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Dear Christian friends and family,

News for the Year 2011-2012

For the academic year ahead I have been asked to serve as the Director of Eurasian-Ministries UK. This will principally involve teaching trips to the Mission College in Kazan (as I have been doing for the past 3 years) but with the added dimension of closer involvement with the college staff and the mission strategy. Here in the UK between trips I will be available to visit partner churches and supporters.

Let me review the work of the mission by asking:

Why is teaching at the Eurasian Mission College so necessary?



What is the strategic significance of the College?



The Gospel mandate is clear – to go to all nations beginning at home and spreading out with courage and energy. The vision of the Kazan Mission College has always been just that.. taking the Gospel to the people of Kazan (Tatar, Russian, Muslim, Orthodox, Unbelieving) and then using every opportunity to ‘go abroad’. It has been a remarkable story. Men and women, taught and trained at EMC, going to many other Russian regions and Central Asian countries (Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Azerbaijan). It has involved crossing borders and entering places hostile to the Christian Gospel. It continues to involve loss of security, regular income and material comforts. These believers ‘hazard their lives for the Lord Jesus Christ’ Acts 15:26

The College is growing in effectiveness while still able to keep a low profile and not raise protest or opposition. It has developed a gold blend of .. Biblical Teaching, Personal Support and Practical Ministry. The staff are tireless in caring for past and present students. The network of faithful and committed Gospel workers continues to grow.



My task is to help lay a foundation of Biblical understanding and resourcefulness which will ensure that the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27) is declared to the nations and sustains the workers and their families.

The September trip is from 31 August to 18 September. It begins with a two day camp with the new students and staff to meet one another and build friendships. I will give 4 talks based around J Stott’s 2 Timothy headings .. Guard the Gospel, Live the Gospel, Suffer for the Gospel and Preach the Gospel. Following the camp, lectures begin and study routines are established. These first two weeks of teaching will cover the Gospels and Acts.



Please may I say how deeply grateful I am for the gifts of money which finance each of the teaching trips. (It has been my aim to make each trip self-financing and so not draw on the limited resources of EM-UK). On the tightest budget the cost is £1,550 for each trip and I plan to make myself available for 4 trips in this coming academic year. Every rouble invested in the lives of these faithful and courageous students is well used. Thank you.

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