

Hello my dear friends!

This week I was helping again Raya. I picked her up in the mountains (it takes 4-wheel drive to get there) and brought her for MRI. It showed that she does have a cyst and in need of operation. But she also has diabetes and her daughter wrote a “renouncement” because she is afraid Raya will not make it through the surgery and recovering process. Our International Medical Center offered me a free doctor to visit her at her home and teach her how to control her blood pressure and blood sugar. I hope we can do it this week.



We finished our two last Bible studies with [Volodya](#) last week. He was happy to meet me at this house. Every time he would serve me a meal and last two times we also played chess ☺. It was very good time, we have talked not only about studies but about life, marriage, sport etc. Please pray for him to make a decision for Christ and for me to find another open heart that I could teach.

Meeting [Amy](#) and Steve became a part of our life here in Almaty. They are getting ready to open a rehab center for single mothers and consulting ministry and we work closely together. Steve and I go to gym three times a week and we decided to meet twice a month for sharing and prayer time. They are counting on our advice and also helping a lot with our kids and Light House children as Amy is a doctor. They are a blessing for us and our ministry and we hope to be a help for them too. Tomorrow we may go see another potential property for their future ministry.



St.Valentine’s Day as every year we meet with Church body just to have fun. We have played “Banko” is it became the favorite game of the



Church for many years. Any quantity of people can play – you just need one table and three dice for every four players. Tea, desserts, conversations, new people and a lot of photos and good memories. The main prize was won by Light House graduate [Sveta](#), who live in the youth house now and is very poor, but she gave it to [Aigulya](#) (our LH minister) because it was her birthday! [Kairat](#) also made a little [video](#).



This Sunday [I was preaching](#) on Titus 3 – “Be devoted to good works”. It was one of the shortest sermons that I remember (18 minutes). This year we want to talk more about being devoted to God and His goals in our life and I think this one is one of the most important ones. We had guests the rest of the day in our house on top of 10 kids from three families ☺.

Also a good news. I wrote to you some time ago about orphanage number one and sex abuse that is going on there. Our friends [Zhanna and Edward](#) decided to save one 12 year old boy that was weekly abused for last year or so. They took the boy out of the orphanage on a guest visa and didn't bring him back. Police and orphanage workers came to their house, but they did not give him the boy. They have found enough help and made documents for guardianship for him. They have also found another place to live for three girls who witnessed in court about this. We hope that director will be fired and they will put somebody in charge who does love children and not making money on them.

