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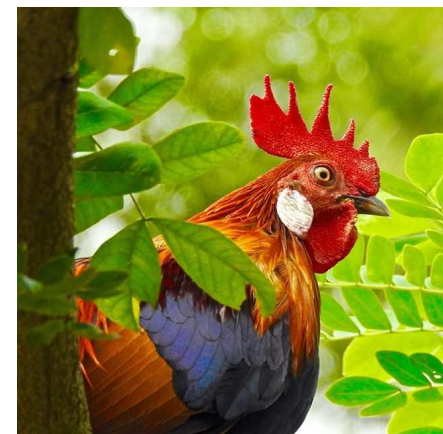
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A rooster and the Gospel



One Sunday afternoon Mr. Xu's older brother came back from the village with a dead wild rooster in a bag. "Here," he said to me. "This is a thank-you from Xu." Mr. Xu, the father of one of my students, had asked his older brother to hunt for the bird especially for me. I knew it was a special gift that showed the respect and friendship I have with Mr. Xu.

Let me tell you how that happened.

I am a woman and work in a country in Central Asia where I can't have much direct interaction with men. Mostly, I work with married women and children. Husbands make the decisions for the family, but they leave child rearing to their



☆ **Think About It** ☆

Look again at page 4, the Fun Facts page, then answer these questions:

How many people in Central Asia have NOT heard the truth about Jesus? (circle right answer.)

25% 50% 75% 98.7%

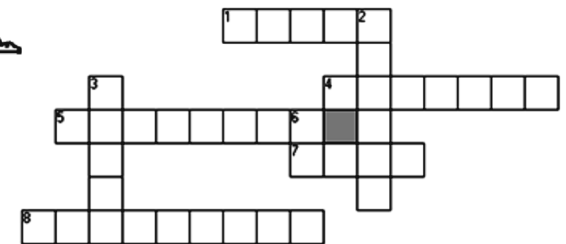
How many of the Persian and Turkic people of Central Asia have been reached with the truth about Jesus?

___ All ___ None ___ Some

How do you suppose God feels about that?

Go and make disciples of all nations.

(Matthew 28:19)



ACROSS

1. the planet on which we live
4. groups of people living in a certain area; countries
5. giving instructions to a group of students
7. to follow the commands, rules, or guidance
8. followers of Jesus

DOWN

2. the place where God lives
3. the Son of God
6. opposite of stop

Words in Puzzle

go	heaven	nations	obey
disciples	teaching	earth	Jesus

wives. Many women feel helpless to make changes. That can make my work with the women very hard.

How could I get through to men, too? I asked a friend who lives in another part of the world but in a similar male-centered culture. She told me to ask God to “pull” a man into the picture. How would God do that? It sounded impossible. I asked God to do the impossible, then waited to see what God would do.

A few weeks later, an elderly woman told me about the difficult things her youngest son’s family had in their life. I went to visit this young couple and their two girls. The older

girl, Miriam, is a cute first-grader. We liked each other right away.

Miriam’s father is Mr. Xu. He runs a mo-mo store in a tiny place where he makes and sells the mo-mo. Mo-mo is a type of local bread. The store is the family’s hangout where Miriam does her homework and plays with her sister.

Miriam is a good learner, but she didn’t have anyone to coach her. I began to help Miriam with her schoolwork, and her parents listened along.

