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SFC-Izhevsk! Next: SFC-Perm? SFC-Novokuznetsk?

Tatiana, a native Udmurt from Izhevsk, capital of the Republic of Udmurtia in the Ural Mountains and home of the Kalishnikov rifle, discovered Students for Christ while studying theology in Moscow. She caught a vision for her city and lobbied hard to host the annual SFC-Russia national training camp there this July. Eric invited Blair Bonin, director of SFC-Europe, and Mike Limpens, an SFC-Belgium alumnus, to join him and SFC-Russia student leaders from other cities on the teaching staff. Their goal: help Tatiana plant SFC-Izhevsk. Over 40 young people attended the camp, representing Russians as well as unreached people groups such as the Udmurts and the Tatars. Traditionally, Udmurts are animists and Tatars are Muslims. (See national costumes in photo above: blue and white, Tatar; yellow and red, Udmurt; blue and red, Russian.) Tatiana reported recently that despite many obstacles, there are now four active SFC small groups in Izhevsk. One is led by an Arab student, a former Muslim. Praise God for this beginning, and please continue to pray for faith-filled Tatiana and the students in **Izhevsk**.

From Izhevsk, Eric went to the city of **Perm** to lead a seminar on student ministry as part of a Russian youth conference. Over 500 youth and youth pastors attended the event hosted by a very large local church. This church is pastored by Edward Grabovenko, the national bishop of the Union of Evangelical Churches in Russia. Last summer this Union launched the "One Year for Jesus" Project, with the goal of presenting the gospel to every person in Russia. In August Eric spoke at the Students for Christ-Europe conference in Budapest, Hungary. In September he returned to Perm for a celebration of 20 years of religious freedom in Russia, and a week of bear-hunting with Bishop Grabovenko and other Russian pastors. It was a good time of fellowship and networking. Some of the current regional bishops in the Union are SFC-Russia alumni and have invited Eric to return to their areas to help plant SFC. Eric will go to **Novokuznetsk (Kemerovo region - Siberia) in early January** for a youth camp, then to **Ryazan in February** for the SFC-Russia winter retreat. Thank you for your prayer support.



SFC-Georgia

Last year we had some SFC training materials printed in Georgian, and two Christian students hoped to begin a ministry in Tbilisi, the capital. Then they both moved away. In November Eric went to Tbilisi and Batoumi to make new contacts. Please pray for a Georgian "Tatiana" or two to catch the vision and help organize a training camp.



Tatiana and her mother.

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