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Issue 3: Adopt Unreached People—Central Asia

Adopt a People Group in Central Asia!

The Republic of Georgia, the country of Miranda's story, is on the dividing line between Europe and Asia. Many map makers consider Georgia a part of Central Asia along with Kyrgystan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan and others in that region.

There are many unreached people groups in Central Asia. In fact, there are places where one could travel for two weeks and never find anyone who has heard of Jesus.

Adopting a people group means choosing one to pray for and if you can, help someone go and teach them the Gospel so that one day there will be a group of them who know Jesus as their Savior and want to live for Him.

To find a Central Asian people group to adopt, email GCKids@worldteam.org for suggestions, or go to www.adoptapeople.com or www.joshuaproject.net.

Our Summer Mission Trip

Hi, we are three kids who went with our parents on a mission trip during Summer,



2004. I am Miranda, my brother is Matthew and Hannah is my little sister.

We went to the Republic of Georgia, a country located just above Turkey and below Russia. Georgia used to be part of the Soviet Union, a communist country that controlled several countries until the 1900's. During Soviet times, church and religion was not allowed, but since 1991 when Georgia gained its independence, people have been free to practice religion which is mainly Orthodox.

We arrived in Georgia at 3:00 a.m. on June 10th with our ten team members and all of our luggage, most of which was supplies to work with the street kids in the capitol city, Tbilisi. We headed off to the apartment we rented for the month. The van and car were loaded down so much we had to stack our team in like sardines. There aren't many safety regulations in Georgia.

My dad's reason for going to Georgia was to look for an unreached

people group that has never heard about Jesus and how to become a Christian. The people are called the Zaza. My family has "adopted" them, which means we are praying for them that someone will take the Gospel to them. When we go to Georgia, Dad always tries to find a way to help the Zaza hear about Jesus.

We met a little house church of Kurds. The people of this church were also interested in finding people who are unreached for Jesus Christ. They have copied a dictionary of Zazaki, the language of the Zazas. The pastor wants to help us find the Zaza people and bring the Gospel to them. You can pray for this work. Kurds are not very accepted in society. They are thought of as drifters, nomads, and a poor group of people. The Kurds we met were very lovely and kind to us. These Kurdish Christians want to take the Gospel to people groups who have not yet heard of Jesus.

During our time in Georgia we were able to work with young boys and girls at a ministry two young Georgian women started so they could share Jesus with Georgia's

young people. Hannah and I taught beading, sewing and embroidery. Matt helped our dad make soup one day to feed some of the elderly street beggars. Tbilisi, the city where we were, is full of gypsies and refugees. This makes it even harder for the government to care for their own people as Georgia is a very poor country.

We also took a trip to visit an orphanage at Caspi, a nearby village. This orphanage consisted of mainly disabled children. Many of the children have families who can't care for them. The children seemed better

cared for than the last time I was there two years earlier. We were delighted to watch them knit crafts to sell at market.

Hannah had her twelfth birthday while we were there. Many of the girls who work at the ministry went to McDonalds with us to celebrate. Yes, they have a McDonalds. This was our favorite place to eat and use the bathroom. The public restrooms were actually small rooms with a hole in the ground. So we used McDonalds every chance we got.

Shopping was a favorite thing for all of our group. We



Dad and the Kurds

The Great Commission



Jesus said those words, but long before he came to earth, God wanted all nations of the earth to know about Him and worship Him. The Old Testament tells us that the Jews were supposed to witness to other nations about the truth of the one true God, just as we are supposed to do. That is what Daniel did.

Daniel was a Jew, but he was a captive in Babylonia, modern-day Iraq. Though a captive, Daniel was made Prime Minister of that country. After many years, Persia, modern-day Iran, conquered Babylonia. It had also conquered several other countries. Persia ruled much of what are the nations of Central Asia today, plus some of the nations around Central Asia.

Darius, the king of Persia, made Daniel Prime Minister just as the king of Babylonia had done. That meant Daniel was second in charge. Even though those were years before radio, TV, telephones and email, you can be sure that people in all the countries ruled by Persia knew who Daniel was. They knew Daniel was a man who loved and

worshiped God with all his heart.

One day evil men tricked King Darius into putting Daniel into a pit with lions in it so he would be killed. God saved him, though. God wanted to keep Daniel alive not just for his own sake but also for an even greater reason. Read about it in Daniel 6:25-27.

