

Graham Herbert: Report of September 2010 Teaching Trip

Teaching and Training the next generation of pastor-teacher-evangelists in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

At the Eurasian Mission College - Kazan in Tatarstan, Russia.



I returned from the September teaching trip to the Kazan Mission College exhausted but excited about what had been achieved and eager to return to continue the task. It proved possible to teach 3 courses - the Gospel of Mark (25 lectures), Acts (25 lectures) and the History and Principles of Mission (15 lectures). Planned return trips in January and March would continue the Bible Modules.

The picture shows 18 first year students... 4 Tajiks, 7 Uzbeks, 1 Kazak, 3 Tartars, 3 Kyrgyzstanis ... all of whom are on the two year training programme and who will then return home as missionaries. I loved their company and enthusiasm and commitment. It was wonderful to introduce them to Biblical Studies aimed at encouraging expository preaching and teaching and practical mission work. These are the students who will return home and help the progress of the gospel in the Muslim world.

Tim McMahon, Director of EM-UK writes:

I am thrilled that the College is full again. Of the 18 students 15 are from Central Asia. This year the students are going to plant a church in Kazan among Central Asian immigrants, as between them they speak all the Central Asian languages! It stands to be a wonderful year of learning for them, as they immediately get to put into practice the principles they learn in the classroom. I have all their testimonies on video, and am busily producing DVDs so that you can see them for yourselves.



While at the College I was able to take part in the Graduation of Evening Class Students who have been studying Biblical Studies and Practical Ministry over the last 3 years. Tim and I have taught most of the course. The 'students' range from builders to university teachers; school leavers to grandparents and represent six different Kazan churches. The course is as rigorous as any UK church based evening study course and demands considerable commitment to complete. The Kazan Mission College has a strategic role in training Christian workers who diffuse the Gospel message and ministry methods in their regions.

It was a delight to attend the Graduation and to be invited to address the graduates on behalf of EM-UK. Some students gave brief testimony about the value of the course. *I am now a more serious Bible student. I have been shown how to get into the Bible // I now feel more confident in sharing my faith // The College is like a family to me - a family with a mission purpose // It has been a long and difficult course. When does the next one start?* Presentations were made, prayers were said and then there were celebrations with much shared joy and humour over simple snacks of fruit, nuts, tea and cake.

Your support and concern is hugely appreciated.

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