

# God's Mission in Kazakhstan

## May 2007

### Home again . . .

After spending six weeks in the USA for a combination of vacation and mission related work we departed for Kazakhstan on May 30. The majority of our vacation time was spent babysitting for our two grandsons – Eli 3 years and Benjamin 4 months. We are happy to report that our grandsons, their parents and the two of us all survived the experience!! It is always enjoyable to be able to spend time with our family and friends in the USA.

### How long?

We are often asked how long our trip was. This time the trip from Almaty to Lafayette, LA was 27 hours including layovers with 18 hours and 45 minutes of flight time. The return trip was 25 hours including layovers with 17 hours of flight time.

### Back in the saddle . . .

The first week of June Morris will work with Larry Ogg, Eurasia Business Manager, and the local staff on various financial related administrative tasks. After that our top priority will be to look for an apartment in Taldyqorghhan so our personal belongings that have been stacked in the corner of another missionary's apartment since mid-April can be moved. Pray that we are able to find an apartment quickly so that we can begin to settle in and to build relationships with the people in our new area of ministry.

### A little help from our friends . . .



Alexander Starchenko is helping us in our transition to Taldyqorghhan. Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) has been instrumental in helping to “bring Christ to the people of Kazakhstan” (as the sign above indicates) during the years he has served as Director of LHM in Almaty. Alexander has provided us with a list of individuals that have participated in a LHM Bible correspondence course in and around Taldyqorghhan. He has offered to send a letter to the participants to introduce us and make them aware of our upcoming move. Our hope and prayer is that some of these individuals will be interested in participating in various distance education courses that are available through Central Asia Lutheran Seminary as well as opening their homes for small group Bible studies and “home” churches. Please pray that the Lord will guide and direct us as we begin this new phase in ministry.

### God Loves You!

The message that Morris is pointing to on the side of an apartment building in Almaty is “God Loves You.” We are looking forward to sharing the Good News of how God showed His love for all mankind in sending His Son to be our Lord and Savior with the people in Taldyqorghhan.



“Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.” Ephesians 3:20-21

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### New Ministry Location: Taldyqorghhan