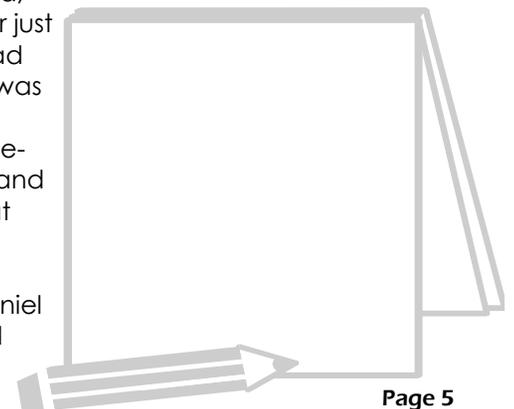
To whom did Darius write his letter? _____

What were they supposed to do? _____

Why? _____

Think about it ...

Because of Daniel, most of the people of Central Asia and surrounding countries learned the truth about God. They have lost that knowledge. Many people groups of Central Asia have not heard the Gospel. Might God want you to do something about that? Think about how you should pray for them. **Write your prayer** below then cut it out and put it where you will see it often.



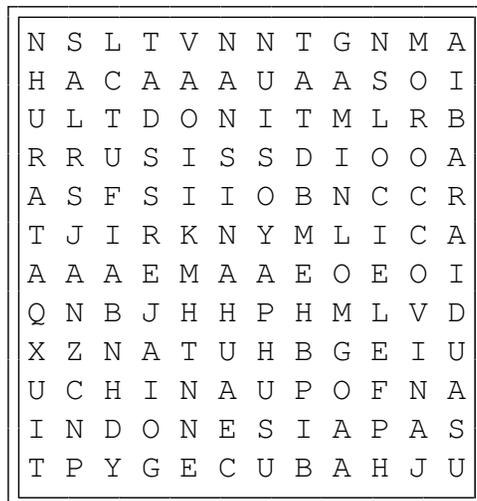


This map is of Central Asia and surrounding countries. Many of these countries do not allow religious freedom. Most unreached people groups live in countries like these where there is much persecution of Christians.

Some of the countries where there is persecution are:

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| AFGHANISTAN | BHUTAN | CHINA | CUBA | EGYPT | INDIA |
| INDONESIA | IRAN | LAOS | LIBYA | MOROCCO | OMAN |
| QATAR | SAUDI ARABIA | SOMOLIA | | | |
| SUDAN | TUNISIA | UZBEKISTAN | YEMEN | | |

Can you locate them in the puzzle below?
As you find them and circle each, cross out the country name from the list above and pray for that country by name. Pray that there would be Christians willing to go to share Christ with them, and that many would come to know the Lord!



Puzzle and text by Marcia Leahy.

found so many different treasures. The shopping malls were actually large flea markets that held anything and everything you can imagine. Their dress was very European, which consisted mainly of black. Pointed shoes were very popular. They also liked name brand products such as Nike and Adidas.

Georgians like pets too. They especially like purebred dogs such as American Pit Bull Terriers, Jack Russell Terriers and Dobermans. However, mutts were most commonly seen on our block.

Our apartment building was on a street that had many kiosks (small street shacks) where we bought vegetables and fruit. Tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, cherries, strawberries, beans and potatoes were the main items. Lettuce, broccoli, corn and melons couldn't be found because they do not grow them.

We had a driver the whole time we were in Tblisi. His name was Roma. He was good to us and was protective and helpful where

ever we needed to go. Americans are not completely safe to get into taxis in other countries, especially Georgia, but we never felt in danger except one night when Matthew came in from the balcony and told us there were armed, masked gunmen under our apartment window. We were frightened and began to pray because we didn't speak the language and didn't understand what was happening. We found out that the men were policemen that were removing a drug dealer from above our apartment. God was our protector and comforter in those times in Georgia.

We believe God is working in Georgia and you too can help by praying. Pray for the Zaza and other unreached groups. Pray for the women who have the ministry with homeless children,. Please pray for money to help them have their own building for the children so they can continue to teach them about God, feed them and teach them English.

Written by Miranda Gintz. Miranda's parents, Doug and Candy Gintz and family travel all over North America doing music concerts about the Great Commission. During their kids' concerts, all the children get a sample copy of **GC Kids**. Find out about the Gintz's ministry at www.comcenter.com/worldquest/index.html