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**"If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move." Matthew 17:20**

Dear Family, Friends and Prayer Warriors,

Have you ever wondered just how strong your faith is and whether it's strong enough for you to move a mountain? We read of the miracles that Jesus did during His time here on earth, but is our faith strong enough to believe He is still capable of performing great miracles today? We recently received a report from Uzbekistan that reads much like a portion of the Apostle Paul's story recounted in the Bible. Last month we celebrated the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He is alive and working in our world today. This testimony gives proof of this fact.

*"A Sister, who had only recently become a Christian, got into a small bus with a copy of the Ingil (New Testament) in her hand and sat down next to a woman. The woman saw the Ingil and said, 'Oh! That's the Ingil! I have been looking for that book for a long time. Please give it to me to read.' The Sister answered that it was her only book, but the woman would not quit begging. Eventually the Sister gave in and let her have it with the condition that she return it once she had finished reading it. A young man was also sitting in the bus and overheard this conversation. He turned around to the woman and scolded her saying that this book was pure propaganda and that it is forbidden in Uzbekistan to have a copy. He became even more adamant and told her she had to go with him to the police station to give a written statement. The woman became afraid and gave the book back to the Sister, but the young man ordered the driver to take them to the police station anyway. As it happened, the young man was a police officer and had handcuffs with him. The officer placed them on the Sister's wrists, led her into the station and locked her in a cell. This young Christian was very upset about this sudden turn of events and began praying to God: 'God, I just became a Christian. I have begun to read in your Word. What is happening? Please help me to get out of this situation.' That's when a miracle happened! God opened the door of the cell before her eyes. The officer was filled with fear when he saw this happen and screamed at her: 'Get out of here right now and take your book with you!'"*



We don't know what effect this testimony has on you, but chills run down our spine when we read what God is capable of doing today when we have enough faith to totally place our lives in His hands. Please pray for the believers in Uzbekistan, for their safety and spiritual growth and encouragement. An Uzbek pastor shared with us just how difficult the situation is.

*"Radio is very important for the Uzbek people! This is especially true today because it is forbidden to do public evangelization. A person caught carrying a Bible, Christian book or disk with messages about God will be instantly fined. The fine is between US\$1,000-2,000. It would take an average worker over two years to earn this amount of money. People in some regions are afraid to read in the Bible, so the spiritual food via the radio is absolutely necessary for them."*

We want to thank you on behalf of the Christians living in Central Asia and the former Soviet Union countries. Thank you for being a part of the vital radio ministry. These programs are the spiritual life-line for many.

Our newest family member had not been born when we wrote our last letter to you, and we promised to show you a picture of him as soon as we could. Nicklas Ayden arrived on February 8th. He is our daughter, Gabi's second child. We stayed with Abby while her mom and dad went to the hospital. It was a fun and exciting time for us all. Tonya is expecting, so we will have our 6th grandchild in June. Our quiver is getting fuller and fuller! What a joy each of these little ones are. Thank you for your prayers and concern for our family.



We were feeling a bit challenged and in need of a few days' rest. God blessed us with the use of a coworker's vacation home in northern Germany, not far from the North Sea. It was the first time for us to be in this part of the country, and we really enjoyed the sea breeze again. We even got to take a boat ride. It was cool and windy most of the time and felt almost like being back on the ocean beaches in Washington state! :o ) The four days went by too quickly, but we did come home feeling more prepared to get back into the ministry once again.

Thank you so much for your prayers, friendship and support! May God richly bless you!

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