

KAZ NEWS of arenbayev family

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Dear friends, We hasten to inform you that everything is fine with us after the riots in our city and throughout the whole Kazakhstan. You probably heard from the news in the media that it was restless in Kazakhstan - protests, strikes and clashes with police and the security forces even opened fire on the strikers and looters.

ALMATY TRAGEDY

We came to Kazakhstan after half a year spent in the USA early in the morning on December 31st and peaceful demonstrations began on January 3rd in the western part of Kazakhstan, on January 4th peaceful protests began in many cities of Kazakhstan and in our city, Almaty, but already on January 5th and 6th everything turned into unrest and bloodshed in Almaty city. In total, 225 people died on the streets of Kazakhstani cities. We don't know for sure if these are real numbers or if there are much more victims. We don't know exactly who was behind this and will we even know what really happened?



OMICRON

All we know is that we are alive and well. And we also know that God is good and continues to care for us. No one from the Church was hurt during the riots in the streets. Unfortunately, we as a Church could not meet for a month and a half due to the spread of the Omicron virus. But by the grace of God, since last Sunday, we again began to meet physically in the Church building for worship. The church held Sunday services online through a YouTube channel. However, during the week small groups were allowed and personal meetings and visits to parishioners were also allowed. Currently about 10 members of the Church are having coronavirus.

CHURCH

We are gradually returning to our duties in the Church. Now, together with the Church, we are studying the book of Hebrews, which shows us the superiority, sufficiency, and primary importance of Jesus Christ in our lives. In our opinion, this is a very timely message for our Church so that our faith and hope in Christ does not weaken and grow cold. In recent times, we have been understanding how to



preach the Scriptures as the history of redemption, and at the moment, while preaching on the book of Hebrews, we are studying the books of Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers in parallel. Next Sunday, together with the Church, we will open the 5th chapter of the book of Hebrews.

While we were gone for six months, a new leadership committee was formed in the Church, which includes 11 brothers! Elders, Deacons and ministry leaders. This is a very serious number of leaders and it is very joyful that we have so many faithful leaders. Many of Arman's duties and responsibilities have been distributed among the leadership committee, and now Arman has more free time to devote to his family, meeting pastors of our presbytery and develop Church projects.

FAMILY



We continue to experience the loss of Marina's mother and we it is very unusual and sad that she is no longer with us. Often Marina feels like her mother just went to visit her sisters and is about to come home. Recently we went to the grave yard where Marina's mother was buried, we cried and grieved together.

The kids are back at school after a six month absence. They missed their friends very much and are happy to be together with friends again. The teachers call Arthur and Amir - our American fellows. Mia goes to the pre-school, it is very difficult for her, as the children learned to read and write while she was with us in America. Now she has a hard time to catch up with her classmates.



NEW CHURCHES

In March, Arman is going to visit the Church in Astana, which is led by our good friends and former pastor of our association, Almas and Marina Moldybayev. We hope that in the near future this Church will join our church association.



Also at the end of March, Arman and our friend and partner Warren Stewart are going on a trip to Kosovo to build a vision for the Church in this Turkic speaking region. We plan to meet with local church leaders and believers in this country.

GRATITUDE

We are grateful to God for the six months of Sabbatical that He has given us. We are grateful for the old and new friends we saw and met for the first time. We are grateful for the partners of our ministry and the Church in Kazakhstan. We are also grateful to you for your financial support, prayers, care and love, which we feel very strongly now! Thank you especially for supporting us financially so we were able to purchase a vehicle for the family.

Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are very grateful to God for the Church and the opportunity to meet offline.

Would you...

- Please pray for those who are sick in our community.
- Please pray for our children, and especially for Mia, that she can "catch up" with her peers as soon as possible and stop crying every time before classes at pre school.
- Please pray for the safety of the Arenbaev family in Arman's absence, and for visits and meetings of Arman during his trips to Astana and Kosovo. May those meetings bring fruits to the Kingdom.

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