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Business & Law Teaching
Valley Short-Term Mission Trip
April 15-27, 2012

Valley Leadership: Doug Christgau, Valley Pastor of World Outreach
Doug has led 11 previous trips like this one to Central Asia.

Liaison: Tom Goetsch, E2 Educational Services

Participants: Law and business practitioners or teachers of these disciplines.

Ministry Opportunity: Teach courses in English to classes of 10 - 15 collegians.

Subjects relate to business and law. Curriculum is planned by individual guest teacher. Curriculum plans are available from Valley members who have taught previously. Grades are based on tests, class participation and projects. Teachers can spend informal time outside class with students. Opportunities to share faith in Jesus Christ occur outside the classroom.

Responses to past Central Asia trips by Valley attendees:

Mitch Boggan (Valley Elder): *My trip was a wonderful, perspective-changing experience. It was everything and more than I expected. Everyone at Valley who has the slightest inkling that the Spirit is calling them to participate in short-term missions should not delay. It's life changing!*

John Carmon (Valley Nominating Committee): *It will change your life and increase your urgency to serve others.*

John Guidry (Valley Adult Community Teacher): *Don't be afraid to go. It will be an incredibly rewarding time!*

Ed Poff (Former Valley Church Chair and current Adult Community Teacher): *It is a privilege and joy to empty yourself, to exhaust yourself...of all that God equipped you with...to teach and meet the needs of others in His name.*

Expense: \$2,300 Deposit: \$100 (non-refundable) upon acceptance

Covers visa, transportation, food, lodging, medical evacuation insurance. Valley offers a trip subsidy worth \$300. Please indicate on your application if you will require this subsidy. Trip payments are tax deductible.

Lodging: Lodge and eat in a comfortable and clean faculty hotel.

Immunizations required: Diphtheria/tetanus; Medical issues require a doctor's clearance.

Valley Liability Waiver: All participants sign a waiver releasing Valley, leaders and E2 of claims for illness, accident or personal loss.

Trip Member Orientation: Four one-hour training sessions scheduled by consensus of participants.

Interest Meetings: Saturday, Dec. 3 | 6:15 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 4 | 9:15 or 10:45 a.m. | Room 337

Applications now being accepted: Find at World Outreach desk or at valleycommunity.cc under Outreach.

Why travel to Central Asia to teach?

The Bible's message is clear - God cares about the whole world! Every person in God's world needs to hear about the love of Jesus. But not every person has the same opportunity to hear! This reality motivates Valley to visit this Central Asian country which is less than 1% evangelical.

At the University, the curriculum meets the standards of both the host country and the United States. The school combines both local and Western personnel to provide a truly international faculty. All guest faculty instruction is done in English. Course titles cover a broad range of business and law related subjects. Students are graded on the basis of meeting course standards.

This secular institution gives the faculty opportunity to discretely share their faith with students who tend to be functional atheists or ethnic Muslims. This is the result of a unique history. A former government educational leader developed the school in consultation with Christ-followers from the United States. A Christian message is sustained through leadership of a few dedicated believers on campus.

This is an opportunity for business people and lawyers to share their knowledge and explain how their faith influences their work. Instructors with effective business or law experience or educational degrees are valued. Doug Christgau has led teams here since 1999. Over that period about 10% of the student body has professed faith in Christ. There is a vibrant local church in the host city where students can be encouraged in their faith. There is also a student Bible study led by a worker with the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students.

