



# LAMB International

LEADERSHIP ACTIVATING MINISTRY

---

MARCH 28, 2010

KYRGYZSTAN

**Team Has Arrived** – Even with the van breaking down on the way to the airport to pick them up in Bishkek, the team was delivered to Mercy Foundation safe and sound. The problem solving moment meant getting a new van out and on the way quickly.

With only a few minutes to be ready, team member Jim Tanton, shared at the Chinese Church. It was a wonderful time being with our dear friends from Central Asia and our team from Canada. Jim's message was about you feel so "strange" when traveling to a different country, because you are not home. He went on to share how each of us have a special home that God has prepared for us – and that is our REAL home and we will not feel any discomfort or "strangeness" there! When you are home, that is how it really should be! Wonderful message.

The next two weeks, the team will be very busy. They will be working to touch the lives of many – bringing food, help and words of comfort to the weary and tired. Please keep them in your prayers. We will update you on their activities – here in the journal and on our blog – [www.lambinternational.blogspot.com](http://www.lambinternational.blogspot.com)

**Distressing Find** – Remember Elizabeth who was "captive" at the Moscow airport of almost two years? You will also remember in our journals we posted how the United Nations was able to find her family and prove her identity and get her home to Nigeria, where she now works in a hospital. Praise God for the help Elizabeth received from you and others.

We also reported about another man who had been at the airport transit zone even longer than Elizabeth. Elizabeth got as much information from him as she could and told us long ago what she knew. He was from India and for some reason did not have the right papers when he landed in Moscow. They would not let him board another plane, nor let him into Russia. He was stranded.

Yesterday when we were returning to Kyrgyzstan from Ukraine, we took a little walk to an isolated part of the transit zone, and were SHOCKED TO FIND HIM still there! How can this be? We do not understand and are a loss to know what to do. He is a very silent man, hard to engage and does not want to talk to anyone. I would guess he has lost all hope and dreams of getting out of the transit zone. We did have a very small conversation, gave him some money for needs and left – distressed and lost as to what to do.

We do have a journalist with us on our Canadian team. Perhaps upon her return- by

taking some pictures and writing an article for the Moscow News, sending the information to the United Nations, etc.-weekend attract some attention to this man's plight. This is NOT okay. We cannot ignore him. Yet, what do we do? We will alert those we know who go through the airport and pray each person will find him and offer him help, encouragement and graciousness! (He is upstairs – as you come to the Classic Lounge, keep going to the end of the upper level walkway. You will see him on the floor to the left of the railing, hidden back between two walls) Please help him if you travel this route.

### **APRIL 3, 2010**

**The TEAM in Action:** It is difficult to tell all the team has been doing since arriving. They keep saying each day is like a week. But we want to recap and add some historical pictures to the journal.

**Senior Kemin Home** – Homeless seniors will never be the same. The seniors were waiting for us at the front door – all dressed in their finest. Each senior came to the living room and delivered an amazing collection of their talent: singing, poems, dances, playing the spoons, the accordion, etc. It was AWESOME and they were so very excited. They had been preparing for us for two days. The team also ministered in the following ways:



This is Olga and one of the FIRST TIMES we have seen her smile.

- Spending an entire day with them – building relationships
- Cooking and serving a great meal
- Challenging seniors to games – checkers and chess
- Watching the fabulous performance they put on for us – the first ever for them
- Hearing their stories
- Praying with them
- Loving on them, by

giving them hand massages

- Taking photographs out to them that we had taken previously
- Delivering great afghan blankets made by Cederview Community Church, our sister church in Newmarket
- Bringing each senior special gifts they specifically requested
- Filling the cupboards with lots of new craft items.



Misha (Mumbek) – the first time we have seen him out of bed. He sang for us.



This is Dushenbeck. He was the MC for the performance, dressed in his finest. He lost his wife six years ago and still needs to complete his responsibility by having a family gathering of food to celebrate her life. He feels he is not a man unless he completes this – he just does not have the \$70 it would take to bring them together.



Nadia



Maria



Olga and Anatolie



Dema



Rya



Dema



Anatolie



Anna



Dema and Misha



Alexy



Katia

**Kara Balta Orphanage** - Children without families to live with touch the hearts of everyone and this orphanage has 46 children, 11 which were moved from the Tokmok Orphanage last winter. These 11 children have been dear and near to the hearts of our team. When they were moved to Kara Balta, we knew we needed to keep in touch with them. The team met all 46 children and had a wonderful time with them.

- Playing lots of games inside and outside
- Eating dinner with them
- Having a birthday party for all the March birthdays; enjoying “big” pieces of cake
- Giving them gifts
- Sharing with them at their home – talking about how they were created for a purpose, asking them to share their dreams and hopes

**Iskra Home for Disabled Men are** - This home is improving daily – each visit we see changes and new hope for the men. When we last visited (four weeks ago), the men were painting the rooms they hope to turn into a “cottage industry”. They hope to have several shops: electrical, woodworking, shoe repair, barber shop (this they now have) and a full art and craft shop. We are excited to be sponsoring the art shop for them,

through a generous donation from one of our recent visitors here in Kyrgyzstan. Stay tuned for this.

Right now we are preparing to conduct a baptism for 5 people and this will be an exciting time for all. Last time, we had a small number wanting baptism and ended up with a large number.

**Prison Ministry** – all the papers are submitted and we are waiting. The men are hoping to minister in the prison which houses men who are serving life sentences. This prison ministry wants to connect with those awaiting execution (Kyrgyzstan has abandoned capital punishment since their sentencing). Our team is praying to be able to go and bring hope to each of them that will be open to their words. Time is running short, but we are praying for a divine time of ministry.

So much more to share:

- Time with the Elmira Orphanage
- Ministry to youth at gymnasium
- Time with the International University of Central Asia
- Sharing with a group of university students at an evening Bible Study
- The Kemin Home for Disabled Children
- The Mercy Foundation Mountain Camp and the family serving there
- Training Christian leadership for the Mercy Foundation
- Working with Jessica's Family
- Baby Orphanage – planning a major project to strengthen their adoption, resource family and reunification efforts
- Team member working in baby orphanage
- Improvements to the local hospital
- Training with the Christian School Staff in the Life Skills – coming up next week
- Humanitarian University Project
- And, of course, more meetings: Agency for the Protection of Children's Rights, Agency for Child Protection, Rector of the Humanitarian University... all very productive in leading toward lasting, systemic change.
- And there IS more.

Blessings to each of you and thank you so much for your continued prayers and support.

The LAMb Team

Don and Johanna  
 Pastor David and Jayne  
 Kathy  
 Costa and Olga  
 Lynn and Ruby