



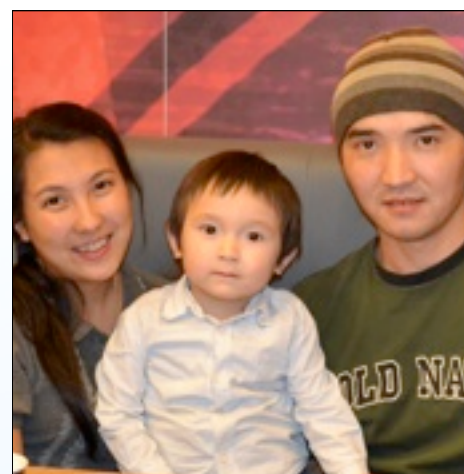
Ismail Aslain started this Asian outreach in 2011. He Pastors a local Uzbek Church in St. Petersburg, Russia. The Russian Evangelical Christian Mission Union and Christian Alliance from the USA helped make this Center possible. The location is in a building owned by the Russian Lutheran church. They use

this space without rent payments with the agreement that needed repairs will be done to make this space useable at the Center's expense.

**Goals of Center** are to reach muslim families coming to Russia from central Asian countries. These immigrants have no rights in Russia and this Center will help meet basic needs while sharing Christ.

About 100,000 Asian immigrants are in Saint Petersburg area and the majority are Uzbek, Kirghiz and Tadzhik nationalities. Most of them live in Russia with no way to get medical and legal rights. The Center offers: **1)** Doctors and lawyers to help meet needs for families. **2)** Evangelism outreach of the Jesus film. **3)** Language classes are being offered as a way to evangelize and help. Two Uzbek families recently saw the Jesus film and one of these families visited Ismail's church to learn more.

A **Muslim missionary family** is available daily to help others. This missionary family has one small son and are expecting a new baby. The wife and son will soon return home to Kyrgyzstan for medical care during her pregnancy as they cannot get medical care in St. Petersburg. This young father and mother will be separated as he stays in Russia to help minister to the many Muslims and grow the outreach center.



**Pray for Asian Missionaries  
Kanybek and Zhyldyz Zhumaev**

**Monthly expenses include:**

Medical & Legal services, gov. permits, utilities ... **\$2000**

**Monthly salary of \$600** for Asian Missionaries above.

**One Time Urgent Need: \$8000** one time gift to skilled workers (3 @ \$80/day) to do building repairs so that the government approves space allowing center to minister freely in future. w/o persecution from local officials. **Deadline is mid - March 2012.**

**Praise:**

\$15,000 has been provided for supplies! Praise God.



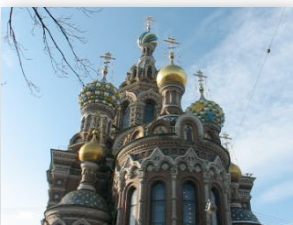
Steve and Kathie Met Ismail in early 2003 when he and his good friend Yaroslav translated for us. We are pictured at a Ball given for Orphans in 2003 (above left) that was held in one of St. Petersburg castles. Ismail was born in the North part of Turkey, however he is not a Turk - his nationality is Adige. Ismail is the youngest son and has 2 brothers and 3 sisters. **Ismail describes his family:** *"It was a not poor family but from childhood I knew what does it means to live in poverty. All my brothers and sister had to work and to help families budget. I was the lucky one who had a change to have high education.*

**Ismail goes on to tell us in his own words a bit more about the Adige people and how his ancestors played a part in his journey to Christ.**

*"It is an ethnic people who live in south Russia in North Caucasus. The majority are Muslim. Adige people accept Christianity in 5 centuries and they were a Christian until the Ottomans imperial occupied North Caucasus in 15-16th century. After this they became Muslim and began to fight with Russian Imperial for 200 years. After utter defeat according the agreement between Russia and Ottomans, over 3-4 million Adige people were expatriated from their homeland to the Ottomans Imperial in 1864. I knew about the history of my nation from my childhood. In 1989 I found my fathers' relatives in south Russia. They invited me to visit homeland. At that time communism was over thanks to Gorbachev! My relatives could organize visa for me which make possible to see the land of my fathers. My parent's reaction was so negative to my decision to go back to homeland. First argument was "they are communist"! Second was "There is no God no faith! It is impossible to live in country where there is no faith in God!"*



