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"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you..." Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV) As many of you have, through the years, committed to pray for me and give toward my ministry, I have often heard comments stating that the speaker could not go, but he/she was sending me instead. In many ways, that is true. When Jesus said the words quoted above to His disciples, He did not mean for each one to go everywhere throughout the world. But He was sending each one to obey Him in these ways as each one went about his daily tasks. Since you are helping me to serve Him in Kazakhstan, I would like to recap the year's letters and share with you how you are making a difference in this part of the world as well as in yours through your prayers and financial gifts.

- ➤ In January and March you prayed for Friendship School's students and staff. The school is still open, which is a direct answer to prayer. We are not allowed to teach religion in our English classes, but the four of us Americans working with the English students have all been asked questions and had natural opportunities to discuss prayer, God, and our faith and without repercussions.
- ➤ In February you prayed for Olzhas who was helping me in the school management. He is now working for Apple Tree ministries as well as reaching out in ministry to Kazakhs in evangelistic ministries.
- In May and October you prayed for our team for unity and for visas because the country's laws drastically changed. Seven of us on our team plus four English teachers from ESI have received 1-year work visas. What we thought would be impossible was made possible by your prayers.
- ➤ In June, July, August, September, November, and December, you prayed for staff, teachers, and students of The Small Business Training Center (SBTC) and Private Enterprise Training Center (PETC). Lives have changed and there are more people walking in the Kingdom of God in answer to these prayers.
- You have prayed and given to our Appletree day care ministries so that we could provide meals twice a week to children and family members as well as coats, boots, and school supplies for children whose families need financial assistance.
- > You have prayed for those in my Bible study who have grown deeper in their faith through the year. Two have left in order to start studies of their own.
- ➤ In November, you prayed for Friendship School's (grades preschool-11) licensing review. They have "passed" with some items noted for improvement by the end of the school year. Thank you for praying for this process.
- You prayed consistently for a spirit of cooperation amongst the personnel of all entities of the building. There are still struggles, but there have been improvements.

Because of confidentiality and the part of the world in which I live, I often do not write as much as I would like, but know that God is working.

God answers prayers. Know that people of other faiths are praying. An unidentified Muslim woman pictured to the right is seen praying at a mosque. Muslims pray faithfully 6 times a day. God's Word tells us to pray without ceasing. I so often fall short, but I am trying to be faithful in praying for people as I see them on the street or as I wait in lines in stores as well as when I am in the office or classroom. You are making a difference as you pray and give. Thank you!

I wish you a happy and blessed New Year as you serve the Lord through your lives, your words, your actions and reactions, your compassion, your prayers, your gifts, and your finances. May you be His witness in all you do.

Grateful for His faithfulness,

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