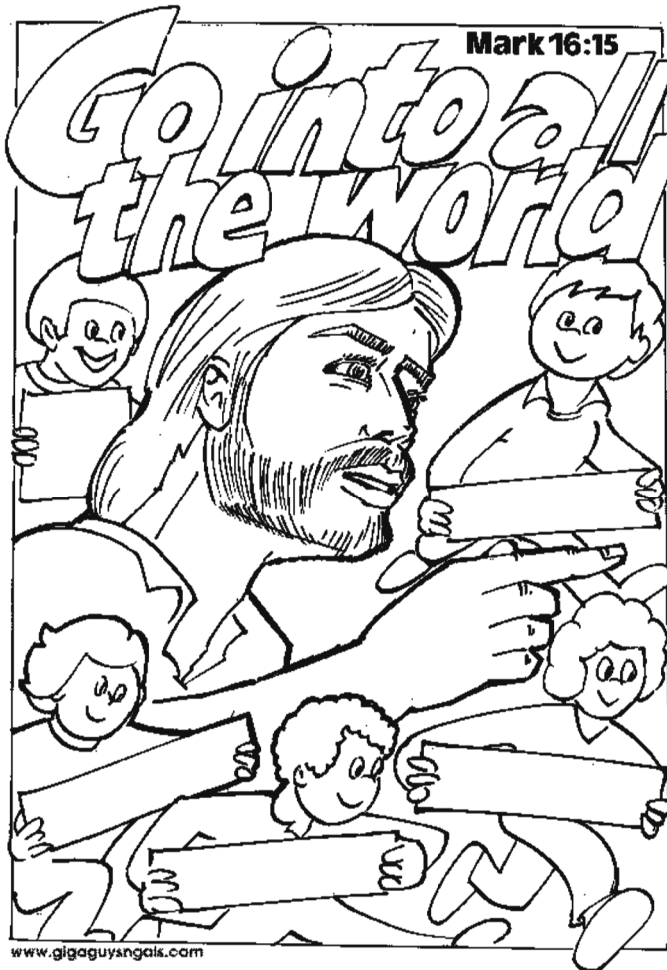
Because her parents needed to be involved for Miriam to learn, I invited them to help me coach her.

The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 and more

Psalm 45:17 (ESV)

I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations. Therefore nations will praise You forever and ever.



Write on the sign boards the five largest ethnic groups in Central Asia. (See page 4.) Then color the picture. (Use crayons.)

Over time, Mr. Xu began to help out and to care about his daughter's schoolwork. It's wonderful to see the change in him.

Mr. Xu told me that he did not know how to coach Miriam because he was never coached by anyone.

He had a tough childhood and didn't even attend middle school. When he was a boy, there was only one middle school in his hometown. He had to walk three kilometers (almost two miles) to get there. During the winter he got frostbite on his fingers. Discouraged, he quit school after two years. Mr. Xu is sorry that he quit and hopes his daughter

succeeds and lives a better life.

The wild rooster Mr. Xu gave me is a big show of friendship and appreciation. These men can be hard to reach, but God did it. I am humbled by our Heavenly Father's amazing power.

With God's strong arms, He "pulled" a man into the picture! He can do what looks impossible. Though my faith is small, God's faithfulness is great.

Pray with me. Pray for relationships like these to draw men and their families to Jesus here where I work in Central Asia.**



**Written by a World Team worker.

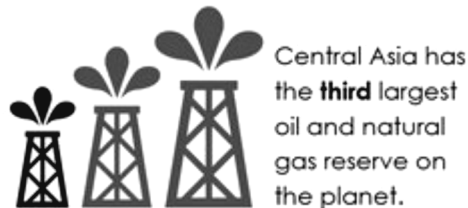
FUN FACTS

FIND THE WORDS

All of the Persian and Turkic people who call Central Asia home have not heard about Jesus.



The five largest ethnic groups in Central Asia are
 Uzbek,
 Kazakh,
 Tajik,
 Turkmen,
 Kyrgyz.



E L B I S S O P M I W P F C T
 E V S A B K W H N I H I G O E
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All of the words below are in the puzzle above. They come from the story and the Fun Facts. The words go across, up, down, diagonally or backwards. Circle them when you find them.

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| BREAD | HUSBANDS | PLANET |
| CENTRALASIA | IMPOSSIBLE | PULLED |
| CHILDHOOD | ISLAM | RELIGION |
| COACH | JESUS | TURKIC |
| CULTURE | KAZAKH | TURKMEN |
| FRIENDSHIP | KILOMETERS | UZBEK |
| FROSTBITE | KYRGYZ | WILDROOSTER |
| GAS | MOMO | WOMEN |
| HOMETOWN | PARENTS | |
| HOMEWORK | PERSIAN | |