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Prayer needed for Tajik Ministry

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Dear Pastor and Co-laborer in Christ!

We ask for special prayer for the Rose Family ministry in Tajikistan. We have come to a critical moment. I need to convey the seriousness of our situation at this time. We really need your prayers.

Two years ago God opened a door for us in Sugd province of Tajikistan. As I have reported through many letters and email updates, the opportunity we have is real and incredible. We can reach tens of thousands of Tajik Muslims with the Gospel...but we really need your help now and here is why.

It was a risk we took. We took it by faith. We agreed to do construction at the Sugd Teacher Training Institute asking in return for the opportunity to *build value* among the Tajik general population for the gift that American Christians would be giving. The Tajik authorities agreed. That is when the idea for the *American Cultural Rodeo(ACR)* was born. The ACR gives us access (now and for years to come) to 35,000 school teachers and half a million school children. We plan to use this as our door to plant the Gospel of Christ in Sugd Province. You know about the ACR and how it delivers the Gospel. Much more important is the long term ministry the ACR is giving us. In fact, we meet with leadership of the *Association of International Christian Schools* in June to discuss opening a Christian school in Khudjand, Tajikistan. But we must deliver on our promise to the Tajik students and teachers who won the ACR competition. This is a crucial moment for us.

If we cannot raise the remaining \$40,000 needed then half of the 25 finalists will not be able to come to the US this summer. As I said, by faith we took a risk and offered this trip as an incentive to not just go through an open door but rather to bust it wide open! And it worked!

Please pray with us for the remaining funds so that the entire group of ACR finalists can come to the US from July 15, August 15, 2008. If it will help, I will come to present the ministry and need personally. Just email me at LRose25607@aol.com or call: 423-842-7452. We have 45 supporting churches and ask that each Church pray about making a \$600 contribution or, if possible, sponsor one of the Tajiks. The cost to sponsor one of the finalists is \$2500. But now, time is a crucial factor.

More than anything, we ask you to pray about this critical moment for our ministry.

In Christ,

Bro Mark Rose

Missionary to Tajikistan