

Taldykorgan Tidbits

September 2007 Morris and Jean Olson

Harvest Celebrations . . .

The month of September has been a time of celebration for the churches in Taldykorgan and the surrounding area. It reminded us of Mission Festival Sunday in the USA as several congregations gathered together praising God for His abundant blessings. Those present were encouraged to remember the importance and significance of the spiritual harvest, amidst celebrating the physical harvest.



The morning and afternoon services included multiple sermons and individuals giving personal testimony of God's blessings in their lives. People of all ages eagerly read poems and shared their musical talents, which were accompanied by a variety of instruments, including an accordion. After the morning service, everyone enjoyed a meal together and then the celebration continued on until late afternoon.

It was uplifting to participate in the "Day of Thanksgiving" celebrations and to witness the manner in which the Holy Spirit is *Ablaze!* among the people of Kazakhstan!

Pictured on the bottom left is the Sunday school group from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Taldykorgan. The picture on the right was taken in Kroopski where everyone was greeted with a sign proclaiming "God Is Love."



"Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 106:1



Prayer Requests:

- Praise and thanksgiving for the abundant blessings in all our lives.
- God's guidance/direction on discussions regarding outreach to the blind in the area.
- Boldness for individuals in the congregations to step forward to help in an area of ministry.
- Thanksgiving for the birth of a healthy daughter to Pastor Sasha and wife Oxana from the Lutheran church in Taldykorgan.
- Release from the bondage of alcoholism for an acquaintance from a neighboring village.
- Healing for a member of the Taldykorgan congregation who recently had a leg amputated.
- Healing for missionary Amy Kashenov who has been in the states since early September to address medical problems.
- Wisdom and discernment for those involved in developing Christian education materials for use in correspondence course settings in Central Asia.
- Timely processing of the annual renewal of our visas, which expire during November.
- Thanksgiving that grandson Benjamin is benefiting from the physical therapy. He goes once a week to the therapist and the family does exercises with him three times a day.
- Thanksgiving that Morris's parent's health has improved and they are able to go on outings again.

"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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