



**LIGHT OF THE WORLD MINISTRIES, INC.**

Light of the World Ballet Company

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**Mission Kazakhstan Report**

**About one week before our departure**, our missionary host's plans for our team were abruptly cancelled by government officials. There were

tensions in the area. The heavy hand of authorities and a primarily Muslim population is why the spread of the Gospel is so difficult in Central Asia. Even our assigned translator was under suspicion as a Christian and was detained by police when we arrived.

However, **God had HIS plans** all to the blessing of our missionary host who said, "...it was evident the Father had His way and guided and directed us to the people and places that he had beforehand arranged.."

**The team performed eight times**, sometimes away from the public in tense areas, on private property of a believer to the delight of villagers, sometimes in cafe' banquet rooms to fellowships or missionaries, another in a village church where we slept overnight, not being allowed to leave the building as it could draw attention, another to a precious

special –needs orphanage, and a couple times in larger auditoriums. Dave and Skip got to share the Gospel and along with Pat, pray for needs and physical healings.



In these different environments there were believers and non-believers who witnessed the love of Christ and saw and heard the message. Our host said, "...the message that you brought is so needed know that good seed fell into some very

**Kazakhstan, a new nation since 1991**, was Communist Russia which one sees remnants buildings and often in the hopeless faces of



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formerly part of of in the stark the people. The

people consist of Kazaks, Russians, Ukraines and a Uyghur population from China. This myriad of people is visually interesting as one sees tall Ukraine blonds to slanted- eye Asians to heavy-browed Russians.



**As we traveled**, the terrain is just as diverse as the people. Steppes, arid hot desert and snow- capped mountain ranges frame the landscape. Surprisingly this 9<sup>th</sup> largest nation, bordered by China, Russia and the Caspian Sea, has a low population.

Is. 43:19 “Behold I will do something new...I will make a road way in the wilderness, rivers in the desert.”



**Highlights:** We were based in the largest city, Almaty, however, we traveled a few times great distances.

**We traveled 6 hours to one particular place close to the China border** that was sensitive. A village church, pastored by a young Russian married to a

Uyghur was very open and the Holy Spirit moved strongly.



After sharing and a performance, they wanted prayer for physical healing and the prophetic, which is unusual for people of this nation who are reserved and private. One couple of five children was so moved they came back in pitch dark to give \$50 wanting to sow seed into *our* ministry! The young pastor took a risk by bringing our group in to this area and having us



stay overnight with him. Talking to his flock, we could see he was shepherding his people in a great way – lives changed from abuse, alcoholism and fear. He boldly asked us to return to stay longer.



**Another was a special-needs orphanage** where children were abandoned by parents because of their disability. After performing “You Are Special” they asked for more dancing. From the littlest one to the oldest teenager, they watched intently from their benches, sometimes running up to the dancers while they were performing.



Our hearts were broken to learn these children get very little therapy or educational training. Sadly, upon adulthood, they will be turned over to a psychiatric hospital.



**In summary**, quoting from a note written to our team by our host, “...to again emphasize that the Holy Spirit and His presence was very evident through all of you, especially in your anointed performances! Thank you for giving your all even in the heat! (100°+) Your love for Him and compassion for His sheep comes through so strongly as you perform with skill! Through you, the fragrance of the knowledge of Him was spread throughout this place. Know your labor of love and your sacrificial giving of yourselves will effect a multiplication of fruit in generations to come.” (He requested we not post any photos of him nor of pastors.)

**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU** for all your prayers, encouragement and support. The extension of your love has gone to Kazakhstan!

