



Hi dear friends,

As you know, we at Midland Free have been focused on seeing the gospel advanced, disciples made, and churches planted in Tatarstan for the past 20+ years.

More recently, we began working directly with the local believers: namely a small association of evangelical churches (the ACEFC) and a local training college for pastors, teachers, and missionaries (the EMC).

My role and the purpose of this trip is to facilitate these partnerships for maximum effectiveness for our focus.

Would you consider praying for me during my trip? I would be so grateful. I'm including an outline of my itinerary along with specific requests.

Lastly, please **save the date** for my trip report back luncheon on October 27th and Midland Free, Rm 309. For more information, please contact me: tatarfocus@mefchurch.org

Thank you and God bless,

Syrene Most

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Protection and help as I travel.
- Communication (**urgent request**) - A translator / interpreter is still needed, mainly for the 5 day trip to the different churches / districts. I have beginner level Russian + there are translators available for the other events and meetings.
- Courage and boldness in all situations and speech seasoned with wisdom and grace.
- Focus, anointing and sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit as I (and Alfia) teach at the women's retreat.
- God-connections and fruitful conversations during all visits and meetings.
- Learning and insight opportunities beneficial to our partnerships and the work in general.
- Opportunities to capture video testimonies and stories.
- That I will be the aroma of Christ among those who know him and those who don't yet.

TRIP ITINERARY: SEPTEMBER 6 - 26, 2019

Sept 6-7: Travel from Midland to Kazan.

Sept 7-8: (Arsk) Staying the weekend with parents and grandparents of Adelya (a Tatar International student we hosted this year). They are cultural muslims.

Sept 9-12: (Kazan) Meeting with staff and students at Eurasian Ministry College to confirm our ongoing desire and criteria to support Tatar or Tatarstan-focused students, and to meet with any students matching this profile.

Sept 13-14: (Naberezhnye Chelny) Participating in the ACEFC first ever women's retreat, and co-teaching with Alfia on spiritual disciplines of Bible study and prayer.

Sept 16-20: (Multiple cities/districts) Traveling with Pastor Edik to visit the ACEFC churches across Tatarstan to refresh friendships made during my previous trip and to meet others for the first time; get updates on their churches; and get video testimonial interviews with Tatar believers.

Sept 21-22: (Nizhnekamsk) Attending the ACEFC annual planning conference, probably just as an observer.

Sept 23: (Kazan) Pastor Edik has a Board of Directors meeting for the EMC. It is not clear yet whether I am attending this meeting with him.

Sept 24-25: (Buinsk) Visiting the pastor Slava and Larisa, and their congregation. This is a Tatar historic site and very active outpost for Tatars following Islam.

Sept 26: (Kazan) Flight home. I have arranged to have the same flights as Alfia Tutikova (pastor's wife at Faith & Life in Kazan) who is coming to the states for training in women's ministry (The Gospel Coalition) and touring the seminary where she will be getting a degree in Biblical studies (online).

For we are to God the sweet aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. 2 Corinthians 2:15