



## June 2010 College News – Graduation and the Graduate Programme

### 2010 Graduation

On the 29<sup>th</sup> of May, Graduation 2010 turned into a great feast that lasted from 11 a.m. till 6 p.m.! In the ten years history of the college there have never been so many friends and guests from different parts of Russia and even the world on the graduation day. There were people from five different churches in **Kazan** which the graduates attended during the year, friends from **Moscow** who accepted one of the teams for the last practice time and the missionary Zhenya Mishagin came with a few people converted to Christ through the students who had been practicing in **Alexeevsky**. A Baptist church “The Way of Salvation” willingly offered their building to the college to celebrate the event in. That way they wanted to express the love to Gena, Kostya and Fedor who helped them during the year in worship ministry and spreading the gospel.



*Just as it was started the year back in September 2009, the academic year was closed at the Kama river mouth, going down in the caves, swimming, praying and sharing at the fireplace.*

Of course there is no beginning without getting instruction from the elders. The graduates heard wishes and blessing for their ministry from the College director Fedor D., pastors Mikhail T., Eduard K. and Mikhail T. Also the director of *Eurasian Ministries* Tim McMahon shared a message.

After graduation the second part, informal, was held by the students when they shared feelings, experiences and thanks for the year at the EMC. There were tones of photos and songs, jokes and tears.

***Our prayer for you, dear graduates, is that the light in you that drew so many people here in Kazan around you would shine even brighter at the places of your future ministry and bring many, many people to know the Lord. Amen.***



## Near-completion of the 4 year Continuing Education Graduate Programme

Immediately after the new graduates headed back to their homes for a well-earned break, or began preparations for their service on the mission fields, 14 graduates from previous years descended on the College for what was for most of them the penultimate bi-annual two-week session of their continuing education programme. Tim McMahon taught the first week on the theme of persevering in ministry – lessons from the prophet Zechariah. It was the students' privilege to have the founder of the College, Insur Shamgunov, take the second week with lessons on leadership. He went with the students to a campsite where he presented certificates to the few graduates who had completed all the continuing education modules in the minimum time. Like the graduation of the full-time residential programme two weeks earlier, this too was a time of celebration, as the photos below show. May these ministers of the gospel continue to serve for a lifetime – their first four years of perseverance stands them in good stead – with the Lord's help of course.

