

Greetings to you, dear friends!

Church

Our house church regularly meets on Sundays. Thanks to God and His care, we are growing spiritually. Our brothers Ilkhom and Sherzod began to help us in the Sunday services. They share words of edification for the church. Beyond that, God is giving Ilkhom the opportunity to study at the OM discipleship center. Sherzod is serving, together with OM Kazakhstan, on a three month evangelism project.



Gulbakhor

After she had received Jesus Christ in her heart she came to Russia to work for a while. But the worldly life began to tug at her again. She made good money, enough to live a dissolute life. But, the Spirit of God convicted her and she suffered from a painful conscience. Thanks to God and His zeal for her she showed up to our meeting.



From the day that she started to talk with us and go to church, she's undergone a spiritual change. She stopped stealing, stopped cursing government officials and neighbors, and hanging out with a bad crowd.

She went back to Uzbekistan to get her only son from the orphanage and took him with her to Russia, so that she would no longer lose him. She enrolled him in the Fourth grade of a Christian school where she observed in her son a change in his studies and behavior. Praise God for His care! But sometimes fighting her old way of life is very difficult for her. Previously, she was a person who caused others suffering; she fought with anyone.

She lived by the power of fear, theft and a nasty tongue because it was a way of life handed down to her from previous generations as if it were an inheritance. But now things have turned around 180 degrees. She suffers because of her godly life in Christ from the people who know her.

Change in her life

1. She has a technical job in a small sausage factory. She often found gold chains, or rings or money or even telephones (of other employees), picked them up and sold them. It was underhanded but a good income. But one day there was a breakthrough and she gave us a call:

G: Hello Feruza- Do you know, I just bought peace of mind and I thank God for it.

F: Tell me, what happened?

G: Again, I found a good phone and I thought to myself "My son needs a phone, I'll give this to him." But the phone started to ring and I understood that the owner was looking for it. I didn't know what to do and I put it on silent mode, like I usually do. But that phone rang and rang.

At that point a struggle began in me: to give or not give it back to the owner. It would be such a pity to give up a good phone like this, the owners are rich people who could buy a new one. I'll give it to my son and he would be delighted. No- I thought- it's not your phone, give it back to the owner; to keep it is a sin. Look, the owner is calling, that means that the owner needs it- give it back. I forced myself to run to the security department, and gave it to him and said, "Take and answer this phone, say that I found it and returned it to you." The guard took it and answered the phone and said to the owner, "Yes, yes, our employee found your phone, you can pick it up." The guard looked at me and said, "well done, Gulbakhor, for returning the phone." The boss found out about it and said, "Well done, Gulbakhor you did the right thing." The owner came by for the phone and thanked me with joy. I felt so much joy in me, for doing the right thing.

Feruza said to her, "Good job, Gulbakhor, this is just the way God wants us to act.

Not long ago she called Feruza up and wept a long time talking about her difficulties and rejoicing that God is doing good things. She said, for honest work my boss has raised my wage. I was so happy when I heard about it, but when my colleagues found out they were neither happy with me nor the boss. Then the boss said to the rebels, "if you work as hard as she does, you'll get a raise too." And everybody calmed down.

At the end of this month, three will get baptized and she is one of them. At the moment there is a preparation for baptism. She is always interested and thirsty to participate when we conduct the Lord's Supper.

Prayer needs for Gulbakhor:

1. Receiving baptism, in a clear conscience to the Lord.
2. For spiritual growth, through which to be closer to the Lord.
3. And for the spiritual gift that the Lord had bestowed upon her, for working in God's field .

Nurkhon

It's already been a year since we met her. We invited her to our home with friends, and told her about Christ, but she did not always attach importance to it. She is interested in the good life, like everyone else. She wanted to improve the standard of living of the family,

but did not know how. One of the problems in the family is that she did not love her husband because her husband was lazy and did not care about the family and for the constant quarrels. They have two adult children.

What is in her favor: - She is very fond of reading books. Even with the last of her money, she would buy a book or a magazine over bread and tea. We have given her some books of spiritual content a few times, and she has read them all.



She recently went to Kyrgyzstan to visit family. But, before leaving she made an appointment to meet with myself and Feruza in the cafe, in order to talk. During the meeting she told us about a lot of things and disclosed the problems in her family.

“I no longer want to live with my husband,” she told us. “I imagine now, how I get home and see my husband and I know how he will greet me. Then I think about continuing to live with him, I simply do not want it. Feruza, know what I want?”

“No,” Feruza said.

“I just want to get home and see my children and die. I always think about death. I want to throw myself under the car or something like that. This is my destiny. This I have written on my forehead. God won’t condemn me for it. He himself has determined that I must die.”

Feruza tells her “Do you mean that you will get to heaven?”

In response, she said: “Probably not, I know that, I’ll end up in hell and get punished. I’ve got a lot of sins, I can’t tell you everything.”

