

## From the Eurasian-Ministries Director - Graham Herbert

Teaching and Training the next generation of pastor-teacher-evangelists.  
Eurasian Mission College - Kazan in Tatarstan, Russia.

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*Dear Christian friend*

Warmest greetings and very best wishes to you in 2012 from us as a family.  
(A photograph and a note of what we all do is shown below!)



We can stride into the new year confident that 'the gospel is the power of God for salvation' Romans 1:16. Salvation is the greatest need of all people and nations and we have the privilege and responsibility to make it known and to help teach and train those who are eager gospel workers. Putting a well known saying into my own words "If our greatest need was an improved economy, God would have sent us the economic blue print; if our greatest need was for information, God would have sent us all a gift-wrapped Apple Mac Pro personal computer; if our greatest need was money, God would have sent us a generous banker but our greatest need is to be saved from our sin so God sent us a Saviour".

The focus of EM-UK is very specific – we exist to enable the Mission College in Kazan to teach and train men and women in Biblical understanding [See inset 1], Gospel priorities and lifelong Christian service [See inset 2]

INSET 1 The College newsletter records one student who is learning to be a true servant of the Word ...

"I had to face the fact that often what I want to say is not in the text, and God is saying something different in the text. It needs much humility because I tend to search for something very special in the text that no one has seen before, but God tells me to say what is written"

**Wow ... what a big lesson to be learning!**

INSET 2 Another newsletter records a meeting of Tatarstan Pastors – mostly former students of the Mission College ...

"We prayed to the Lord that we would be faithful in all things and that the Lord would use us to spread the Gospel through Tatarstan. We prayed for the Lord to send ministers to the Tatarstan regions where there is no church. Among the 43 regions of Tatarstan, 11 regions do not have a church."



Over the last 2 years, quietly but with steadfastness and painstaking effort, a small group has been translating and preparing the Moore Theological Course for use in the Russian language. [www.external.moore.edu.au](http://www.external.moore.edu.au)

You will be greatly encouraged to hear that a group of 28 (including staff of the Mission College and church leaders of the Faith and Life Church, Kazan) are now coming to the end of the first term of study completing the 'Introduction to the Bible' unit. To qualify for the Moore Preliminary Certificate in Theology they will need to study and be examined in six units. I will be the examiner on behalf of Moore College. This is a highly significant development and has huge potential throughout the Russian speaking world of Eastern Europe and Central Asia.





EM-UK has for a little while been seeking a partnership with another mission to strengthen and support its work at the Eurasian Mission College in Kazan. We have found a partner in People International which is led in the UK by John McLernon. The PI purpose statement reads: "To unveil God's glory to Central Asian Muslims by establishing and enabling his church".

PI is increasingly aware that the gospel is spread most effectively, not by European missionaries, but by training and equipping local Christians to become pastors-teacher-evangelists. They recognise the Kazan Mission College as a strategic centre for this.

The EM-UK Trustees are persuaded that a partnership will be a significant step forward for EM. Administrative matters will be handled by the PI Tunbridge Wells UK office (reimbursed by EM-UK at cost and less than running our Danbury office) and I will be left free to teach, and work with the College staff with the additional help of the experienced PI field staff. We remain an independent mission and all gifts are directed, as normal, to the ministry of EM-UK.

Labouring side by side for the Gospel  
Philippians 4:3

Note: The PI Council of Reference is made up of Don Carson, Michael Raiter, Michael Griffiths, Gordon Fee and Lindsay Brown. The PI Board is Mike Warren (St Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells), Nick Prideaux (St John's Church, Tunbridge Wells), Steve Harland (Colkins Mill Church, Mayfield) and Caroline Standing (Emmanuel Church, Wimbledon). The PI Doctrinal Basis can be read at: <http://www.peopleintl.org.uk/index.php/people-international/what-we-believe>

#### Family photo and news:



**Emma** teaches Maths at Cranleigh School and leads music at Cranleigh Baptist Church – she married **James** Ellin in July 2011. **Rosie** is teaching French and Latin at Bishopsgate Prep School, Egham and is involved with St John's Church. **Mark** continues church ministry training based at Grace Community Church, Bedford. **Juliet** enjoys her RS teaching at Monkton Prep School. Graham directs the mission work of Eurasian-Ministries UK and helps in the local church [[www.parishchurch.chudleigh-tc.gov.uk/Mission.htm#GrahamHerbert](http://www.parishchurch.chudleigh-tc.gov.uk/Mission.htm#GrahamHerbert)].

*My next teaching trip is from March 10 for 2-3 weeks. I will be teaching both Old and New Testament studies and looking at the early chapters of Genesis, Isaiah, Ecclesiastes, Romans, 2 Timothy and James. Please pray that time with the College staff will be helpful and encouraging.*

*Thank you for standing with us in this great task,*

*Graham Herbert*

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