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

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It was the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the collapse of communism which led to degrees of religious freedom in Eastern Europe, questions about the meaning of life and rapid church growth. The great need is still for teaching and training, teaching and training. My trip to the Kazan Eurasian Mission College gave the opportunity to continue teaching the Bible to committed and courageous students who want to learn, grow and serve. We studied OT Genesis to Deuteronomy and the NT Pauline Letters.

This group of pictures shows the Kazan Mission College students wrestling with the plot and purpose of the OT and the doctrinal content of the NT Letters.

Huge amounts of snow and prolonged coldness in Tatarstan causes people to withdraw and 'close down for the winter'. The predominant mind-set is that all things can wait until the spring. Not so in the EM College! All the students arrived for the first day of lectures ... and a little revision test which I had arranged for them! Their spirits were high and their desire to engage with the Biblical text real and refreshing.



The College runs on three principles:

1. The careful study of the Bible
2. The application of Biblical truth in practical ministry
3. The importance of personal support (the staff model Christian life and ministry to the students)

The practical ministry project this academic year is the planting of an International church in Kazan. The students used the autumn term to make friends in the international communities and in this second term they are holding four evangelistic Bible Studies. Any one of these groups could develop and become the hub for the new church. It is tough but magnificent Gospel work.

NEXT TEACHING TRIP: March 18 to April 4



*With warmest thanks,
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Please pray for:

1. Gospel committed students - 2 Tim 4:1-5
2. Faithful and apt teaching - 2 Cor. 4:1-2
3. Courage to obey - Matt 28:19-20
4. A serving heart in selfish times - Mark 10:45



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