

PRAY ABOUT IT



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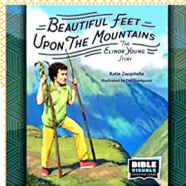
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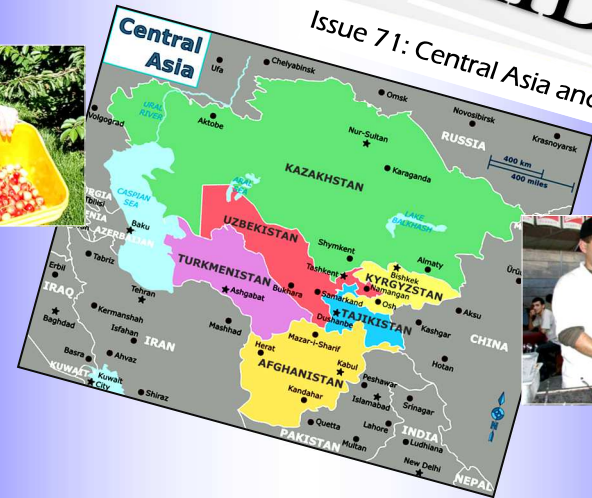
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Use What You Know

What do you want to be when you grow up? A farmer? A business owner? A chef, teacher, or nurse? Something else?

Did you know you can be a missionary-farmer, a missionary-chef, or a missionary-anything else? In fact, in countries in Central Asia, you cannot go as a missionary unless you are a person who does another job too.

That is a wonderful thing because while you cook, or sell stuff, or make stuff, or grow stuff, or teach, or be a doctor or nurse, or whatever you do, you will make friends. Friends who don't know Jesus. They learn to trust you and you can

have talks with them about Jesus and salvation.

Take Jake and Darcy, for instance.

When someone told them that they could be missionaries, they were surprised. Jake was an engineer and Darcy was a submarine officer. Could God use those skills to help spread the Gospel?

Yes! He can use any skill we have. They joined a mission group then told friends and other church people about their plans to go to Central Asia. Friends and churches gave money so that Jake and Darcy could go and could live in the Central Asian country they chose.

In Central Asia, most people don't know the real God. Some don't believe in God at all, and many have never heard about Jesus.

But almost all of them enjoy making friends. How could Jake and Darcy make friends? A good way was learning how to say, "Hi. I'm here

to practice your language." and then went somewhere else to practice. The next day they learned and practiced more things to say or things to ask. They liked to practice at the market or other places where people were.



Some missionaries in Central Asia are allowed to live there because they teach things like better ways to grow vegetables or animals, to help farmers make a better living.

Other missionaries teach people how to start small businesses so they can



★ Think About It ★

John 14:6-7

Read what Jesus said.

Then find the underlined words in the search below.

They are → ← ↗ ↘ ↙ ↘ ↑ .

"I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. If you really knew Me, you would know My Father as well."



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The Great Commission

Matthew 28:19-20 *and more*

We must pray!

Jesus said that missionaries are like farmers in a field gathering a harvest.

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Luke 10:2

Thank God for helping people in Central Asia to believe the truth about Jesus and take Him as their Savior.

Pray that they will have courage to stand strong when others threaten them.



Scan to watch a video about praying for Central Asia. Or go to the URL.



Pray for new mission workers to quickly get used to living in Central Asia.

Pray that they will soon learn the local language, culture, and how to live in their new country.

Pray that they can quickly make friends.

support their families – businesses like little restaurants or sewing shops or other things.

Or maybe you could become a student in a college there, and get to know people that way.

Or be an English teacher. Whatever you want to be, you can be it in Central Asia.

Russian Orthodox and Islam are the large religions in Central Asia. The people often do not trust the missionaries at first.

However, Central Asians are also friendly and love to have guests, even strangers, join them to eat. Most homes have something handy to offer you if you visit. Even if you didn't let them know you were coming or are a stranger, they can quickly pull out dried fruit, nuts, and nan (local bread) to serve with hot tea to anyone who shows up.

Sometimes a Muslim is also happy to talk about religion with a guest. They are curious about what the Bible says about Jesus compared to what Islam says. Over time and many visits, as you show them

that you are truly a friend who cares about their best, they will begin to trust you. Then they may ask you questions about Jesus, and you can slowly help them to understand the truth about Him.

To do that clearly, you must learn the local language. Depending on where you are, you have to learn either Russian, Uzbek, Kyrgyz, or Tajik.

Remember what we said about practicing the local language in the market and other city places? You can also practice in the wide open areas in Central Asia, including in the mountains.



Maybe Jesus wants you to live on a cold mountain and learn to talk with a family there about Jesus.

Whatever language you learn, make it fun! And do it for Jesus. ♦

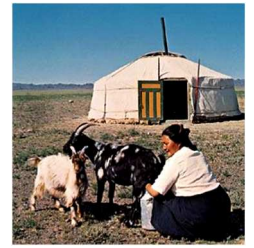
Choices

IF YOU WERE IN CENTRAL ASIA, WHAT KIND OF MISSIONARY JOB WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

- _____ Missionary teacher of Farming
- _____ Missionary teaching how to have a food stall
- _____ Missionary Small Business teacher
- _____ Missionary University student
- _____ Missionary English teacher
- _____ Missionary teaching how to sew and sell clothes
- _____ Something else: (write it down)

Try to draw a stick-figure picture doing what you chose above.

To Draw and Color



There are a lot of **yurts** in Central Asia. The homes above are yurts. People who herd goats and sheep live year-round in these. When they need to move to new grass, they can quickly take their yurt apart, move, and put it up again.

In the space below, draw a yurt, either the inside or the outside of one. Decorate the outside if you want. Some yurt dwellers do.

Use colored pencils or crayons.