



SEPTEMBER 2010 DEVOTION
Kyrgyzstan Locals Trained for Evangelism
\$100,000

Leader: More than 80 ethnic groups from all over the former Soviet Union comprise Kyrgyzstan's population of nearly five million. About 78 percent of the people of Kyrgyzstan claim to be Muslim

All: Holy Father, we ask You to raise up local Christian leaders to witness to those who do not know Jesus Christ as their Savior in Kyrgyzstan.

Leader: In March 1996, the government of Kyrgyzstan created a new "State Commission on Religious Affairs." Officially, this commission was created to promote religious tolerance, protect freedom of conscience, and oversee laws on religion. In its early months the commission was not active, and the government appeared to resist calls by some Orthodox and Muslim leaders to limit the activities of "sects" and "nontraditional religions." In the fall of 1996, the commission became active, and all religious organizations are now required to register with the commission.

All: Dear Holy Spirit, bless the Central Asian Seminary, and grant that it be registered so that it can continue to train men for pastoral ministry and to serve the people of Concordia Lutheran Church of Kyrgyzstan.

Leader: Two thirds of the population of Kyrgyzstan live in rural areas, and 40 percent live below the poverty level.

All: Dear Lord Jesus, You had great compassion upon the spiritually and physically hungry people in Galilee. Please open the hearts of Christians in America to support human care groups as they provide help for these physically poor Kyrgyz people. As they receive this aid, cause them be open to Your great spiritual feeding for their souls, as well.

Leader: Holy Triune God, open our hearts to joyfully and generously give our Mites and pay all of the Mission Grants, including this \$100,000 to equip local leaders to share the Gospel message with the people of Kyrgyzstan. Through your Word, give peace and comfort to this country still struggling after gaining independence from the Soviet Union.

All: Dearest Lord, You are our peace in turmoil. You have established the Kyrgyz church in this new nation that struggles for both political and religious freedoms. Give Your power to the local leaders to accomplish Your vision for city congregations, mission congregations, preaching stations, and for the proclamation of Jesus as Savior to a mostly-Muslim people group. In the name of our Resurrected Christ. Amen