**Ismails journey to Christ had begun - read on!** *"My father's questions became like a light in my mind! The question was "Am I believer in Allah?". Then in my mind I remember my talking with my father 2 years before. After long reflection about my faith I draw the conclusion about my faith. My problem was I want to believe in God not just a creator and almighty, merciful e.t.c. Those kind of description of God could never give me great satisfaction. I searched for God who could say to me " I love you! You are my child, I am your father, your brother, your friend!!!" And I couldn't see it in Islam. I came to father and told him that I am not Muslim anymore! My father asked me how I live without faith in God? I told him that I believe in God but It is not Allah and I hope one day I will find Him! Even though before leaving from Turkey I visited mosque and did namaz(pray) and I asked God whom I didn't know to bless me. I promised Him if He bless me I will serve Him all my life even if I didn't know whom I should to serve.*



**Ismail arrives in Russia in 1990:** *"In October in 1990 I came to Russia to my homeland Adygei. First year was very hard for me. I studied Russian, English and Adyge language. 6 hours in a day three languages. Crazy!!! One day when we studied Russian one lady came in and talked to my teacher in my mother language (Adyge). She didn't look like Adyge. And*

*that is why I asked my teacher who is she. He told me that she is German and she knows Adyge language well. In this day I met my friend in the street and I told her what happened in the classroom today. She told me "Hey! Be careful! She is missionary! She is Christian!"*

**Ismail was suspicious of Christians because** *"Koran says that Gospel is God's word but people change it. I want to see differences between Koran and Gospel. I want to figure out what they change!!! The next day I saw German missionary in the street and I crossed the way and run to her. I told her directly "I know you are Christian and you are missionary. I need a Bible in Turkish! I can not read in Russian or English well. I know if you want you can find for me a Bible in Turkish". But my straightforwardness scared her. She thought that it is provocation and promise me next year she will bring me a Bible in Turkish from Germany. I told her that it is so long for waiting she can send me by post and it will be much more quick. After a couple of minutes talking we got deal that she will send me bible in 6 months. At that time she invited me to bible home group but I told her no! Before leaving she gave me her phone number. When I got back home I thought "if she was to agree after 10 minutes talking for six month then let me call her and may be she will agree for three month". I wanted to hurry her because at last I was so close to truth. In my mind one thing I knew I must get to bible! I called her and she invited me again to Bible home group. I told myself to get a Bible one time I can go to Bible group. It was my fist time when I met ex-muslims who became Christian.*

**Ismail finally gets a Bible!** *"Finally in short time I got the Bible. When I began read Bible, I couldn't stop. I saw God in there and I met God in there. The words of Jesus pierced my heart and captivated my life.*



*I met my Tanya, (Ismail's wife) when I was two years old in Christ. She was my teacher in the Bible school at my home church. She came for two weeks from Saint Petersburg to teach us the topic "Occultism". When I saw her first time, God gave me feeling that she is my future wife. After seven years of hunting finally she said "yes". (I made a proposition by her e-mail!) We are ten years married and have one son and his name is Daniel.*

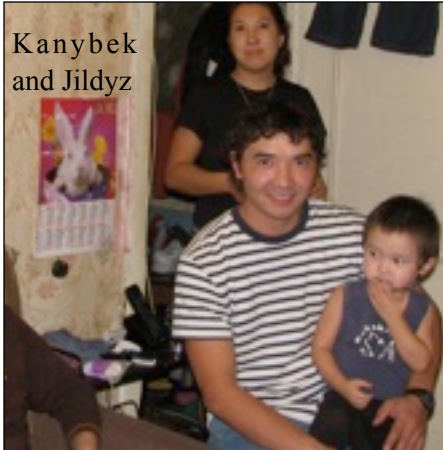
**In present time** *I am a pastor. Also we are reaching out Asians people in Saint-Petersburg. Mostly those people are from Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tadjhikistan, Kazakhstan. They are Muslims. They don't know Russian language also many of them have health problems as they are from warm country. Saint- Petersburg is so cold in winter. We organize Asian center where doctors and lawyers serve those people free and also we plan to teach them Russian language free too. We are sure and pray that through serving these people, Jesus will find His lost sheep among Asian people. Another serving I am busy with for many years is to do out reach to orphans in Saint-Petersburg. We try to bring churches to the orphanages in the city and district for preaching gospel among orphans. Right now we have over 70 volunteers who preach gospel and care of those precious kids. They not only provide Bible class with them but also do many activities with them and they even organize summer camps for kids."*

