



MOMS IN PRAYER MINISTRY IN TAJIKISTAN

With the invitation of the Dushanbe church in Tajikistan and the blessing of Bryte Church supported by the Mom's in Prayer ministry who have been focusing on praying for Tajikistan, a team of three, Valeriy and Fatima Avramenko, and myself, Olga Drovorub, we visited them this spring with a goal of hosting a women's conference "Moms in Prayer" and visit many churches as the opportunity would present itself.



As we came to Dushanbe, which is the capital of Tajikistan, the loving brothers and sisters of the local church warmly greeted us. They also prepared a busy schedule for our ministry there. The next day, we visited an orphanage in Kulob, which was three hours away from Dushanbe, where we had church service along with the local brothers and sisters. This orphanage is supported by the church in Dushanbe, and have two missionary women from Ukraine who minister there.



The next day, on April 20th we were taken to the northern region of Tajikistan, to Khujand which is six hours from Dushanbe navigating through the high passes and mountains.

The church in Khujand feeds the homeless twice a week and has evangelistic services at the church. We had an opportunity to join them in helping them during this service.

Thanks to the brothers and sisters of the Khujand church, many lost people were able to receive the Gospel, and as a result, their lives were transformed. Praise God for that!



With the local sister Tamara Bessarab, we visited the city of Tabashar. Twice a week she visits the house of a bereaved women with their children. Some of them were released from prison; they live in poverty. When she comes, Tamara brings a large pot of stew or soup in order to feed the hungry children after school. During the Soviet times, uranium was mined in this area. Right now, the air is very polluted, and many people become sick with cancer. They do not have access to clean water, and people suffer as a result of that. Some women get imprisoned because of the alcohol and drug abuse, and their children suffer. However, this region is not forgotten. They get visitors who preach about the love of God and

salvation. While children were at school, the mothers gathered together in one residence where we had our service with them. Valeriy Avramenko preached, we sang hymns together, and I shared about the Moms in Prayer ministry after which I taught them to pray through the four steps of prayer. As we were parting, I left them a Mom's In Prayer brochure, so that they could later get together to pray for themselves, for their children, and their schools. The women and children were really happy that we visited them, and that they are not forgotten in this region.



After visiting Tabashar, we returned to the church in Khujand where we were welcomed by a sanctuary of women who came from different neighborhoods. When we entered, they began to praise God in singing in their local language. We enjoyed listening to the Tajik people praising Jesus Christ. We had a church service along with them as it usually is in the Moms in Prayer ministry. I was pleasantly surprised and glad to hear how well the Tajik women know the Word of God, how sincerely they love the Lord, and how genuine their prayers are.



Because of their faith in Christ, many of the Christian Tajik women experience persecution by the members of their families and fellow citizens. However, despite these persecutions, their hearts are fired up by the love for Christ and His Word which was very evident to us.



One of the teachers who came to faith shared about a problem of teachers severely beating the children at schools. After hearing that, we were in special prayer for the children and teachers, so that they would come to know the love of God.



Over the course of two days, we remained and ministered in Khujand after which we returned to the capital of Tajikistan, to Dushanbe. Our journey through the high passes and sharp climbs took eight hours by car. Because of the rain, there was a rockslide, but the Lord protected us, and we successfully arrived into the city.

We celebrated the Passover with the church in Dushanbe. We were immediately reminded of our youth when Fatima and I were baptized in Dushanbe, sang in the youth choir at the church, and visited small churches with the youth. However, one of the greatest joys for us was the fact that we have seen with our own eyes and heard with our own ears how the Tajik people believed in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and praise the Lord both in the Tajik and Russian languages. The church was not deserted despite the migration of so many brothers and sisters who moved from Dushanbe to Germany, Russia, and the U.S. The church was full of Tajik believers. Our Lord is Great! Praise Him!!!





After the church service we visited the women’s rehab center in Dushanbe where we had another opportunity to minister to these women as well. Some of them were in the center along with their children. We were singing with them and praising the Lord, then I taught on a topic of: “Heaven, Hell, and Life after Death”.

The leader of the rehab, Tatyana, who became a believer and is now serving the Lord, will continue teaching on this theme.



Finally, we hosted a “Moms in Prayer” conference for the precious sisters of the church in Dushanbe. We shared about the prayer ministry of the international ministry of “Moms in Prayer” which currently extended to over 140 countries of the world. The theme of the conference was: “Lighting up the Heart for Prayer”. The women were encouraged and thanked the Lord that they were able to hear about this prayer ministry which is so needed for all mothers and women. Some



of them testified about how the Lord has directly moved them individually. We prayed together, praised the Lord, made confessions, were thanking Him, and interceded for our children as we pleaded for the protection of the Almighty and Loving heavenly Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are thankful to everyone who prayed for us and for our ministry in Tajikistan. We constantly felt and saw the blessing of God and His hand upon us. May His name be glorified and magnified! Praise be to Him for everything!



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