



Set Free Prison Ministries

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GREETINGS IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST! I shared with you in my previous newsletters my burden to replace the antiquated equipment in the birthing house that is located inside the women's prison in Kazakhstan. Much of the equipment was rusted and non-functional. We are so thankful to the Lord's people for making these improvements possible.

It was a huge undertaking and Satan hindered us every step of the way. Everything that could go wrong went wrong. The shipper did not pay those who were doing the actual transportation of the 40-foot container, and we had paid for this in advance. The container was held up in Eastern Europe until the actual shipper received payment. Our paperwork for the shipment was lost and we received zero cooperation from the organization with which we had a contract. What should have taken six weeks took over three months. After its 10,000-mile journey from Los Angeles to Kazakhstan, the customs officials were going to send the container

back to the United States because our organization was not authorized to receive medical equipment. We then employed a Christian Kazakh attorney who met with the highest-ranking customs agent in Almaty. After much prayer and some serious negotiations, he finally allowed us to receive our container.

Once we had the medical equipment, we were ready to install it in the delivery room of the birthing house. But to do things really right, the room needed to be completely remodeled. The Lord in His providence sent several German believers to visit and help assist our ministry. They had on previous occasions visited us and assisted our ministry in Russia. They were a great blessing and a huge help in so many ways.



New tile being installed

They sacrificially provided all of the finances to completely remodel the birthing room. New tile was placed on the walls. The floor and the ceiling were replaced. We installed thick, insulated windows and radiators to heat the room. Additionally, we replaced the electrical wiring and plumbing fixtures.



Bernd-Albert Schneider, Rainer Wittenburg and Otto Strohmann from Germany.



Rainer and Otto with Bernd-Albert show practical love



When the remodeling was completed, the room was ready for the delivery tables and bed, an incubator and baby warmer. There were also bassinets, wheel chairs, gurneys, and much more.

The end result was beautiful and today the birthing center is a powerful Christian testimony inside the Muslim prison in which we have been blessed to work.

Because He Lives,

Phil Wagner

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P.S. If you would like a DVD of the completed birthing center, please write and we will be glad to send one to you.



Unpacking a new warming table and setting up the new delivery table



Even after unloading the many cribs and bassinets as well as the new children's tables and chairs they still needed to be put together and set up. Praise God for all the wonderful helping hands.

A year ago last July, my daughter, Mary, and son-in-law, Craig, adopted a little girl named Karimy from an orphanage in Kazakhstan in which we work. We love our new granddaughter!

The playground equipment at the orphanage where Karimy was raised was in shambles and frankly "total junk". Craig and Mary told the orphanage director that one year from the day they adopted Karimy they would return and put in a new professional playground. Corlan, the orphanage director, was skeptical and said, "Mary, people who adopt children make us all sorts of promises when they are adopting. As soon as the adoption process is finished they soon forget their promises. Out of sight, out of mind". Craig said, "Wait and see". Craig is a full-time worker at a large church in Southern California.

True to his word, he and a team of 25 believers installed a professional playground at the orphanage in Kazakhstan. The weather was incredibly hot – 117 degrees Fahrenheit (43 Celsius)! The team often worked at night because of the intense heat. The



Some volunteers from So. Cal. and National workers.



The finished playground

women held Bible classes with the children during their visit.

Twenty people on the project team lived on the first floor of the orphanage during the renovations; the rest stayed at our Spiritual Freedom Center in Almaty.

Craig and Mary personally designed the playground themselves. It was built in the United States and shipped in a container to Kazakhstan. Thankfully the Lord enabled me to get it cleared at customs two days before the team arrived. To make a long story short, the children's personalities have completely changed. Previously they were lifeless, lethargic and like robots. Now they are full of fun and life! I was pleasantly

shocked to see the *wonderful difference*. Its great to see smiles instead of sad faces, to hear laughter instead of crying and to see lifeless eyes sparkle with life.

We really love to make outward material changes in the institutions in which we labor. These changes are needed and appreciated by all those who receive benefit and enjoyment from them. We trust the Lord that they will be in use and a blessing for many years to come. Our Lord said, "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in Heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

But what brings the angels in heaven and us the *greatest joy* is to see, not the outward changes, but the inward changes brought about by the new birth coupled with a new nature. *That has always been and will remain the all consuming purpose and passion of this ministry.* The good works allow us to continue to minister the good news of God's love, sacrifice and His incredible grace through the finished work of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Happy faces and touched lives.



Here are a couple of excerpts from encouraging letters received from those blessed by this ministry. This is the Lord's ministry, prayed for and supported by the Lord's people. Thank you for your part in making this ministry possible, which specializes in working with the poor and less fortunate of this world.

Dear Set Free Prison Ministries:
I'm writing you this letter to thank you for the courses that I have been receiving through your ministry. The gifts of knowledge and eternal life are being shared to all of us sinners free of charge through God's grace. You have been a great and powerful sword swung by God to save his most lost sheep of this earth. The feast in Heaven is full of joy and celebration because of one of us that accepts our Lord Jesus Christ as Savior.

Thanks to your ministry I have been able to take my first steps toward Jesus Christ. Your constant attacks with literature and the aid of other ministries are winning the battle for Christ. I look forward to receiving your courses.
Juan M.

God sent Jesus to save me, Jesus sent you to find me and now I am no longer lost. Praise the Lord! Your ministry has totally been a blessing to my life. Thank you so very much for the book and your willingness to continue to be my source that keeps me grounded in the Word so I could be saved. And I think it is important for you all to know how meaningful your efforts are because I once was lost and you led me home.
Thank you.

God bless you all,
Lori

"When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Luke 14:12-14.



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