*Thank you Steve and Kathie for sharing my story. May God bless you my friends!*

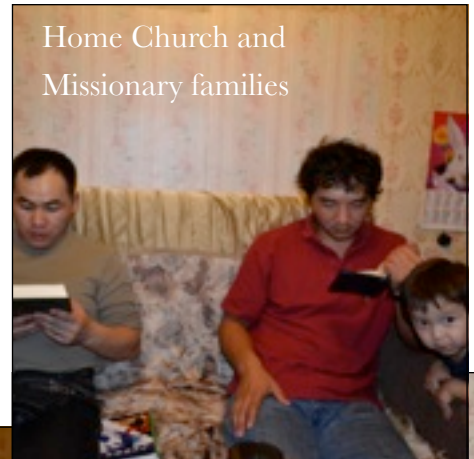
CASMI is honored to work and partner with Ismail and his church. From the first day we met Ismail we have witnessed the passion and love He has for Christ. 2006 Ismail introduced CASMI to the Evangelical Christian pastors of St. Petersburg and God opened the door for the growth of the zipper purse evangelism project and our work with women in many churches began to spread. We pray that we can now be used by God to help Ismail grow and stabilize his work to the Muslim people in Russia. Ismail is a treasured friend and ministry partner. If you are able to help grow this outreach and would like to financially partner with Ismail let us know.

**Below are pictures and a note from Ismail about the center and Asian missionaries:**

*“Every Thursday we meet at my flat for bible home church. Presently two families from Kyrgyzstan as missionaries. We rent flat for them. There are three rooms in the flat and two families live in there. Each room for family and one room for home church. One family Daniyar and Jarkyn and their 7 years old daughter Esfir. Other family Kanybek and Jildyz and their three years old son Daniel. We have many difficulties for paper work and especially registration for our missionaries. Russia gives quota for Kyrgyz people to get Russian citizenship but in last days city department made crazy laws which make it impossible to get citizenship. Both families have registrations for one year. Then we see what will happens. I met with others leaders (Uzbek and Kyrgyz) in our new building (which really needs repair job). Of course condition is not well for meeting but we have no choice. We are happy to meet in there. We work on Russian course for Uzbek people and for others. It was our first meeting. We plan to begin Russian language course in November 2011. We want to make shelter for people with nowhere to go and to live. Because of that we need to make emergency repair jobs in there because winter is cold. Praise God. We need your prayers. Blessing! Your brother in Christ!*



Kanybek and Jildyz



Home Church and Missionary families



\$8000 (\$80 per day) to hire 3 construction workers to restore this space - pray God provides

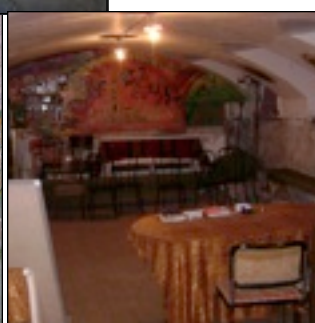
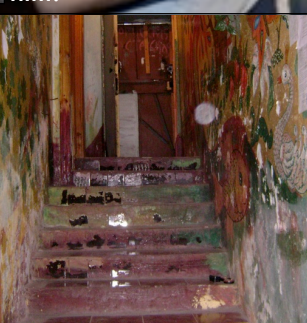


Akylbek from home church - he is so close to Christ - pray for him.



Pray we can get basic needs done by March 2012 to get government approval.

New Space for Center in need of much work.  
When complete will get this rent free for 5 years.



This is the current space that the Asian Center is able to use. Russian authorities are requiring basic repairs before they will give their support to this center - will you help?