

# FRONTLINES

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### Ministry News

In December I had the awesome privilege of participating in a national training week in Western Asia. After multiple cancelled flights, missed connections, overnight stays in airports, lost luggage and 3 hours sleep in a 30 hour period, then being rescheduled to Memphis instead of Nashville with my wife having to drive 250 miles to pick me up, I finally made it home. It was the worst travel experience I have ever had. But it was no doubt the greatest foreign ministry opportunity I have ever had.

There were approximately forty people who attended this training class from the nations of Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Georgia, Ukraine, Russia and Turkey. These were people who are burdened to reach into the darkest parts of the Muslim world with the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was a life-changing experience for me as I was able to fellowship with those who are serving God faithfully in their respective homelands. I was humbled to spend time with some of these who serve in very difficult places where there is no freedom of speech or freedom of religion and their lives are in constant danger of persecution from their government authorities.

There are more than 1.5 BILLION Muslims in the world. There are 40 countries which have a Muslim population of 85% or greater. A new breed of missionary is needed with a courageous spirit and a reckless abandon to the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

As the Lord allows, these training weeks will continue. Please pray that God will use this effort to have great impact on those who are caught in the grip of this false religion.

### Family News

I (Ken) got caught in the ice storm that swept across the middle U.S. states and was stuck on top of Mt. Sequoyah in Fayetteville, AR. Trees were falling around us literally every few seconds—two of them landed on the roof of the building where we were holding our meetings. We lost electricity and eventually had to chainsaw our way out to get down the mountain. It was something I hope I never experience again. Although they always travel with me, we were fortunate that Linda and Emily were not with me on this trip.

We are grateful for these new ministry partners:

Mountain Lake Ind. Baptist Church, Oakland, MD

Pastor Dennis Leatherman

Friendship Baptist Church, Rome, NY

Pastor Jeff Carpenter

## **Great Thoughts**

Islam is a religion based in fear and totally void of any concept of a loving God. A former Muslim wrote, "Radical Islam, at its core, is a reflection of a spiritual thirst that can only be quenched through the teaching and the life of Jesus Christ."

# Emily Update...

While putting Emily down for an afternoon nap, I told her, "You are my favorite little girl in the whole world." She replied, "You are my favorite big boy in the whole world."



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