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Good day to all. Our trip to Uzbekistan went very well. Thanks to each of you that have prayed. There were no issues with the government. The man we rented the apartment from did our registration and it was never asked for when we were leaving. We met with Bek and his family the first Sunday we were there. The next Sunday we had several from Angren that were able to come. We made a day trip to Angren. If it were not for the sign saying "Angren", I never would have known that we were there. It has changed so much. Still has difficult living conditions. The water is turned off at least twice a week. Electricity is still a major issue. So much has changed in Uzbekistan.

One thing that has not changed is spiritual condition. While in Angren Vitalic wanted me to speak with his father. His father has had a couple of strokes and has difficulty moving and speaking. He is lost but Vitalic believes he is getting softer towards the gospel. We had the wrong address and even after finding the right building we could not find the right apartment. By the time we confirmed his address, it was time for us to fly back to Kyrgyzstan. Bek said he would take a trip to visit him.

I also had the privilege to witness Bek's father. He started out saying he was a Muslim but then changed to say he was atheist. Our conversation went well but he did not get saved. I believe the door is open for more dialog later.

Before we left Tashkent, Osia wrote and told me that her roommate's parents live in Tashkent. Her mother is supposed to be saved but the father is very hard to the gospel. We were able to get in touch with them and had lunch the day before we left. They are both 74 years old. It was very difficult to get on the subject of God, Salvation, or anything spiritual. If all else fails, the direct approach always works. It was very strange, every time I moved closer to him, he backed up. I wanted him to see the Bible and the verses I was reading but he was almost backed up out of the room. He was very hard to the gospel. He was raised in an orphanage but would not open to what the issue was. His daughter said that he listened to me more than anyone that had witnessed him before. I continued to ask him questions that would help to keep him in the conversation and he did not like it. When it was clear that he was not being moved toward the gospel I shared with him where his eternity would be. He almost seemed angry but listened. Some may disagree with me, but I believe if a man is set on going to hell, he needs to go with his eyes wide open. There should be no surprises when he opens his eyes in torments.

We have been very busy getting our students into school. It we have had to work very short notice. The Lord has blessed and opened many doors for us. Palina's school has books only online. We need to find a way for her to get and use these books. The world has no problems with this situation. They simply give a child a cell phone or other device that has unlimited access to the wicked net! We have seen and do see the problems with this. I know the Lord will give us the answer and guide us in the way we much address this issue.

Looking up, Allen Ps. 16:11