



The providence of God was evident in my recent trip to Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan. In Tbilisi, Georgia, Bob M. and I ministered in three churches all led by national pastors. From Tbilisi, we made two survey trips to:

Azerbaijan

We spent 5 days in Azerbaijan, a land of 9 million people with 40 different people groups ranging from Assyrian to Jewish to Kurdish. Of these 40 groups, 25 fit into the "least reached" category. Most of them have no Scripture.

The surprising thing about this land, which is reported to be 85-90% Muslim, is that it showed very few visible signs of Islam. Most of the Muslims there are nominal or non-practicing. But being an official Muslim nation, Christian activity is very restricted. Please pray for the national Christians in this country that God would protect them. Please pray for the foreign workers who are serving there as business owners, etc. And pray for more laborers.

Armenia

Armenia (Ararat in Hebrew) is a land rich with Bible history. I stood at the foot of Mt. Ararat and it was an awesome, stirring sight.

There are multiple Baptist groups in the country. One national pastor has established several Armenian churches and is now focusing on a great vision God has given him for Iran. This pastor testified that there was no love in his heart for the Iranians until Christ came in. "Now," he said, "I am ready to die for them."

Another Baptist group has experienced phenomenal growth. In 1991 there were 2 churches with a membership of 300. Today, there are more than 150 churches with a membership of more than 5000. Approximately 250 men have

graduated from their theological seminary.

Armenia is a critical location for getting the gospel to closed Muslim countries. Our long-term goal is to assist the churches there in the printing and distributing of Scriptures and other Christian materials. This has the potential of becoming a vital link to reaching the Muslim world with the gospel. They are hungry to know God, hungry for the Scriptures and waiting for someone to help them.

Please read full report at www.KenFielder.com.

We are grateful for these new ministry partners:

Lighthouse Bible Baptist Church
Rochester, NY — Pastor James Gugino

University Baptist Church
Atlanta, GA — Pastor Gary Ledford

Emily News

Several months ago we visited an interesting place where a mechanical cow told the story of the gospel. Just a couple of weeks after Emily's 4th birthday, Linda took her to the public library for a children's story time. Before the program started, the teacher asked the class about cows. Emily stood up and turned to face the crowd of 30-40 children with their parents and boldly told them about the cow and the story of Jesus. The teacher just sat there and listened while they all heard how Jesus died on the cross for our sins, was buried in the tomb and rose again and went back up to heaven.



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