

## Olson June Mission Moments

Dear Friends of the work in Kazakhstan:

If one enjoys "people watching" now is the time to enjoy that sport here in Almaty. Sidewalk/garden cafes are everywhere throughout the city. One can enjoy the weather while sipping their favorite beverage and eating shashlik (meat on a stick). The street crews have been busy cleaning the flower beds after all the rain and the roses are in full bloom. Recycle bins have also been placed on many street corners.

PRAISE THE LORD! The last week in May we received the joyous news that the paperwork for legalization of the second floor is complete. We are glad that the process has finally been brought to a successful conclusion. Thank you all for your prayers and support during this time.

More legal issues... For nearly two years our attorneys have been attempting to obtain a registration for one of the Evangelical Lutheran Center properties that would officially designate it's usage to be for living quarters as well as for worship purposes. According to the law obtaining the registration should be possible. In the next couple of weeks we will intensify efforts to obtain the registration. We ask that you pray for a level of honesty and integrity to be exhibited by the government officials who are part of this decision process.

Teamwork: In May, Alex Shashlivi, from our mission staff journeyed to Kyrgyzstan to teach Homiletics at their seminary for a few days. He also spent some time dialoging with their spiritual leaders and observing some of their ministry settings. Earlier this month, Irina, one of the national staff from Bishkek conducted a Summer Bible School training session with some of our staff in Almaty. This past week, three from our staff journeyed to Bishkek to observe the Summer Bible School sessions being conducted at one of the orphanages there. We are appreciative that our two mission fields can share resources as we endeavor to proclaim the Gospel in both countries.

Christ the Savior is **Ablaze!!** During the month of May there were two confirmation services at Christ The Savior congregation in Almaty. Eight adults confessed their faith on May 22nd and three teenagers boldly stood before the congregation on May 29th. Two of the teenagers were expat youth instructed by Kim Acton, our DCO intern. It was obviously a time of celebration for all. Anna was one of the adult confirmands. For the last several months she has been sharing her art talent by having a class on drawing after the worship service. The class continues to grow in size. We thank God for Anna's willingness to share her talent with others.

**Ablaze!** Partners,  
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