

Blaze, Spirit, Blaze, set our hearts on fire . . .

Dear *Ablaze!* Partners of the Work in Kazakhstan:

Pictured on the right are our fearless leaders! From left to right: Morris Olson, Team Leader, Kazakhstan; Thomas McWilliams, Business Manager for Eurasia; Brent Smith, Regional Director for Eurasia; John Mehl, Regional Director for Asia, Bob Rosin, Theological Educator for Eurasia; and Tim Nickel, Team Leader, Kyrgyzstan. The group met in Germany for a week in April during which time the "baton" as regional director of Eurasia was passed from Rev. John Mehl to Rev. Brent Smith. John has accepted a call to serve as regional director of Asia. While John, Susan and Ted relocate in Hong Kong, their daughter Louisa journeys to Concordia, Missouri to begin her freshman year at Concordia Lutheran School where older sister Katrina will be a senior. Brent, Jennie and their children Zachary, Katelyn and Sophia will move to Germany during the summer. We thank John, and his wife Susan, for their many years of leadership, service and dedication to the work for the Lord. Pray that the Lord will grant our leaders wisdom and discernment as they work together to spread the Good News.



Easter is a time for rejoicing! The Easter celebration at Christ the Savior included beautiful music...



and a Baptism ... and ended with a traditional Easter feast!



Prayer requests:

- The Mehl and Smith families as they transition to their new locations this summer.
- Amy Kashenov's recovery from surgery (missionary among the Kazakh people in Kazakhstan).
- Armand and Judy Boehme as they consider his call to serve as Theological Educator/Senior Missionary in Kazakhstan.
- Wisdom as ELC and the mission work through the legal proceedings to change the registration on properties at St. Peter and Paul and St. Matthew from home dwellings to worship purposes.

Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! **To Him be the glory!**

Ablaze! Partners, Morris and Jean Olson

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