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Missionaries in Moldova & Malawi



Dear Friends,

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We are about to begin another phase of our ministry! We have been invited back to Moldova to help our Bible-study graduates from Central Asia. What does that mean? Why are we needed? How will we accomplish this?

- 1) The Central Asian countries we will be working with include Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. These are all former Soviet countries; the people speak Russian; the population is 85% Muslim. Governmental aggression against Christian ministries is present, but varies between countries. Stephanie and I are moving to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan in February.
- 2) Our graduates work in difficult situations. Some of them are doing a great job, but many of our younger graduates are in need of ministerial direction and encouragement.
- 3) By moving to Bishkek, we will be close enough to effect change and to provide solid leadership. Our plan is to provide post-graduate internships with local pastors, to organize pastor councils in each of the four countries, to offer conferences for graduates, and to coordinate graduate-run evangelist camps for youth in the region.
- 4) We will help our Moldovan school with their discerning selection of student applicants from Central Asia.
- 5) In my last letter, I shared that our team in Malawi is equipped to assume leadership in those ministries. This is the reason we feel confident in extending our ministry in this new direction.

My wife and I are in excellent health and welcome the opportunity for more years of Kingdom work. We have encountered resistance in our earlier efforts to expand into Central Asia. The Lord has established outstanding leadership in our Malawi and Moldova ministries, and he has clearly compelled us to walk through this door he has now opened to us. The age of 63 may seem a good time to celebrate the work and blessings God has given and to guide our ministries in Eastern Europe and Africa from a relaxed office. But Stephanie and I are energized as we continue our lives of mission and evangelism to further the cause of our Lord Jesus wherever He leads.

What do we need?

- 1) Prayer for us and for the spread of the Gospel in Central Asia. Together with our graduates we plan to evangelize and start many new churches.
- 2) Support the new camp ministry. Last summer we had a week of camp there in Kyrgyzstan. Half the campers were from Muslim families; all of them professed Christ. It was the most fantastic working of God I've ever seen.

Below is a link to a video and a PowerPoint presentation with more details.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/74kdn7z0dafprx5/Eric%20Chapman%202020.mp4?dl=0>

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/qg4rt4x0m56eryz/Chapman%20Mission%202020%20Presentation.mov?dl=0>

PLEASE DO NOT post information about this work on the Internet. Sharing on the web could put us and our nationals in danger. Because of the significant Muslim influence in government & the population, we will need to remain discreet in our online communications.

God bless and Pray for Central Asia

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