Nizhnikamsk, 15 people have already sat their exams and enrolled in the course.

## Some unhappy incidents

A large number of unfortunate incidences occurred at the beginning of this academic year.

In our first week of lectures, a lecturer moving a cupboard had a large crystal vase fall on his head, he was taken to hospital and received a number of stitches to his head. Lectures for the week had to be cancelled. 2 other members of College staff were involved in car accidents in 2 different places. They are both well, however our 2 College cars now need repairing. In one of our College apartments a gas heater blew up, again God saved our students from harm. In each situation, God did something remarkable. When one of the accidents happened, 2 of our Christian brothers had to return home by train. In that train a woman had a heart attack. The doctors in the train couldn't help her. She was slowly dying and the 2 brothers started to pray for her. Within 2 hours she was able to leave the carriage herself, feeling much better. It was a testimony to the whole train.



*College staff*

All of this happened in the first week of lectures in the course of 2 or 3 days. We don't know why it happened, but we saw God's care in these types of situations.

We do depend on your prayers for our safety and protection. Please pray for our bachelor program with Tim McMahon coming up soon. Pray too for Azamat, our graduate in Central Asia. For preaching the gospel he has been thrown in prison and beaten. Now the police want to charge him and put him in prison for an extended period. Pray this won't happen.

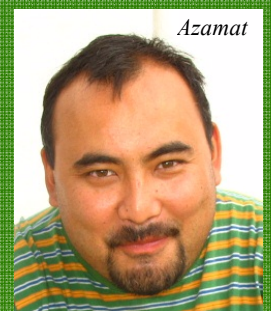
## College news

- **Evening program starts!  
Courses in Kazan and Nizhnikamsk**
- **Two car accidents, a gas heater explosion and a few other unhappy incidents at the start of the year**

*"We have sailed too close to the edge; loving this life, we have stopped striving towards the source of life."  
(Francis Drake)*

## Prayer Points

- the starting of evening courses in other towns in Tatarstan
- the safety and health of college staff
- the successful continuation of the bachelor program (our next session is Oct 15-28)



*Azamat*