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**Pioneering the Gospel in the former Soviet Union-Tajikistan**

July 31, 2007

Dear Brethren:

We send you this update because we know you pray for our work here in the Moslem world of Central Asia. Your past sacrifice for our ministry is much appreciated. So, one more time we come to you needing your prayers and support.

Below is a very encouraging letter from one of the 2000 Tajik English teachers in Sugd Oblast, Tajikistan. But before you enjoy the good news, I must share with you an **urgent request for prayer**. I see some trouble brewing for the entire evangelistic effort for which we have spent years preparing.

Pray for the needs of the American Cultural Rodeo (ACR). In short, "Houston, we have a problem"...and here is why:

Only 11 out of 44 of our Churches responded with an offering for the Tajik evangelism. Additionally, we have received 8 offerings from individuals for the American Cultural Rodeo and STTI project. **The project is now only 13% funded and the whole evangelistic effort is in jeopardy.**

For us to be able to execute the campaign this fall, we must see God move others to help with the needs below. Keep in mind that Russia Inland Mission/The Rose Charity is only one family. We are not able to travel personally to our Churches and present these needs. Our emails and newsletters are our only means of raising support for this work. If God does not supply the funds now (in August), we may not be able to begin the American Cultural Rodeo in September. Truly, I believe God wants to do a great work through this campaign. Please pray for the following needs:

American Cultural Rodeo Study Guide Printing (August)	\$5797
ACR Regional School Superintendents Meeting/Training	500 (Scheduled for August 20-25 in Khudjan)
ACR Contest Materials	250 (Print Testing and Instruction materials for Schools)
Travel and Support needs for August-October	3500
STTI Construction Labor and Materials August	3000 (\$900-Labor, \$2100-Materials)

**Total Needed in August to Execute the Campaign** **\$13,047**

If you are like me then you are probably asking, "Why haven't more supporters responded?"

From April to July I posed this question to some close friends in the ministry. I was concerned at the lack of response. First they told me that Americans are angry with Muslims due to 9/11 and the phenomena of Islamic extremism. This, of course, affects giving toward Church planting in Muslim countries. Our campaigns in Russia and Belarus were received warmly and supported well.

Second, the ACR and STTI plan is complex. It takes a while to explain and written summaries take more than a few paragraphs. It's complicated because it is "Covert". Only after I sat for a couple hours and explained the whole thing to my friends were they able to see what a wonderful opportunity this is to potentially reach 2 million lost souls with the Gospel and plant a Church in Central Asia. Pastors, like most Americans, are busy. But once they saw the "Big Picture", every one I talked with got excited and agreed to help. But their help will only come in October, after the campaign is almost halfway complete! (*continued on back*)

The encouraging news is next. Read the letter below. This is just one of many letters that our American Cultural Rodeo Committee Chairman, Gulchera Gamidova (In Khujand, Tajikistan) receives every week since we broadcast the campaign plan to the 889 Tajik schools in May:

July 28, 2007

Dear Mark,

Here I am sending one of the e-mails just for supporting you and showing the interest from Tajik students and teachers to ACR.

Sorry that you encounter a lot of problems in Tajikistan. I hope everything will be OK.

I found good Historians in Khujand. They could give you professional vision on Tajik History.

Hi, dear Gulchehra Hamidova!

I am Matluba Abdulloeva an english teacher of school # 9 Konibodom town. When I have heard about American Cultural Rodeo I was very glad, because if the teachers and students will participate in the competition the knowledge and the interests of learning English of them will increase more and more. I want to participate in the competition. As you know some students of our school like Suhrob, Dilnoza and Nasiba wrote letters to you

With best regards

Abdulloeva Matluba, an english teacher of school # 9, Konibodom, Tajikistan

The following will help understand the significance of the above correspondence:

- In Sugd Province there are 889 schools-All of them will participate in the Rodeo
- In Sugd Province, it is a law that every child study and learn English and Russian languages
- There are almost 500,000 school children.
- We are targeting grades 8-11 (Tajik schools only have 11 grades, not 12 as in the US)
- The President of Tajikistan has recently signed a decree ordering that all children learn English.
- There are 2000 English teachers in the 889 schools.
- Tajik English teachers are worried about how to meet the Presidential order mandating English proficiency
- The ACR came at just the right time to help the Tajik English teachers. This was the providence of God.

This is the "Door" that God has opened. Since 1993, we have conducted campaigns like this one. We know that once we get started in September and can show some results, others will get on board and help. Plus we have some promises of financial support in October. For now, we ask God to touch the hearts of some "Pioneer Givers" to get us to September.

You have been a great encourager to our work. You have given much to the Church planting ministry of our family and Russia Inland Mission. Now we come to you asking your prayers "One more time". By our prayers God can be moved to work the miracle and raise the \$13,047 need we have today.

With love and appreciation for your past sacrifice for our work,

Bro. Mark Rose

Missionary to the former Soviet Union-Tajikistan



Gulchehra Hamidova (Standing) leads the American Cultural Rodeo Steering Committee in Khujand, Tajikistan

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