Feruza tells her: “If you go to hell, then, why kill yourself, and then be tormented in hell? You just don’t know what hell is like. Whoever gets there can’t go out and no one can help them.”

She thoughtfully replied, “I do not know what to do.” Then Feruza told her about Christ. And how necessary it is to accept Him as Savior, in order to be delivered from punishment in hell.

“Jesus is a Russian God, but we are Muslims. How can I accept him?” she asked. Feruza said to her: “If Jesus is a Russian God, then what God is the God of the Uzbeks?” She said: “I do not know.”

Feruza went on to say: “You know Nurhon, Jesus did not come into the world to be the God of just one particular people. But He came to save sinners from punishment, regardless of the nation.” And she said a lot more to her about the mission of Christ.

She said: “Feruza, I now understand, and I have received. I’m finished, I received.”

Feruza asked: “How did you receive?”

She: “That’s how.”

Feruza: “I did not hear.”

She: “Then what shall I do?”

Feruza: “It is necessary to say a prayer of repentance.”

She: “Then I will come tomorrow, in order to receive him.” (It is thought that receiving Christ is a ritual).

Feruza: “You already believe that Jesus will save you?”

She: “Yes, I believe.”

Feruza: “Then what’s stopping you from receiving him now?”

She: “Nothing.”

Feruza: “Then you can right this moment, receive Him in your heart.”

She: "Yes. That's good, let's do that."

Feruza: "Let me pray a prayer of repentance, and you , repeat after me."

She: "Good."

On that day, she received Jesus in her heart and calmed down. Feruza gave her a New Testament. Two days later, she had read half the book, and she had serious questions. The Lord gave the answers to these questions through us, and she understands now. Two days later she went to her homeland.

Prayer needs for Nurkhon

1. She needs spiritual care and growth in the Spirit of Christ.
2. For love, that she would love and respect her husband as from God.
3. She has just recently repented and doesn't know a lot about Christianity and anything can happen where it's dangerous to be a Christian. For this reason I ask that you would pray to God that He would protect her.

Bakhtiar

This man recently came to us in Novosibirsk, Siberia, to find work. A sister in Kyrgyzstan, requested that I help him get a job. He arrived a lot later to meet us than we had agreed. The cause was a violation, while crossing the border of Kazakhstan. He was there, arrested and condemned after ten days and then released. In those days, he lost a lot of things even money. But even so he reached us. We received him; he was depressed. And he was not a believer.



With God's help we took care of him. We did the documents, finances, and found him a job at the Siberian Foundry. He kept in touch with me and attended on Sundays our meetings. Praise God!

However, after some time he refused us and even became hostile to us. One day at 5 in the morning he called me and started to say, "I am a Muslim brother, God willing, I am a Muslim and I will shoot you." It wasn't possible to stop him, it was if he was controlled by someone else. He continued to threaten. Then I raised my voice to calm him down and he calmed down a little.

After that he did not call again, nor I him, but his threats, until now, continue through some people to arrive to me. He is trying to turn some people against me. It is said of him that he is attending the Wahabbi community and plans to kill me, firstly because I receive money from Christians and that I criticize Islam in something. And then for other things.

I as a minister and as a man am not afraid of this man but, I'm worried about his family. I was long troubled in spirit, but after I gave it into God's hands I relaxed. In the family, we prayed for him and at the Sunday service. We prayed for him at the team meeting in OM.

Pray for Bakhtir

1. That he would come to know the truth and calling of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Family

Praise God! Our children, Nelufar and Otabek are studying at school. They are almost feeling at home in the school program and in relationship with the other students. The only thing is that Otabek is finding it difficult to find a good friend in class. Our little daughter Esfir is going to nursery school, she is friends with everyone at school.



I and my wife Feruza are still in the process of getting accustomed to the city and it's caprices. We pray to God that he would bless us here and widen our circle of friends and ministry.

Not long ago we moved to our fifth place. This apartment belongs to OM. We thought, now the neighbors won't give us trouble about our Sunday meetings. But unfortunately a woman came to us and said that the woman in the flat below us is

bothered. We understand now that we could encounter this anywhere. But we don't want this to affect our Sunday meetings.

Our Family's Needs

1. That we would be able to fulfill the will of God in this place where He has sent us to serve.
2. That our children would become righteous of heart would become fruitful servants.
3. That the Lord would prevent those people that want my death and stop evangelism.
4. That we could peacefully have our Sunday worship meetings in our apartments.
5. That God would give us some kind of opportunity to take a break, but at this point our finances and circumstances to not permit it.
6. For financial support, that God would prompt those people who would want to support us and participate in the ministry we carry out.
7. That we would productively serve the Lord and participate in prayer for the revival of nations.

If it would interest you to participate in the ministry to Central Asians, you can become our partners. We would always be ready to work together with you.

1. Would you like to receive our monthly prayer letter?
2. Would you like to support us in prayer and encouragement?
3. Would you like to support us financially?

If you would like to participate with us in any way, you can contact us in these ways:

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