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Support ministry for Bible school works training ministers throughout Eurasia



I returned from teaching in the central Asian Republic of Kyrgyzstan. The country went through a coup d'etat during my time there. It made for some interesting days, but we pressed on with the regular schedule of lectures and exams and urged the



Above: A volatile mix of deep poverty and newfound prosperity brought a lot of tension to the country, especially in rural areas.

Bible school students to stay inside the school compound until things quieted down and it was safer to venture out. Although Kyrgyzstan had been among the more democratic of countries in that region, wealth concentrated in the hands of only a few elite and corrupt elections led to a violent overthrow of the existing government in late March. Widespread rioting, looting, and gunfire ranged throughout Bishkek. "The morning after" showed that hardly any established business escaped damage from pavement stones thrown through windows and the looting that followed. For at least some time, it looks like only the small market stalls and bazaars will be open, as businesses small and large try to rebuild and begin again. We can only wonder at the long-range economic costs of this action for an already-poor country.

Thanks for your prayers and financial support as Janice and I work with Bible schools throughout the vast region of Eurasia (see the masthead at top).

Yours in Christ,

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Below: Kyrgyzstan is a small landlocked country located north of Afghanistan and Pakistan and west of China. Its population is about 5 million.



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Below: Traditional way of baking bread at a sidewalk bread stall in Bishkek.



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Above: Widespread rioting and looting resulted in the destruction of many business all throughout Bishkek.



Above: Many say people power brought down the regime in Kyrgyzstan last week. But Bayaman Erkinbayev, a lawmaker, martial arts champ and one of the Central Asian nation's richest men, says it was his small army of Kung Fu-style fighters.



Above: A Kyrgyz opposition activist shouts during a rally against the new parliament session, in Bishkek, Monday, March 28, 2005.



Above: Protesters trampling a poster of the to-be ousted President Akayev. Hundreds of demonstrators were gathered outside parliament –where the rival legislatures met separately.



Above: Kyrgyz men praying in a Bishkek mosque Friday, April 1st after the coup.



Above: Kyrgyz men read newspapers at a stand in the center of capital Bishkek, April 1, 2005.